EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences
Report to the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

Proposed Change to the Liberal Studies Major

To be adopted:

Present
Major Requirements

The major requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies are as follows:

Lower-division requirements:

a) Achievement of proficiency at the 5th quarter level in one foreign language
b) Achievement of proficiency at the 4th quarter level in one foreign language and LING 020
c) Completion of a year (12 units minimum) of college-level mathematics from Math009A-MATH 009B-MATH 009C, MATH 010A-MATH 010B, MATH 046, CS 008
d) Math022, MATH 023 plus any 2 quarter sequence in statistics or its equivalent (16 units minimum)

Proposed
Major Requirements

The major requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies are as follows:

a) No Change
b) No Change
c) Completion of a year (12 units minimum) of college-level mathematics from MATH 009A-MATH 009B, plus one from MATH 009C, MATH 023, CS 008, or STAT 048
d) MATH 022, MATH 023, plus CS 008, or STAT 048

Note: Liberal Studies requires additional proficiency or course work beyond the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences foreign language breadth requirement. Mathematics options (c) and (d) are alternatives to foreign language for Liberal Studies, but do not replace the College foreign language requirement. Transfer students, who are not held for College breadth, (IGETC; Reciprocity) must still meet one of the above options for the major.

2. Pre-Concentration requirement – 64 units from the following groups of courses with a minimum of 12 units in each group.
a) Group I

ENSC 001A-ENSC 001B

PHYS 002A, PHYS 002B, PHYS 002C, PHYS 02LA-PHYS 02LB-PHYS 02LC, PHYS 007, PHYS 008, PHYS 020, PHYS 021

b) Group II

No Change

c) Group III

FVC 020A-FVC 020B/WRLT 020A-WRLT 020B

FVC 020A-FVC 020B/WRLT 020A-WRLT 020B, FREN 030, FREN 040, FREN 045

d) Group IV

ANTH 009/AHS 009

ANTH 009/AHS 009, AHS/ANTH 027

MUS 001, MUS 002, MUS 006, MUS 030A-MUS 030B-MUS 030C, MUS 031

MUS 001, MUS 002, MUS 006, MUS 008, MUS 030A-MUS 030B-MUS 030C, MUS 031

THEA 010, THEA 050, THEA 070

THEA 010, THEA 050, THEA 070, FVC/THEA 028

Upper-division requirements (40-unit minimum)

No change

By the beginning of the sixth quarter after 76 units of credit have been accumulated, choose two areas of concentration.

1) First area of concentration – minimum of 24 upper-division units from one of the departments or programs in List A

a) Biological and Agricultural Science Cluster: Biology, Entomology

b) Physical Science Cluster: Chemistry, Earth Science Geography, Earth Science Geology, Earth Science-
c) Social and Behavioral Science Cluster: Anthropology, Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology

d) Humanities Cluster: Art History, Classical Studies, Comparative Literature, Dance, English, French, German, History, Music, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Russian Studies, Spanish, Theatre

e) Statistics and Mathematics Cluster: Computer Science, Mathematics, Statistics

2) Second area of concentration – Sixteen (16) complementary upper-division units chosen from one subject area from List A above or from List B below. No overlap between major and minor concentrations allowed.

a) Sixteen (16) complementary units chosen from one subject area cluster from List A above (They must not be chosen from the same cluster as the first.)

b) Sixteen (16) complementary units from one of the following department or programs:

(1) Administrative Studies
(2) Asian Studies
(3) Biochemistry
(4) Creative Writing
(5) Education
(6) Ethnic Studies
(7) Film and Visual Culture
(8) Human Development
(9) Latin American Studies
(10) Linguistics
(11) Performing Arts (Art, Dance, Music, Theatre)
(12) Soil Sciences
(13) Urban Studies
(14) Women’s Studies
Note: A maximum of 4 units of 190-199 courses may be used between the two areas of concentration. Students must submit a written proposal for advisor’s approval prior to enrolling in the course. All courses taken in the two areas of concentration must be taken for letter grades.

The courses required for each area of concentration are based on departmental recommendation. When the two areas have been chosen, students must obtain the approval of an advisor in the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences. For information call (909) 787-3683.

Justification:

1) Lower-division requirements. Foreign Language or Mathematics – Our intent is to spell out answers to frequently asked questions and head off frequent misunderstandings for prospective majors. In particular, community college transfer students who have completed IGETC need to be alerted to this Liberal Studies requirement, since IGETC does not require more than 1 semester of college-level foreign language.

2) Revise the 12-unit mathematics options (c) and (d), so as to require either Math 9A-9B (option c) or Math 22 and 23 (option d), and provide parallel choices for the remaining four units. (Mention of Math 10A, 10B, and 46 is redundant, as first-year calculus is prerequisite.) Statistics 48 is more appropriate in a general lower-division requirement than the only “two-quarter” sequence, Stat 100A-100B.

3) Pre-concentration requirements, course lists, changes and additions. The committee periodically reviews and updates course lists to include regularly offered general introductory courses.

4) Upper-division requirements, 1) first area of concentration. Delete designation of “clusters” from List A, 2) Second area of concentration, delete restriction against “the same cluster.”

The “cluster” restriction dates from the original program proposal. Its intent was to ensure “distinct but complementary” areas of concentration. In practice, this apparatus has proved unnecessary. Students who select both of their areas of
concentration from List A tend to pick quite distinct fields anyway. (A good case can also be made for allowing certain combinations within the humanities cluster.) Many students select their second area from List B, rendering the “cluster” restriction vacuous. In addition, experience with transfer students has shown that the “clusters” as they appear in the catalog can be misleading; students arrive having chosen “the humanities cluster” or “social sciences” as an area of concentration.

5) Final Note, end of second paragraph. Approval was originally, and should be, with the faculty committee.

6) ENSC 001A-001B has been re-numbered to ENSC 001 and ENSC 002.

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