May 15, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert Schwab
   Interim Dean, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

FROM: Phyllis Peres
       Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to modify the B.A. in Anthropology (PCC log no. 08073)

At its meeting on today, the Senate Committee on Programs, Curricula and Courses approved your proposal to modify the curriculum of the B.A. in Anthropology. A copy of the approved proposal is attached.

The changes are effective Fall 2009. The College should ensure that the changes are fully described in the Undergraduate Catalog and all relevant descriptive materials, and that all advisors are informed.

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Enclosure

cc: Carmen Balthrop, Chair, Senate PCC Committee
    Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid
    Reka Montfort, University Senate
    Barbara Hope, Data Administration
    Denise Nadasen, Institutional Research & Planning
    Anne Turkos, Archives
    Linda Yokoi, Office of the Registrar
    Scott Wolpert, Undergraduate Studies
    Katherine Pedro Beardsley, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
    Paul Shackel, Anthropology
    Erik Hanson, Anthropology
THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
PROGRAM/CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

DATE SUBMITTED

COLLEGE/SCHOOL: BSOS

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM: ANTHROPOLOGY

PROPOSED ACTION (A separate form for each) ADD ___ DELETE ___ CHANGE ___ X ___

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 Anthropology department wishes to require its undergraduates to take at least three credits of course work that contain a significant experiential-learning component. These three credits would not increase the total number of credits needed for the major as they would reduce by three credits the Anthropology elective requirement.

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.)

An experiential understanding of cultural difference is essential for a degree in Anthropology.

No new resources are currently needed for this change.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date

1. Department Committee Chair
   
2. Department Chair
   
3. College/School PCC Chair
   
4. Dean
   
5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)
   
6. Chair, Senate PCC
   
7. Chair of Senate
   
8. Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost

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Proposal for change to Anthropology degree requirements

The Anthropology Department wishes to modify its degree requirements so as to require students have some significant outside-the-classroom experience. An experiential understanding—as opposed to a text-based understanding—of cultural difference is central to the discipline of anthropology. We believe it is essential for an undergraduate degree in anthropology to include some experience “in the field”.

Applied Field Methods would require anthropology undergraduates to take at least three credits of coursework that contain a significant experiential-learning component. This coursework could be a summer course at one of our archaeology field schools, a short-term study abroad course with an Anthropology instructor, an internship, or an existing classroom course with a significant fieldwork component. Other courses with a significant experiential learning component can be used toward this requirement with the approval of the Undergraduate Director. Going forward, the Anthropology department will work to develop additional courses that would meet this requirement.

This new requirement will not increase the overall number of credits necessary for the Anthropology degree. As Applied Field Methods is an essential part of anthropology, we reduce the number of Anthropology electives by three credits as we add this new three credit requirement. Another way of looking at the requirement change is that we propose that at least three of the 15 required Anthropology elective credits must be from the Applied Field Methods category.
Anthropology Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Anthropology

Students seeking an undergraduate degree are required to complete at least 31 credits of anthropology course work in addition to the supporting coursework sequence. All courses being used to satisfy anthropology major requirements listed below must be completed with a C- or higher.

I. Foundation Courses (3 courses)
All three foundation courses are required for the anthropology major:

- ANTH220- Introduction to Biological Anthropology
- ANTH240- Introduction to Archaeology
- ANTH260- Introduction to Socio-cultural Anthropology and Linguistics

II. Method and Theory Courses (2 courses)
Two of the following upper level method and theory courses are required for the anthropology major. Students must complete the method and theory course associated with their chosen focus area, either biological anthropology, archaeology, or sociocultural anthropology. Students may not take a method and theory course unless they have already completed the associated foundational course. If a student completes all three of the method and theory courses, one course can be used as an anthropology elective.

- ANTH320- Method and Theory of Biological Anthropology (offered in fall)
- ANTH340- Method and Theory of Archaeology (offered in spring)
- ANTH360- Method and Theory of Socio-Cultural Anthropology (offered in spring)

III. Anthropology Electives (minimum of 15 credits)

Anthropology majors are required to complete at least 15 credits of anthropology electives. Anthropology electives are any course that beginning with ANTH not being used to fulfill other major requirements. In addition, courses used as Anthropology electives cannot be double-counted for the supporting course work requirement.

- 9 of the 15 credits must be taken at the 300 - 400 level
- A maximum of 6 credits of the following courses may be applied to this requirement: ANTH358, ANTH386, ANTH398.
- Courses listed as ANTH and some courses taught by anthropology Affiliate Faculty in other departments can be counted towards the anthropology electives requirement. Students are advised to check with the Undergraduate Advisor or
the Director of Undergraduate Studies before enrolling in courses with affiliate
course.
- Pre-approved anthropology courses completed in departments affiliated with the
  Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area can also be
  applied to the elective requirement. Students are advised to check with the
  Undergraduate Advisor or the Director of Undergraduate Studies before enrolling
  in courses through the Consortium.

