February 11, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: James F. Harris  
Dean, College of Arts and Humanities

FROM: Victor Korenman
Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to Convert the Existing Citation in Rhetoric to a Minor in Rhetoric  
(PCC Log No. 04044)

At its meeting on February 11, 2005, the Senate Committee on Programs, Curricula, and Courses approved your proposal to convert the existing Citation in Rhetoric to a Minor in Rhetoric (jointly sponsored by the Departments of Communication and English). A copy of the approved proposal is enclosed.

The Committee was concerned that a large number of courses that may be used in the program are offered with repeatable numbers. We strongly urge the College to obtain hard numbers for courses regularly offered, and would like to see this accomplished no later than the end of the Spring 2006 semester.

This approval is effective immediately. No student may be allowed to begin the discontinued Citation program after this time, but students who have already taken or who are taking a course towards the Citation must be permitted to complete it if they so choose. All advisers should be notified and the College should ensure that the approved guidelines are followed.

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Enclosure

Cc: Dr. Sylvester J. Gates, Chair, Senate PCC  
Dr. Mary Giles, University Senate  
Ms. Barbara Hope, Data Administration  
Dr. Phyllis Peres, Undergraduate Studies  
Dr. Charles Rutherford, College of Arts and Humanities  
Ms. Anne Turkos, Archives  
Dr. Linda Yokoi, Records & Registrations
THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
PROGRAM/CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

DIRECTIONS: Provide one form with original approval signatures in lines 1 - 4 for each proposed action. Keep this form to one-page in length. Forms and appropriate attachments should be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs, who will assign a Log Number to each proposal. Also submit an electronic version of as much of the proposal as is possible.

DATE SUBMITTED_11/28/2004__

COLLEGE/SCHOOL__ARHU__

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM_Minor in Rhetoric (jointly sponsored by Department of Communication and Department of English)__

PROPOSED ACTION (A separate form for each) ADD_____ DELETE_____ CHANGE_____ x___

Change from Citation in Rhetoric to Minor in Rhetoric

DESCRIPTION (Provide a succinct account of the proposed action. Details should be provided in an attachment. Provide old and new sample programs for curriculum changes.)

The Interdisciplinary Minor in rhetoric has been designed for students who want to know the principles and skills of practical persuasion in its varied contexts. The minor will be of value for all students wishing to improve their writing and speaking skills. It will be especially useful for those students who plan careers in business, management, law, government, and education. The minor in rhetoric is an interdisciplinary minor offered through the cooperation of the Department of English and the Department of Communication.

JUSTIFICATION/REASONS/RESOURCES (Briefly explain the reason for the proposed action. Identify the source of new resources that may be required. Details should be provided in an attachment.)

This is the conversion of a Citation in Rhetoric to a Minor in Rhetoric. The Citation/Minor calls upon the faculty and resources in rhetoric contained in the Department of Communication and the Department of English to provide an understanding and training in the principles of language-use in human interaction. The minor requires courses in the theory of language-use and courses designed to develop writing and speaking skills. (See attached)

APPROVAL SIGNATURES

DATE

1. Department Committee Chair (See attached letters for approval from the two departments) 11/29/04

2. Department Chair 11/29/04

3. College/School PCC Chair 1/10/05

4. Dean 12/16/04

5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required) __________

6. Chair, Senate PCC 02/11/05

7. Chair of Senate __________

8. Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost 2/1/05
Proposal for an Interdisciplinary Minor in Rhetoric

This is a proposal to convert the existing Citation in Rhetoric jointly sponsored by the Department of Communication and the Department of English, both in the College of Arts and Humanities, into an interdisciplinary minor. The transcript will designate the minor as an Interdisciplinary Minor in Rhetoric.

[Note this paragraph is also the catalog description]
The Interdisciplinary Minor in rhetoric has been designed for students who want to know the principles and skills of practical persuasion in its varied contexts. The minor will be of value for all students wishing to improve their writing and speaking skills. It will be especially useful for those students who plan careers in business, management, law, government, and education. The minor in rhetoric is an interdisciplinary minor offered through the cooperation of the Department of English and the Department of Communication.

The minor requires a minimum of 15 credit hours. Building on a six credit base in rhetorical theory and analysis of discourse from the Rhetoric Course List (see below) as well as a six credit base in writing and speaking skills from the Course List, the minor is completed by an additional three credits or more from either category on the List. Of these fifteen credits, at least nine must be at the 300-level or higher (including at least six at the University of Maryland). No more than six of fifteen credits may be taken at an institution other than UMCP, and no more than six of the credits may count toward the student’s major, supporting courses, and college requirements. Further, no credits from the student’s major department may count toward the interdisciplinary minor, nor may any credits used to satisfy a fundamental studies requirement, nor the requirements of another minor. No credits with an earned grade below “C” may count towards the minor.

Students interested in completing the Interdisciplinary Minor in Rhetoric should consult the minor website (http://www.comm.umd.edu/undergraduate/rhetoriccitation.html), then contact one of the two program advisors, James Klumpp in Communication (jklumpp@umd.edu) or Michael Marcuse in English (mmarcuse@umd.edu) for further information, individual advising and course planning. A current Rhetoric Course List is maintained by both departments and found on the minor website. The list includes approved courses in the two categories of Rhetorical Theory and Analysis of Discourse and Writing and Speaking Skills. Note that the Course List contains several courses with limited enrolments (e.g. COMM 401 and COMM 450). To enrol in those courses students must obtain the permission of the program advisor in the department offering the course. To receive approval students will have to demonstrate their commitment to the Interdisciplinary Minor and certify their understanding that participating in the minor does not constitute admission into the Communication Department limited enrolment program.

