To be adopted:

Proposed Changes to History Major

PRESENT:

Major Requirements
The History Department offers B.A. degrees in History, History/Administrative Studies, and History/Law and Society.

Change of Major
Students switching to the History, the History/Administrative Studies, or the History/Law and Society Major must have completed three History courses with a grade of “C” or better.

History Major
The major requirements for the B.A. degree in History are as follows:
1. Lower-division requirements (12 units)
   a) one world history course
   b) HIST 19WV or HIST 99W (with at least a grade of “C”)
   c) one elective History course

2. Upper-division requirements (40 units)
   a) Twenty-eight (28) units of upper-division history courses, with at least three courses in one area of concentration from the following fields:
      Ancient and Medieval Europe
      United States
      Latin America
      Asia, Africa, and the Middle East
   b) Twelve (12) units of HIST 197, Research for Undergraduates, with at least one course in the student’s area of concentration.

Students must take at least one course in three

PROPOSED:

Major Requirements
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Change of Major
Students switching to the History Major must have completed two History courses with a grade of “C” or better. Students switching to the History/Administrative Studies, or the History/Law and Society Major must have completed three History courses with a grade of “C” or better. Advanced Placement units earned can be applied towards one course when determining major change eligibility.

History Major
The major requirements for the B.A. degree in History are as follows:
1. (no change)

2. (no change)
fields outside the area of concentration. Students who choose United States as their area of concentration are strongly advised to take HIST 017A, HIST 017B as preparation for upper-division courses in American history.

Lower-division courses taken elsewhere may be counted toward the lower-division requirement, and advance placement units earned in high school may count toward its fulfillment as well. Please consult with the academic advisors for further details.

Each History major is urged to consult with the academic advisors for quarterly advising and to meet with the Undergraduate Advisor at least one time each year. Appointments can be made through the academic advisors.

**Justification:**
It has come to our attention that our current requirements for changing into the major may be an impediment to students trying to enter History. We would like to alleviate that barrier. History/Administrative Studies and History/Law and Society will remain unchanged as their current entry requirements appear to be working for their purposes. Finally, we would like to put a policy into place regarding AP History credit; this will ensure that our incoming majors will have spent at least one quarter in a course in the department before joining the major.

**Approvals:**
Approved by the faculty of the Department of History: January 27, 2016
Approved by the Executive Committee of the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences: February 24, 2016
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