

NEW POLICY FOR MINOR REQUIREMENT AT HUNTER

At its meeting of 4 March 2009 the Hunter College Senate approved the following resolution that was proposed by the Senate's Mellon Project Special Committee to Review the GER and endorsed by the Senate's Undergraduate Course of Study Committee; the following procedures for implementation were approved at the April 1st, 2009 Senate meeting:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hunter College Senate approve the following policy regarding a minor requirement at Hunter College:

- A minor is made optional for BA students.
- The courses needed to fulfill a minor – the minor course of study – are determined by the department or program that offers the minor, or in the case of an interdisciplinary minor (e.g., Public Policy) a committee of faculty members.
- The creation of a minor course of study would be optional for a department or program.

AND,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this new policy be assessed four years after implementation.

Procedures for Implementing Minor Policy

Note: In the following, the department or program offering (or overseeing) a minor will be referred to as the “minor department.”

1. Dates of implementation:

- a. The fulfillment of a minor sequence has become optional as of March 4, 2009.
- b. A student has the right (but not the obligation) to complete any minor sequence that was declared and approved by his/her major department prior to the last day of the current Spring term, May 26, 2009.
- c. After the last day of the Spring term 2009 only courses of study approved for the purpose by the minor department may be declared as minors.
- d. The Senate resolution of March 4, 2009 does not affect the ability of departments or programs to require that students who want to register for certain classes must have taken specific prerequisite courses from within or without the department prior to registering for such classes.

2. Approval of Minor

Course sequences leading to a minor and other departmental requirements for the minor must be approved by the appropriate Departmental Curriculum Committee and the Undergraduate Course of Study Committee. To expedite the transition, the Senate Undergraduate Course of Study Committee will accept proposals for minors directly from academic departments or programs during the Spring and Fall semesters of 2009.

3. Scope of the minor:

A minor must consist of at least 12 credits and at most 18 credits as specified by the minor department.

4. Student Information:

In order to facilitate student planning, the department offering the minor must explicitly state the courses required for the minor and the total number of credit hours necessary to fulfill all minor requirements, including the number of credits for all pre-requisites and co-requisites for minor courses, no matter whether these are to be taken inside or outside of the department offering the minor. [This does not affect the department's definition of the courses to be included in the minor but refers to the need for a full disclosure of pre-requisites to these minor courses.]

5. Departmental Proposal of Minor Courses of Study.

The proposal for approval of a minor must include the following:

- a. Catalog description of the minor program including the information specified in points 3 and 4 above.
 - b. Brief “Learning Outcomes” statement
 - c. Rationale
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