This is a recommendation that the University Senate approve the establishment of a new university scholar’s program for a Master’s of Arts in Philosophy, in the Department of Philosophy within the College of Arts and Sciences.

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Proposal for a University Scholars program for the Master of Arts in Philosophy

Introduction

The Department of Philosophy offers the M.A. degree as part of our graduate program. This degree requires thirty-six hours and is available with a thesis or non-thesis option. Approximately four to five students per year complete the M.A., most under the non-thesis option. The department also has an active Ph.D. program and offers the Philosophy major for the B.A. and B.S. degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. We encourage our strongest majors to enroll in graduate courses while they are undergraduates, and these students leave our program with a strong preparation for further graduate study.

The Department proposes to establish a University Scholars program for our M.A. degree. This will provide a significant savings of time for students who wish to earn an M.A., as they will be able to complete their M.A. in one year after completion of the Bachelor's degree. Students who earn an M.A. in this program will be well-positioned to continue towards the Ph.D. in Philosophy at U.K. or other institutions.

Program Structure

An applicant desiring admission to the Master of Arts University Scholars program in Philosophy must meet the following requirements.

1. The applicant must be an undergraduate pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and must apply for the University Scholars program in the semester prior to his or her senior year.

2. The applicant must have 90 hours completed or in progress at the time of application and must in other respects be on track to complete a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy during the first year of the University Scholars program.

3. The applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.2 overall and 3.5 in Philosophy courses.

4. The applicant must follow the normal application procedures and meet normal admission requirements for the Graduate School and the Graduate Program in the Department of Philosophy. The Department reserves the right to determine admission based on its overall assessment of the applicant's qualifications.

Program of Study

Students who are admitted to the University Scholars program will be eligible to take all 500, 600, and 700-level courses in Philosophy, subject to normal prerequisites.
Students may take up to twelve hours that may be double-counted towards the Bachelor's and Master's degree requirements. All other degree requirements remain unchanged.

The Director of Graduate Studies will advise the students in the University Scholars Program on the graduate program. The student's undergraduate advisor will continue to provide advice on the undergraduate program.

Approved by a vote of the Philosophy faculty on April 24, 2013

Brandon Look, Chair, Department of Philosophy

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