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TO: Members, University Senate

FROM: University Senate Council

RE: Course/Program Actions: Effective Date: Fall Semester, 2002,  
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

The Senate Council circulates for your approval the following curricular actions. Objections will be accepted from University Senators and faculty members and must be received on or before August 25, 2002. All other requirements for the courses or programs as approved below must be met.

SENATE COUNCIL

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

Department of Modern and Classical Languages

Proposed Change in Program: B.A. or B.S. with a major in French

Major or Professional Course Requirements:

Proposed: Add Capstone Requirement: FR 495 Senior Paper

Background: Will serve as the assessment mechanism for the French Department, allowing the Chair and DUS to provide SACS with statistics concerning student achievement in language and literature

Rationale: Because FR 495 will be used primarily as a capstone assessment mechanism, students will be required to edit and revise, in consultation with a faculty member, a paper they have already written in a 400-level course rather than begin a new research paper. In addition to providing the appropriate information concerning the achievement of our graduating seniors, FR 495 will require students to revise their essays in ways that demonstrate an ability to synthesize the conceptual

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questions and methodologies they have learned during their course of study as French majors.

Students will meet with their faculty advisor a minimum of five (5) times during the semester. Contact with faculty will thus be less than that of a three-hour independent study.

New Course

FR 495

Senior paper (1)

Preparation of a research paper and oral presentation that require students to synthesize the analytical skills acquired and conceptual questions explored over four years.

Prereq: Must be French major, senior standing

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