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Dear Professor Daly,

The Department of Art is requesting to remove the prescribed courses on the BA in Art General Education Curriculum.

The prescriptions currently exist in the following categories:

**Visual and Performing Arts** (Philosophy 2450)

**Historical Study** (History of Art 2001)

**Culture & Ideas or Historical Study** (History of Art 2002)

Attached are the current BA Program Plan and the new BA Program Plan. The new BA Program Plan document has the new proposed language in red.

This change would align the BA in Art with the other Arts & Sciences BA degrees. This will also allow the new double major rules to apply to the BA in Art program in the same way that it impacts the other double majors.

For the student pursuing the BA in Art, he or she will need six credits of art history credits for compliance with the accrediting standards set by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD). With the prescriptions removed, BA Art students will be required to have one class in art history at the 2000 level, and a second class in art history (listed in the major requirements section) at the 3000 level or above, both of these requirements will be met in the major. Art 2000 (Encountering Contemporary Art) serves as an art history course at the 2000 level, which a student would take in his or her first year. A student would take an art history 3000 level or higher course in his or her third year. These students will be individually advised by the Art Department.

The Degree Audit for this corrected curriculum would now read:

**Visual and Performing Arts** (from GE list)

**Historical Study** (from GE list)

**Culture & Ideas or Historical Study** (from GE list)

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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