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

On January 10, 2025, the Arts and Humanities Subcommittee 2 reviewed a request from the Department of Art Education to revise the MA in Art Education.

The revision was based on a curricular review by the department's Digital Learning Committee and included student feedback over the years. Through this review, the department recognized that the population currently served by the program goes beyond art teachers (for whom it was originally designed) and now includes those who are "pursuing alternative forms of art education including museum- and community settings." The proposed revisions (summarized below) are an effort to better respond to the program's more diverse student population:

- The addition of ARTEDUC 7708 (Universal Design for Learning: Disability Studies and Art Education) as a required course (vs. its current role as a 6-wk elective)
- A reduction in the *overall* number of *required courses* for greater curricular flexibility (from 18 ch to 12 ch)
- The expansion of the number of electives (from 6 ch to 12 ch)

Please note that the overall number of credit-hours in the MA remains the same and the department has a plan to ensure that students already in the program will not be effectively negatively by these changes.

A&H Subcommittee 2 voted unanimously to approve the request with three contingencies. Those items have since been addressed by the unit and the proposal is now advanced to the ASCC with a motion to approve.

Sincerely,

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