V. Skills Requirement (1 course)

Quantitative Course (required for all students entering the major in or after Fall
2008)

This requirement is designed to give students a background in quantitative analysis and
statistics, helping to build a mathematical foundation for future academic and career
goals. The option is especially important for students planning to continue their
education, as quantitative skills are often included in graduate curriculum. BIOM301 is
recommended for those focusing in biological anthropology. MATH111 or STAT 100
are recommended for other focus areas, although any class on the list will meet the
requirement. Additional courses can be used to satisfy this requirement, but must be
approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies. The quantitative skills option is
satisfied by the completion of one course from the following list:

- MATH111
- STAT100
- BIOM301
- ECON201
- ECON321
- EDMS451
- GEOG306
- MATH112 or higher (excluding MATH113)
- PSYC200
- SOCY200

Second Language Skills Option (only available for students added to the
Anthropology major prior to Fall 2008)

Knowledge of more than one language proves very useful in many professions and in
today’s diverse society. Learning multiple languages takes on an even greater importance
for students of anthropology, as strong connections exist between language and culture.
The second language skills option stresses the importance of this connection and the
applicability of additional languages to a student’s future academic work and/or career.
Students who have completed a language through high school level four need to provide
the Undergraduate Advisor with appropriate transcripts. Only students entering the major
in or prior to Fall 2008 have the option of completing this requirement instead of the
quantitative course.
This skills option can be satisfied in one of the following ways:

- Successful completion of a foreign language through the first course of the intermediate level with a grade of C or higher;
- Successful completion of high school level 4 in one language with a grade of B or higher;
- Successful completion of a placement exam in which the student placed above the first course of the intermediate level.

VI. Supporting Course Work (minimum of 18 credits)

To fulfill the supporting coursework requirement, students may take courses from multiple departments, or choose to take courses from one department. The purpose of the supporting course sequence is to enable students to develop skills and additional academic preparation that are related to their specific interests in anthropology. Supporting courses can be used to further develop a student’s focused interest in archaeology, biological anthropology, or cultural anthropology, or they might be directed to a particular topical or skill area—such as social science research methods, human geography, environmental courses, health interests, cultural studies, gender issues, and the like. Please direct questions concerning the supporting course work requirement to the Undergraduate Advisor.

The following rules also apply to the supporting course work requirement:

- Supporting courses should relate to the student's area of focus, whether biological anthropology, archaeology, or socio-cultural anthropology.
- All courses intended to satisfy the requirement must be approved by the faculty advisor prior to the semester of their graduation. Therefore, students should plan ahead with their faculty advisor.
- Up to 8 credits of the 18 credit requirement may be fulfilled with anthropology courses, but these courses then cannot be double-counted, i.e. any courses used to fulfill any requirement above cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.
- A maximum of 6 credits of the following courses may be applied to this requirement: ANTH358, ANTH386, ANTH398.
- Courses used to fulfill the University's Advanced Studies CORE Requirement or any other Anthropology requirements may not be applied to the Supporting Course Work section.
- If a student plans to use course work from another major or minor it is the student's responsibility to ensure that work is eligible to be double counted.
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[Proposed changes marked in red]

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V. Applied Field Methods (minimum of 3 credits)

Reflective, experiential learning outside of the classroom is essential to a degree in Anthropology. To help students enhance their skill in this area, 3 credits of the following course work are required:

- ANTH386: Experiential Learning Internship, 3-6 cr.
- ANTH496: Field Methods in Archaeology, 6 cr.
- ANTH498: Advanced Field Training in Ethnography 1-6 cr.
- ANTH468B: Applied Urban Ethnography, 3 cr.
- ANTH493: Anthropological Fieldwork and Experience in Argentina, 3 cr.
- ANTH498C: Advanced Field Training in Ethnography: Brazil, 6 cr.
- ANTH498N: Ethnology of the Immigrant Life, 4 cr.
- ANTH498W: Jamaica: Connections, Celebration and Identity, 6 cr.
- ANTH498Z: Jamaica: Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health, 6 cr.
- ANTH499: Fieldwork in Biological Anthropology, 3-8 cr.

Other courses can be used with the approval of the Director of Undergraduate Studies. Courses used to fulfill the Applied Field Methods requirement may not be used to fulfill any other anthropology requirement.

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