NAME OF DEGREE PROGRAM(S):
1) BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN GERMAN
2) GERMAN HONORS PROGRAM

EXPLAIN CHANGE(S) TO DEGREE PROGRAM:
1) Addition of GER 347, new linguistics survey upper-division course, to major requirements; deletion of GER 345L, no longer taught, from major requirements.

2) Change of Honors program grade requirements from A to A- or better; remove comprehensive exam, from Department Honors program requirements.

Indicate pages in the Undergraduate Catalog where changes will be made. pages 1) 323 and 2) 308-309

GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR CHANGE(S):
1) Our Undergraduate Course & Programming Committee decided to balance our course offering for mid-level undergraduate students by offering an introductory survey course in Germanic Linguistics, GER 347 Language & Society in German-Speaking Countries. This course helps our undergraduate students to achieve a more balanced education - up to now students had only access to literature and culture survey courses. Moreover, it helps to prepare them for our upper-division Germanic Linguistics seminars offered as different topics under GER 369.

2) We have not enforced the ‘comprehensive exam’ requirement for German majors seeking departmental honors for some time.

SCOPE OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE(S):
Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? If yes, then how? NO

Will this proposal change the number of required hours for degree completion? If yes, please explain. NO

Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? If yes, please explain. NO

COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS:
(Circle yes or no)
Department: Yes Date: June 24, 2009
College: Yes No Date:
Dean: Yes No Date:
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CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN GERMANIC STUDIES AND IN THE GERMAN HONORS PROGRAM IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS CHAPTER OF THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2010-2012

On page 323, under the heading DEGREES, in the MAJORS AND MINORS subsection of the College of Liberal Arts chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010, make the following changes:

German
Major: Twenty-four semester hours of upper-division coursework in German, consisting of (1) German 328; (2) three additional semester hours in language, chosen from German 330C, 331L, and 336W; (3) nine semester hours in literature and culture, and linguistics, chosen from German 340C, 343C, [345L, and] 346L, and 347; (4) six semester hours of topic seminars, chosen from German 363K, 369, and 373; and (5) three additional semester hours in German, chosen from German 340C, 343C, [345L, 346L, 347, 348D, 356W, 363K, 366K, 369, and 373. Eighteen of the twenty-four hours must be taken in residence.

German 149T, 249T, and 349T may not be counted toward a major in German.

On pages 308-309, under the heading ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, in the HONORS subsection of the College of Liberal Arts chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010, make the following changes:

German Honors Program
Major Program
Majors who plan to seek special honors in German should apply to the honors adviser for admission to the honors program upon completion of thirty semester hours; they must apply no later than upon completion of ninety semester hours. Admission is by means of a special examination; a University grade point average of at least 3.00 is also required for admission. The requirements for graduation with special honors, which are in addition to the requirements for the major, are (1) German 679H, Honors Tutorial Course, with a grade of A- or better in each half; (2) [a comprehensive honors examination with a grade of A]; (3) a University grade point average of at least 3.00 and a grade point average of at least 3.50 in the coursework required for the major and for honors; and (4) completion in residence at the University of at least sixty semester hours of coursework counted toward the degree.