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To the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee:

On Tuesday, September 30 2025, the Arts and Humanities Subcommittee 2 reviewed a request from the Department of Classics to make revisions to their PhD program in Greek and Latin (GRKLATN-PH), to go into effect Autumn semester 2026. Classics propose to add two core courses that will better prepare their students for early stages of graduate work (Classics 6001) and for the professional aspects of an academic career (Classics 6002).

They wish to make the Classics 6001, Proseminar (3 credits), a core course for Candidacy and for the Terminal MA. This new course will provide a broad introduction to the history of Classics and its subdisciplines, especially as represented by the range of research expertise among current OSU faculty. It will be taken by students in their first or second Autumn semester of study.

They wish to make the Classics 6002, the Classics Professionalization Seminar (2-credits), a core course for Candidacy but not the Terminal MA. This new course will be offered to students in the second or third year of the program and will be designed to prepare them for the job market and for the practical aspects of a tenure-track career as a Classicist.

They also seek formal recognition of a reduction in the credit hour weighting for four core courses, a change which has already been approved by ASC, the Graduate School, OAA and the Registrar.

They also wish to make a minor change to the distribution of 7000-level seminar courses that their students must fulfill to include courses with the "Classics" designation. Previously, students had to complete 3 Greek and 3 Latin courses; now Classics would like them to complete 2 Latin, 2 Greek, and 2 Classics courses. This change will better prepare students for a job market that still requires a foundation of training in Greek and Latin language and literature, but would now add additional skills in cultural, historical, or philosophical studies or other sub-disciplines. It will also enable the department to utilize a wider range of faculty research expertise.

The PhD program has been operating with its current requirements since 2017.

The Arts & Humanities Subcommittee 2 voted unanimously to approve the request. The proposal is now advanced to the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee with a motion to approve.

Sincerely,

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