Academic oversight of the Interdisciplinary Minor in Rhetoric, including changes in requirements and acceptable courses, will be the responsibility of a faculty Oversight Committee comprised of the two program advisors, one additional representative from English and one from Communication, and a chair who will come alternately from one department and then the other. All terms will be two years staggered with the chair serving a two year term. The chair will convene meetings of the committee at least once a year, and decisions will be reached by consensus or a majority when consensus cannot be achieved. The program advisors will jointly maintain the records of student progress through the minor and will certify individual student’s completion of it.
Rhetoric Course List

Last Revised 8 September 2004

Rhetorical Theory and Analysis of Discourse

COMM 250 Introduction to Speech Communication Inquiry (3)
COMM 360 The Rhetoric of Black America (3)
COMM 401 Interpreting Strategic Discourse (3)  For Communication majors or by permission of department. Credit will be granted for only one of the following: COMM 401 or ENGL 487.
COMM 450 Classical and Medieval Rhetorical Theory (3)  For Communication majors or by permission of department.
COMM 451 Renaissance and Modern Rhetorical Theory
COMM 453 The Power of Discourse in American Life (3)
COMM 458 Seminar in Political Communication (3)
COMM 460 Public Life in American Communities, 1634-1900 (3)
COMM 461 Voices of Public Leadership in the Twentieth Century (3)
COMM 469 The Discourse of Social Movements (3-6)  Recommended: COMM 401. Junior standing. Repeatable to 6 credits if content differs.
COMM 471 Public Communication Campaigns (3)  Prerequisite: COMM 200 or permission of department.
COMM 475 Persuasion (3)
COMM 476 Language, Communication, and Action (3)
ENGL 242 Introduction to Non-Fiction Prose (3)
ENGL 280 Introduction to the English Language (3)
ENGL 281 Standard English Grammar, Usage, and Diction (3)
ENGL 282 Introduction to Rhetorical Theory (3)
ENGL 379 Contemporary Rhetorical Theory (3)
ENGL 379 Rhetoric of Religion (3)
ENGL 381 MGA Legislative Seminar (3)  Prerequisite: permission of department.
ENGL 383 The Uses of Language (3)
ENGL 384 Concepts of Grammar (3)
ENGL 385 English Semantics (3)
ENGL 482 History of the English Language (3)  Prerequisite: ENGL 280 or LING 200 or permission of department.
ENGL 483 American English (3)  Prerequisite: ENGL 280 or LING 200 or permission of department.
ENGL 484 Advanced English Grammar (3)  Credit will be granted for only one of the following: ENGL 484 or LING 402.
ENGL 487 Foundations of Rhetoric (3)  Credit will be granted for only one of the following: ENGL 487 or COMM 401.
ENGL 488 Topics in Advanced Writing: Rhetoric of Abolition (3)
ENGL 488 Topics in Advanced Writing: Contemporary Debates in Variant Sexuality--A Study in Rhetorical Criticism
ENGL 489 Special Topics in English Language: Gay Liberation Rhetorics (3)
ENGL 489 Special Topics in English Language: Gender and the History of Rhetoric (3)
ENGL 489 Special Topics in English Language: Language of Advertising (3)
ENGL 489 Special Topics in English Language: Language of the Law (3)
ENGL 489 Special Topics in English Language: Modern Women's Essays (3)
ENGL 489 Special Topics in English Language: Nineteenth Century Black Women Rhetors (3)
ENGL 489 Special Topics in English Language: Orality and Literacy (3)
ENGL 489 Special Topics in English Language: Rhetoric of Intimidation (3)
ENGL 489 Special Topics in English Language: Rhetoric of Style (3)

**Writing and Speaking Skills**

COMM 200 Advanced Public Speaking (3)  Prerequisite: COMM 100 or COMM 107 or permission of department.
COMM 230 Argumentation and Debate (3)
COMM 330 Argumentation and Public Policy (3)
COMM 455 Speechwriting (3)
ENGL 291 Intermediate Writing (3)
ENGL 388W: Writing Internship: Writing Center Internship (3)
ENGL 391 Advanced Composition (3)  Prerequisite: 56 hours of college credit which must include ENGL 101 or equivalent.
ENGL 392 Advanced Composition: Pre-Law (3)  Prerequisite: 56 hours of college credit which must include ENGL 101 or equivalent.
ENGL 393 Technical Writing (3)  Prerequisite: 56 hours of college credit which must include ENGL 101 or equivalent.
ENGL 394 Business Writing (3)  Prerequisite: 56 hours of college credit which must include ENGL 101 or equivalent.
ENGL 395 Writing for Health Professions (3)  Prerequisite: 56 hours of college credit which must include ENGL 101 or equivalent.
ENGL 479 Selected Topics in English and American Literature after 1800: The Computer as Text: Multimedia as Critical Expression (3)
ENGL 488 Topics in Advanced Writing: Writing Autobiography (3)
ENGL 488 Topics in Advanced Writing: A Voice of One's Own--The Personal Essay (3)
ENGL 488 Topics in Advanced Writing: Academic Writing (3)
ENGL 488 Topics in Advanced Writing: Proposal Writing (3)
ENGL 488 Topics in Advanced Writing: Classic Prose (3)
ENGL 493 Advanced Expository Writing (3)  Prerequisite: satisfactory completion of professional writing requirement.
ENGL 494 Editing and Document Design (3)  Prerequisite: ENGL 391, ENGL 393 or equivalent. For ENGL majors only by permission.