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Dear Chair and Members of the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee:

On February 7, 2024, the Arts and Humanities Subcommittee 2 reviewed a request from the Department of History to expand the History MA that, up until now, has been limited to three specific student populations. The department wishes to open up the MA as a "direct-admit program in all fields."

To do so, the department wants to make the following curricular adjustments to the MA requirements:

- History 7900: Colloquium in Historiography and Critical Theory) (3 credit-hours)
 - instead of History 7900 *and* History 7905 (Graduate Pedagogy)
- 4 7000-level seminars (12 credit hours)
 - instead of 2 7000-level and 1 8000-level courses
- 5 electives (15 credit hours) -some of which may now be taken at the 5000-level

There are additional changes to increase the credit-hours available for independent studies, standardize the credit-hours for thesis writing across degree programs, and flexibilize the foreign language requirement, as delineated here:

- History 6193 or 7193 may now be taken for up to 6 credit-hours
 - instead of being limited to 3 credit-hours
- History 6999 (for those pursuing the MA-thesis option) may only be taken for up to 6 credit-hours
 - Instead of 9 credit-hours
- Foreign language proficiency is only a requirement for certain fields
 - instead of for all students

A&H Subcommittee 2 voted unanimously to approve the request with one comment. The proposal is now advanced to the ASCC with a motion to approve.

Sincerely,

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