May 15, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: James Harris  
Dean, College of Arts & Humanities

FROM: Phyllis Peres  
Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to modify the curriculum of the Minor in Italian Language and Culture  
(PCC log no. 08078)

At its meeting on today, the Senate Committee on Programs, Curricula and Courses approved your proposal to modify the curriculum of the Minor in Italian Language and Culture. 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.

CWR/

Enclosure

cc: Carmen Balthrop, Chair, Senate PCC Committee  
Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid  
Reka Montfort, University Senate  
Barbara Hope, Data Administration  
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Elizabeth Bergmann Loizeaux, College of Arts & Humanities  
Lauretta Clough, School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures
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.
- Early consultation with the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning & Programs is strongly recommended if there are questions or concerns, particularly with new programs.
- Please submit the signed form to Claudia Rector, Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, 1119 Main Administration Building, Campus.
- Please email the rest of the proposal as an MSWord attachment to pcc-submissions@umd.edu.

DATE SUBMITTED: December 1, 2008

COLLEGE/SCHOOL: ARHU / SLLC

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM: ITAL

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.)

1. Revise requirements of Minor in Italian Language and Culture to include a new course on reading and writing in Italian (ITAL 207 - Reading and Writing in Italian).
2. Raise total credits required for Minor in Italian Language and Culture to 18.

Resulting Minor will consist of a writing sequence, a speaking sequence, and one upper-level elective taught in Italian.

Writing Sequence (9 credits)
ITAL 204 (Review Grammar and Composition)
ITAL 207 (Reading and Writing in Italian)
ITAL 301 (Italian Composition)

Speaking Sequence (6 credits)
ITAL 211 (Intermediate Conversation)
ITAL 311 (Advanced Oral Expression: Current Events)

One additional course taught in Italian at the 300/400 level. (3 credits)

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.)

Students arrive at UM with little or no background in Italian language and culture. Faculty teaching upper-level courses have noted that students are most in need of further work in language acquisition. Raising level of required credits for minor and adding language-focus course to requirements will help students reach a higher level of language proficiency.
For the revised Italian minor, no additional resources are needed.

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VPAAP 8-05
Minor in Italian Language and Culture

Rationale

With the phasing out of the Business Option of the Italian major, the Department of French and Italian proposes to delete the Minor in Business Italian and to strengthen the linguistic competency (speaking, reading, and writing) of students completing the Minor in Italian Language and Culture by increasing the credits required to 18 through an additional language-focus course at the 2xx-level (ITAL 207 Reading and Writing in Italian).

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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR: 18 CREDITS

PREREQUISITES: Successful completion of ITAL 203 Intensive Intermediate Italian

Minor Requirements:

- ITAL 204 – Review Grammar and Composition
- ITAL 207 – Reading and Writing in Italian
- ITAL 211 – Intermediate Conversation
- ITAL 301 – Italian Composition
- ITAL 311 – Advanced Oral Expression: Current Events

- One additional course taught in Italian at the 300/400 level

A maximum of six (6) credits can be applied to the minor from courses taken at other institutions, with the exception of the UM Study Abroad Programs in Italy, which allow the transfer of nine (9) credits. All courses presented for the minor must be passed with a grade of “C” or better. Students who begin their study as native/fluent speakers should seek the advice of the Italian advisor before choosing the courses they will use to replace the core minor courses.

Students interested in pursuing a minor in Italian Language and Culture should contact the Italian advisor, who will be responsible for oversight and record keeping.

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**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR:** 15 CREDITS

**PREREQUISITES:** ITAL 203 or ITAL 122 or equivalent

A. Specific Course Requirements (9 credits)

- ITAL 204 - Review Grammar and Composition (3)
- ITAL 211 - Intermediate Conversation (3)
- ITAL 311 - Italian Conversation: Current Events (3)

B. Additional Course Requirements (6 credits)

- Two courses at the 300 or 400 level

**RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE:**

ITAL 204, 211 (*Fall Semester*)
ITAL 301, 311 (*Spring Semester*)
One additional course at 300 / 400 level (after sequence)

All courses must be taken in Italian. A maximum of six (6) credits can be applied to the minor from courses taken at other institutions, with the exception of the Study Abroad Program in Italy, which allows the transfer of nine (9) credits. All courses presented for the minor must be passed with a grade of “C” or better. Students who begin their study as native/fluent speakers should seek the advice of the Italian advisor before choosing the courses they will use to replace the core minor courses.

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