To be adopted:

Proposed Change in the Name and Requirements for the German Minor
Department of Comparative Literature and Foreign Languages

Present:  
German Minor
(See page 2 for requirements)

Proposed:  

Germanic Studies Minor

Whether one thinks of philosophy, music, art, religion or political and social history, Germanic culture has exercised a profound and often decisive influence on Europe. In order to aid students’ appreciation of these achievements, knowledge of German is a valuable asset.

Combined with the role that Germany and all other German-speaking countries play within the European Union and worldwide at the present, anyone interested in the study of art, literature, philosophy, history and the sciences would profit from the Germanic Studies program. Apart from acquiring a reading, speaking and writing knowledge of the German language, students of this program will be familiarized with the great contributions of German poets and thinkers as they manifest themselves in the Germanic literatures and scientific research as well as being exposed to a wide range of customs in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

The Germanic Studies major and minor offers a diverse curriculum ranging from beginning language classes to advanced study of sophisticated literary and cultural topics.

Language proficiency:
Students need to attain competence in German (four quarters of university-level language courses or the equivalent to be determined by a placement examination) before they can take certain required upper-division courses. It is recommended that students attain this level of competence early in the program.
The Department offers a 24-unit disciplinary minor in German.

**Requirements for the minor**

1. Twelve (12) units of GER 102, GER 103A–GER 103B
2. Twelve (12) units of German Literature or 12 units of German Civilization (any three courses from EUR 112A–EUR 112B–EUR 112C).

**Language proficiency:**

1. All students in Germanic Studies must complete GER 001, GER 002, GER 003 and GER 004 (or equivalents) and
2. Sixteen (16) upper-division units in German language drawn from the following: GER 100, GER 101, GER 103A, GER 103B, GER 108
3. Twelve (12) upper-division elective units in German literature, film, or courses related to Germanic studies with approval of the student's advisor.

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**Justification for name change:** The minor is conceived of as a transnational minor that deals with various German-speaking regions of central Europe. The new name Germanic Studies reflects this more accurately. The major and minor now incorporates courses in German culture and civilization from other departments.

**Justification for change of requirements:** The Department of Comparative Literature and Foreign Languages is in the process of simplifying the requirements for the major and minor in German. The new requirements will utilize courses that are offered on a regular basis and therefore will be more available to our students. The German minor will offer students “a diverse curriculum ranging from beginning language to advanced study of sophisticated literary and cultural topics.”

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