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To: Hastings, Steven E

Subject: Re: UGS0404-88 Request to revise related work requirements to the BA major in Sociology (attachment)

Not unless they want to inquire about a course that falls outside of what is approved for related work. However, we want to encourage them to do so which is why the decision was made to retain that language.

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On Mar 24, 2014, at 3:25 PM, "Hastings, Steven E" <hastings@udel.edu> wrote:

Anne – thanks for your response. UGS often uses curricula revisions to clarify and/or improve wording in curricula that has been used in the past. Personally, I think there is better language to encourage students to see their adviser than to imply it is a requirement. In reality, a student does not have to see their adviser – correct?

We will discuss your proposal at our next meeting on 4/7.

Steve

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Thank you, Steve. You are correct. Any course from the departments listed is okay - this was the decision of the UPC based on their deliberations. And this decision was approved by department faculty.

The UPC also deliberated about the language used with respect to students seeing their faculty advisors. It was a conscious decision to retain that language as an added incentive for students to see their advisor. We understand it's not required (and we do not say that it is) but we hope the language will encourage student/advisor contact. We are concerned that modification of this will signal to students that regular meetings or contact with their advisor is unnecessary.

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On Mar 24, 2014, at 2:38 PM, "Hastings, Steven E" <hastings@udel.edu> wrote:

Anne – thanks for your response. If you are OK with any course counting from the Departments listed – any ECON, any ANTH, etc., that is fine. However, you then need to remove the “in consultation with their adviser” language because, in effect, there is no requirement for the student to do so.

Feel free to add a note or foot note that students “may” or “should” see advise on courses to take, but it is not required.

Steve

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Dear Steve,

Thank you for your note. These revisions to the Related Work requirement for Sociology majors was undertaken by the department's Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC) and approved by department faculty. The decision to list departments rather than specific courses was deliberate. It was and is not our intention to limit Sociology majors to specific courses within these programs. Rather, we updated the list to include four programs and to delete two programs. We want our students to be able to choose freely from the courses offered by the approved units.

We disagree that our proposal is "vague and difficult to monitor." As you know, UDSIS can identify courses taken in ANTH, ECON, etc. and apply courses taken in those programs to a student's Degree Audit. We do not wish to limit students to one or two courses from each department.

Your email also raises a question concerning faculty consultation with majors about the Related Work requirement. Degree Audit now automatically assigns courses from approved departments to the category of Related Work so students only need *formal* approval if they would like to have a course from another area considered for this requirement. However, the department emphasizes the importance of academic advisement and we still want students to consult with their academic advisors about this, even if the approval is informal rather than formal in most cases. It's typical for students to learn about the related work requirement during advisement (what the requirement is, what counts) and discussion of the requirement is a great opportunity for faculty to recognize and encourage opportunities for students to pursue either a double major or minor in one of these areas.

I hope this clarifies matters. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,
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On Mar 20, 2014, at 10:37 AM, "Hastings, Steven E" <hastings@UDel.Edu> wrote:

Anne - UGS has not looked at this proposal yet. However, because time is getting short I did a "pre-review". I can say the committee is not likely to approve courses selected from a list of Departments even with faculty consultation (what does this mean?). This is simply too vague and difficult to monitor. I recommend that you include a list of specific courses, perhaps one or two from each department, and note that others must be approved by the Department Chair.

I will need these revisions by 3/26, if you choose to make it. The committee may have other concerns, but I am sure of this one.

Thanks – Steve

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