1. Department: English

2. Graduate Program: M.A. in English

3. Program Change(s) will go into effect: Spring 2010

4. Change(s) Desired: Change in the language requirement for the M.A. in English

Present Requirement:
Listed under "Degree Requirements":

Demonstration of competency in one foreign language, ancient or modern

Listed in the "Notes" section following "Degree Requirements":

The foreign language requirement can be satisfied by translating a passage provided by the graduate director or by achieving an acceptable score on a standardized foreign language exam. Acceptable languages will include at least the following: German, French, Italian, Spanish, Ancient Greek, Latin. Others will be considered on a case-by-case basis. This requirement must be satisfied before taking the comprehensive examination.

Requirement Change:
Listed under "Degree Requirements":

Demonstration of competency in one foreign language, ancient or modern

Listed in the "Notes" section following "Degree Requirements":

Because the close study of language itself is an invaluable experience for students earning their M.A. in English, the program requires that students demonstrate competence in an ancient or modern foreign language. This requirement may be met in one of the following ways:

- Complete two years or their equivalent of college-level study in a single foreign language with an average grade of C or higher
- Complete, with a grade of B or higher, English 517: Old English Language
- Pass a translation test in a foreign language administered by the graduate program in English. The test may be taken in German, French, Italian, Spanish, Ancient Greek, or Latin. Other languages will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
5. Justification for change:

These changes give students more flexibility in fulfilling the language requirement. We have found that students with four semesters of undergraduate language study pass the translation test fairly easy. Under the new proposal, students with three or fewer semesters of undergraduate language study will have the option of taking additional undergraduate or graduate coursework or else studying on their own in order to pass the translation test. In general, our experience is that taking actual coursework is more beneficial for students than simply trying to bone up on their own in order to pass the test. The new requirements allow for this option. In addition, the proposed changes are in line with requirements at comparable M.A. programs in the region and around the nation, including Stetson University, Belmont University, University of New Hampshire, Iowa State University, Ohio University, University of Virginia, Minnesota State University, and many others.

6. Signature of Program Director: Susan Farrell Date: 8/25/09
   Approved by CofC/Citadel English M.A. Committee
7. Date approved by the Department: 4/17/09

8. Signature of Department Chair: Date: 8/25/09

9. Signature of School Dean: Date: 4/11/09

10. Signature of Provost: Date: 10/4/2009

RETURN FORM TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR FURTHER PROCESSING

11. Signature of Chair of the Faculty Committee on Graduate and Continuing Education. Date: 9/23/09

12. Signature of Chair of Graduate Council: Date: 10/19/09

13. Signature of the Faculty Secretary: Date: ____________

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