



May 28, 2013

To: Ward Beyermann, Chair  
Committee on Educational Policy

Ziv Ran, Chair  
Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

From: Jose Wudka, Chair  
Riverside Division

**RE: Proposed Change to CHASS bylaws**

Please see the attached proposal for a bylaw change by the Executive Committee of the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, ARTS, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION  
November \_\_\_\_, 2013

Proposed change in the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Bylaw  
Bylaw HS2.8.3

To be adopted:

**PRESENT:**

**HSR2.8.3** A minor shall consist of no fewer than 16 and no more than 28 units of organized upper division course work. (Am 22 May 86) (Am 25 May 00) No overlap may occur among courses used to satisfy upper-division course requirements for a major and a minor. (Am 27 May 99).

**PROPOSED:**

**HSR2.8.3** A minor shall consist of no fewer than 16 and no more than 28 units of organized upper division course work. (Am 22 May 86) (Am 25 May 00) No overlap may occur among courses used to satisfy upper-division course requirements for a major and a minor. (Am 27 May 99). A minor may use up to one upper-division course in the major discipline for minors requiring 16 units and up to two upper-division courses in the major discipline for minors requiring 20 units or more provided that the courses are not also applied to the major.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The number of CHASS interdisciplinary minors has almost doubled since HSR2.8.3 was amended in 1999. The number of students pursuing these minors has also increased. Course variety and availability, however, have not increased, making it sometimes quite difficult for students to pursue interdisciplinary minors within the restrictions imposed by HSR2.8.3 as presently written. The proposed change would provide students more flexibility and allow for the completion of interdisciplinary minors in a timelier manner. By allowing two courses from the major discipline **that are not being used in the major** to be applied to the interdisciplinary minor, the proposed change acknowledges the nature

of interdisciplinarity while also preserving the integrity of both major and minor programs.

---

**APPROVALS:**

Approved by the CHASS Executive Committee: 3/27/2013

Approved by the Faculty of the College of Humanities,  
Arts, and Social Sciences: April 10, 2013

Approved by the Committee on Educational Policy:

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction finds the  
wording to be consistent with the code of the Academic  
Senate:

Received by the Executive Council: