PROPOSED CHANGES TO DEGREE PROGRAMS IN THE
UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2010-2012
or
LAW SCHOOL CATALOG, 2010-2012

NAME OF DEGREE PROGRAM:

1) BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN HISTORY
2) HISTORY HONORS PROGRAM

EXPLAIN CHANGE(S) TO DEGREE PROGRAM:

1. Add HIS 350R to major requirements as alternative undergraduate seminar course with HIS 350L.
2. Add option to History Honors Program to allow Normandy Scholar Program (NSP) students to substitute an upper-division NSP History course for the HIS 347L course.

Indicate pages in the Undergraduate Catalog where changes will be made.

1. Page 324
2. Page 309

GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR CHANGE(S):

1. Conform to Core Curriculum requirements. All US History courses must have an individual course number. HIS 350R will be the US History undergraduate seminar course; HIS 350L will now include only non-US History topics.

2. As our curriculum currently stands, our majors who want to write a senior honors thesis must first take HIS 347L ("Seminar in Historiography"). This course is taken in the spring term of a student's junior year, which makes sense as a springboard into the senior thesis. But it creates a dilemma for students who want to graduate with honors and who also want to participate in the Normandy Scholar Program in their junior year (the plurality of Normandy Scholars are juniors). The Normandy curriculum consists of five courses lasting fourteen weeks, after which the students depart immediately for Europe. This program leaves no room for a student to take HIS 347L at the same time. As a result, some of our best students find themselves having to choose between participating in our honors program and participating in the Normandy Scholar Program. Our honors director (Mary Neuburger), our Normandy faculty (Michael Stoff, David Crew, and Charters Wynn), and Associate Chair George Forgie proposed this amendment to the honors requirements to provide an additional pathway to the senior honors thesis. The History faculty support this substitution option to enable majors to complete both programs.

SCOPE OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE(S):

Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? If yes, then how?

Neither change impacts other colleges/schools.
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.

1. Yes. The change was made so that our undergraduate seminar class would conform to the core curriculum requirement that each US History must have a specific course number. The School of Undergraduate Studies has mandated these changes.

2. No.

COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS:
(Circle yes or no)
Department: Yes Date: March 11, 2009
College: Yes No Date:
Dean: Yes No Date:

Please include a draft of the catalog copy on an attached page. The draft should be based on the text of the current catalog available at http://www.utexas.edu/faculty/council/pages/catalog_chgs/catcopy.html.

CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN HISTORY IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS CHAPTER OF THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2010-2012

On page 324, 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 change:

History
Major: Thirty semester hours of history, including at least fifteen hours of upper-division coursework. At least six hours of coursework must be in United States history, at least six must be in European history, and at least six must be in Latin American, African, Asian, or Middle Eastern history. At least three hours of non–United States history must be in upper-division coursework. All history majors must take History 350L or 350R as part of their thirty semester hours.
CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS FOR EARNING DEPARTMENTAL HONORS FOR THE
BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN HISTORY IN THE COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS CHAPTER OF THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2010-2012

On page 309, under the heading ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, in the HONORS
subsection of the College of Liberal Arts chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-10, make the
following change:

History Honors Program
History majors who plan to seek special honors in history should apply to the honors adviser for admission
to the honors program in the fall semester of the junior year. Application forms and information about
the program are available in the History Undergraduate Advising Office, Garrison Hall 1.140. The
requirements for graduation with special honors, which are in addition to the requirements of the major, are
(1) History 347L, Seminar in Historiography, normally taken in the spring semester of the junior year; this
course may be counted toward the thirty hours in history required for the major; (2) History 679H, Honors
Tutorial Course, with a grade of at least B in each half; (3) satisfactory performance on an oral examination
centered on the thesis completed in History 679HB; (4) 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 (5)
completion in residence at the University of at least sixty semester hours of coursework counted toward the
degree. Normandy Scholar Program (NSP) students may substitute an approved upper-division NSP
History course for the History 347L requirement.