

Date: *February 18, 2013*

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SUBJECT: *ENGLISH - WRITING EMPHASIS REQUIREMENT CHANGES FOR ENGLISH MAJORS*

Description: *Require students to take EN 207 Beginning Non-Fiction Writing so that each student would then take each of the beginning writing emphasis courses, the Introductions to Fiction, Non-Fiction, and Poetry. This change would add three hours, to the current requirements, and would go over the usual 40-hour limit for a major (since each student is required to have 84 hours outside the major in order to graduate). Further, the writing emphasis has already added EN 315, Reading as Writers, as an essential course in skillful reading that will prepare students for similar courses at the graduate level. The writing emphasis also does not want that course, however, to take the place of EN 301, Critical Reading and Writing, which prepares writing emphasis students for their graduate literature courses. Therefore, the curriculum adjustment would be made to the number of Literature Survey courses. Currently, writing emphasis students take four survey courses related to American, British, and World Literature. In order to maintain the 39 English hours for the Writing Emphasis major, the program would like to drop the four courses Literature Survey requirement to three courses.*

Rationale: *Each student in the writing emphasis program would take each of the beginning writing emphasis courses, the introductions to Fiction, Nonfiction, and Poetry in order to better prepare him or her to write creatively and practically for a variety of audiences and purposes. Currently, writing emphasis students only take introductions to Fiction and Poetry. One of the writing emphasis' learning outcomes is that writing majors will experience a broad range of writing experiences. To truly meet this learning outcome in the future, writing emphasis students should be required to also take the beginning non-fiction writing course, EN 207.*

Financial Implications: *None*

Proposed Effective Date: *Fall Semester 2013*

Request for Action: *Approval by AAC/.FAC/FS/ Gen Fac, etc*

Approved by: *AAC on date*

*FAC on date*

*Faculty Senate on date*

Attachments Yes  No