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## **RESOLUTIONS RE HUNTER FOCUS**

### **I. RESOLUTION ON REMAINING 3 CREDITS** (Approved by the Senate on 22 February 2017)

Be it resolved that students who have fulfilled the Foreign Language portion of the Hunter Focus and have only 3 more credits left to complete the Hunter Focus shall be automatically waived from taking those last 3 credits. This change to the Hunter Core Requirement shall apply to all students graduating before or during academic year 2018-19.

Rationale: The Committee on General Education has been asked to reconsider the Hunter Focus. Students come to Hunter with different levels of foreign language proficiency; and the number of credits they are still required to take varies depending on their matriculation status. Native Hunter students are also affected because they often have only 3 credits left for the Focus after they have completed their Foreign Language requirement. Currently, the student must declare a Concentrated Study and take an additional 3 credit course that is a part of a second major, minor, or concentrated study outside of their area of study. The dimension and complexity of the requirement have caused students to have a number of problems, each of which must currently be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

### **II. THE REMOVAL OF THE FIRST LEVEL FOREIGN LANGUAGE FROM THE WORLD CULTURES AND GLOBAL ISSUES CATEGORY**

Be it resolved that first level courses will no longer be used to satisfy the World Culture and Global Issues category. This policy is effective Fall 2017.

Rationale: Removing the first level foreign language from the World Culture and Global Issues category will open up the bucket for student to take other courses. This change is expected to diminish the number of students that have credits left to take in the Hunter Focus after completing the Foreign Language Requirement.

### **III. TRANSFER STUDENTS TO CHANGE THEIR FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

Be it resolved that transfer students are allowed to begin the study of a new language to fulfill the Hunter Focus for the number of credits prescribed by their transfer status.

Rationale: Hunter College receives a number of transfer students with varying degrees of foreign language competency. Forcing such students into a prearranged language sequence has proven pedagogically ineffective.

Be it resolved that the catalog language be revised to reflect this policy as follows:

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Students are required to complete up to 12 credits in a foreign language depending upon the student's language knowledge at the time of matriculation and a student's matriculation status. (See Considerations for Transfer Students below.) Students may apply only one course at each level (Elementary levels 1 and 2, Intermediate levels 3 and 4) toward the CUNY College Option. Intensive courses can be used to satisfy two levels.

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All transfer students, including CUNY transfers, must complete the Hunter Focus. The number of credits required to complete the Hunter Focus varies with the number of credits transferred as indicated below:

- 12 credits of Hunter Focus for fewer than 30 credits transferred
- 9 credits of Hunter Focus for 30 or more credits transferred without an AA/AS degree\*
- 6 credits of Hunter Focus for students with an AA/AS degree

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Common Core.

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