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Dear Vice Provost Smith,

The Art Department would like to make a slight change to the requirements for the Art Minor.

Currently, there are two curricular requirements for the Art Minor: Art 2000 (Encountering Contemporary Art) and either Art 2100 (Drawing I) or Art 2300 (Visual Studies: 2D). The Art Department would like to remove the requirement that students must take either Art 2100 or Art 2300. Eliminating this requirement, students will have the option to follow their varied research interests. Our more discipline centric students will have the opportunity to take more upper-level courses in their desired discipline.

You will notice the language in the attached Art Minor advising sheet indicates that a student cannot take more than nine credit hours below the 2500 level. The Art Department is aware of the discrepancy with the University rule that indicates six credit hours, 3000-level or above for all Minors. During the time of conversion (2011), Associate Dean Williams secured an exemption for the Art Department from the College of Arts and Sciences. Associate Dean Williams' rationale stated, "Most of the foundational course work begins at the 2000- level, and the intermediate specialization area work at the 2500-level... Since minors would not normally progress beyond the intermediate specialization area work, and it is possible for a student interested, for example, in Glass, to only be able to achieve artistic practice offered in courses such as 2503 and 2553, we are asking for an exemption from the new ASC rule of 6 cr. hr. at the 3000-level and above for this minor. Instead we ask that the rule for the Minor in Studio Art be 6 cr. hr. at the 2500-level and above."

I am hereby respectfully requesting that CAA grant the Art Department an exemption from the six credit hours at the 3000-level and above rule for this Art Minor, since at conversion it received an exemption from the College of Arts and Sciences. Currently, the Art Department is in the process of renumbering courses at the appropriate level. This process might take another year or two, as the Department is also looking at revising the foundation and core programs.

In addition to the requirement change to the Art Minor, I took the opportunity to reorganize and add courses to the list of electives. With the removal of Art 2100 and 2300 as an Art Minor requirement, I listed Art 2100 under Painting/Drawing. I also created a non-area introduction grouping consisting of Art 2300 Visual Studies: 2D, Art 2400 Visual Studies: 3D, and Art 2500 Visual Studies: Digital Image. Finally, I added five classes that reflect the possible elective possibilities under Photography including Art 5105, Art 5115, Art 5205, Art 5215, Art 5445.

I have attached the word document with track changes for the new Art Minor. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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