To: Chair of the Committee on Educational Programs

From: Laurel C. Schneider, Interim Chair, Department of French & Italian

The Department of French and Italian proposes changing the existing French major by reducing the hours for the major from 36 to 30 and by combining the TRADITIONS and INTERSECTIONS categories of courses into a single LITERATURES AND CULTURES category. The Rationale is as follows:

1) Reducing from 36 hours to 30 hours for the major is in line with Spanish and German, as well as other disciplines. In the 36-hour major students may take two courses (6 hours) in English outside the French program that are approved by the DUS. Although this idea seemed good when we instituted it several years ago, it proved to be an administrative challenge. In the new 30-hour major students will no longer be able to take courses outside the French program, but have 6 more credit hours not entailed to the major.

2) Combining the courses required for the TRADITIONS and the INTERSECTIONS portions of the major will simplify the major. Most majors study abroad at Vanderbilt in France and spend much energy trying to find courses that meet the requirements for these two categories. When they return from France, the DUS and the Registrar have regularly had to do variances. In addition, collapsing the two categories into one called LITERATURES AND CULTURES will be more in keeping with current trends.

On January 17, 2017 the faculty voted to approve these changes in the major: 14 in favor, 0 opposing, 1 abstention.

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ITALIAN: 2501W, Grammar and Composition (if not used as a required course); 2614, Conversation (if not used as a required course); 3000, Introduction to Italian Literature; 3041, Italian Civilization; 3100, Literature from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance; 3240, Dante’s Divine Comedy; 3340, Famous Women by Boccaccio; 3500, Baroque, Illuminismo, and Romanticism in Italy; 3600, Twentieth-Century Literature: Beauty and Chaos; 3640, Classic Italian Cinema; 3641, Contemporary Italian Cinema; 3701, City Fictions; 3702, Topics in Contemporary Italian Civilization; 3740, Gangsters, Lovers, Madonnas, and Mistresses; 3802, Contemporary Italian Cinema; 3890, Special Topics in Italian Literature.

CLASSICAL STUDIES: LAT 3100, Roman Comedy; LAT 3110, Catullus; LAT 3120, Lucretius: De Rerum Natura; LAT 3130, Vergil: The Aeneid; LAT 3160, Ovid.

HISTORY: 2220, Medieval and Renaissance Italy, 1000–1700.

HISTORY OF ART: 2310, Italian Art to 1500; 2330, Italian Renaissance Art after 1500; 3320, 3320W, Early Renaissance Florence; 3332, Raphael and the Renaissance; 3334, 3334W, Michelangelo’s Life and Works.

MUSIC LITERATURE: 3220, Opera in the 17th and 18th Centuries; 3221, Opera in the 19th Century.

Other Italy-related courses not listed here—such as those in study abroad programs—may be approved towards the minor upon approval by the director of undergraduate studies in Italian. Students are encouraged to attend Vanderbilt in Italy.

Program of Concentration in Italian and European Studies

The joint major in Italian and European Studies acknowledges the cultural, political, and strategic importance of Italy within the community of European nations. It requires 42 credit hours of course work; a semester of study in Italy is recommended. Prospective majors should consult with the director of undergraduate studies in Italian and with the director of the European Studies program. Course work for the joint major is distributed as follows:

Italian (24 credit hours)

Italian language and literature — 12 credit hours from the following courses: ITA 2203 (requires ITA 1102 or 1103), 2501W, 3000, 3100, 3240, 3340, or 3500. 2501W is prerequisite for 3000, 3100, and 3500. (Note: 1000-level Italian language courses do not count toward the major.)

Modern cultural intersections — 12 credit hours from the following courses, of which at least 6 credit hours must be taken in Italian: ITA 2614, 3041, 3600, 3640, 3641, 3701, 3702, 3740, or 3802.

European Studies (18 credit hours)

European Studies core courses — 9 credit hours: EUS 2201, 2203, and 4960 (requires thesis).

Social Science — 3 credit hours from the following courses: PSCI 2210, 3211, or appropriate substitute with the approval of the director of the European Studies program.

History — 3 credit hours from the following courses: HIST 2260, 2270, 2280, or 2290.

Humanities — 3 credit hours from the following courses: EUS 2240, 2260; HART 2310 or 2330.

Licensure for Teaching

Candidates for teacher licensure in French at the secondary level should refer to the chapter on Licensure for Teaching in the Peabody College section of this catalog.
French
Students who have not studied French in high school should begin their studies at Vanderbilt in French 1101. Students with high school French on their records must present a College Board achievement test score in French to be placed correctly. Students should consult their advisers or the Department of French and Italian for advice on placement.

Note: Students may not earn credit for an introductory language course if they previously have earned credit for a higher-level course taught in that same language. In addition, students may not earn credit for an intermediate-level language course if they previously have earned credit for a higher-level course taught in that same language. Students who have earned Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate credit in a foreign language will forfeit the test credit if they complete a lower-level course taught in that same language.

Course descriptions begin on page 162.

Italian
Students who have not studied Italian in high school should begin their studies at Vanderbilt in Italian 1101.

Note: Students may not earn credit for an introductory language course if they previously have earned credit for a higher-level course taught in that same language. In addition, students may not earn credit for an intermediate-level language course if they previously have earned credit for a higher-level course taught in that same language. Students who have earned Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate credit in a foreign language will forfeit the test credit if they complete a lower-level course taught in that same language.

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