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STATEMENT OF RATIONALE FOR SEVERAL SMALL CHANGES TO THE HISTORY OF ART MINOR AND ADVISING SHEET:

The Department of History of Art would like to add two courses from the Department of Design as possible course options for the minor in History of Art. The two courses are history of design courses that are currently taught in the Department of Design: Design 2750 and Design 5750. We want to do this in response to Design's plan to add a history of art minor to their students' degree program. Taking courses in History of Art is necessary for the training of students in the department of design (and is necessary for their accreditation). Currently, the History of Art minor can be fulfilled by students taking ANY 5 courses in History of Art between the 2000-5999 (with the requirement that at least two courses be at the 4000 or 5000 level). All this revision will do is add these two History of Design courses to the large bank of possibilities of course options for the History of Art minor. (There is already some precedent for this in the History of Art major, where students have the option of taking a class in the Department of Art for one of their course requirements).

We have also made some revisions to the History of Art advising sheet. Besides adding the History of Design courses to the sheet, the main change is that we removed the mention of the various "sample tracks" that one could take through the minor. From speaking to history of art faculty advisors, it is clear that these "tracks" have long been confusing for students. They were only suggestions of possible ways to focus the minor, rather than being requirements (students didn't need to pick a particular track), but students always mistakenly thought they were binding. In reality, the selection of particular courses to take for the minor are best made in consultation with their history of art advisor.

Best,

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The history of art minor consists of five courses (15 credit hours) from the department's offerings, at least two (6 credit hours) of which must be at the 4000-level or above. For the minor, not more than three (3) courses at the 2000-level or 3000-level may be used to complete the 15 required credit hours.

Students can choose their own path through the minor – either a general selection of courses or a selection that focuses on a particular period or artistic tradition, in consultation with a History of Art faculty advisor. Upon completion of the appropriately distributed 15 credit hours in the history of art, a faculty advisor will approve and sign the Minor Program Form. You may then file the Minor Program Form with your college or school counselor to receive a minor in History of Art at graduation.

*\*Some courses may have prerequisites. Please consult the course bulletin before enrolling in courses that you want to count toward the Minor in History of Art.*

**General track sample minor:** If you wish to obtain a basic understanding of the principles of art history, terminology, and knowledge of the major periods of global art history, we recommend the following program:

History of Art 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 3521, 3605, 3611 (three of these seven); plus two history of art courses at the 4000 or 5000-level.

*\*Not open to students who have credit for more than one course from the 2000-level.*

**Period track sample minor:** If you wish to obtain specialized knowledge in one area of art history, you might pursue the following program.

Modern Art\*

History of Art 2002. Four courses at the 4000 or 5000, level in 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> century art.

*\*A similar program may be constructed for other fields such as Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, etc.*

**Culture groups or culture track sample minor.** If you wish to obtain some knowledge of a culture or a group of cultures, a program such as the following might be

pursued. Such minors are especially appropriate for students in related majors.

East Asian Art\*

History of Art 2003. Four art history courses at the 4000-5000 level in East Asian Art.

*\*Similar specializations could be worked out for Latin American, North American, or European Art.*

## History of Art minor program guidelines

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 15. At least 6 credits should be at the 4000 level or above.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed

A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE

A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor
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- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor
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Approval required The minor program must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor

Filing the minor program form The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the minor. Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.

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