RE: Revising Statement on Requirement for the A.B Degree

Proposed: Revise the statement of the AB requirements from credits required to the language proficiency required.

Currently to earn the A.B. degree majors other than Classics are required to complete 18 hours in either Latin or Greek and an additional 6 credits from the approved list of culture courses. This approach requires that the student take two courses in one of the languages at the 300-400 level. The difficulty, however, of stating the requirement in terms of credits is that it does not take into account current language-placement practices by which a student may place into the language beyond the first semester. Changing the statement to one in which students are required to achieve advanced proficiency in either Latin or Greek (still two courses at the 300-400 level) alleviates this difficulty and also aligns with how the general requirement for a foreign language at the College is stated.

Current Catalogue-Statement:
For all majors except Classics, completion of all required courses in any major, 18 credit hours in Latin or 18 credit hours in Ancient Greek, and six credit hours in courses in classical civilization such as:

[followed by the list of approved courses]

Proposed Statement:
In order to graduate with an A.B. degree, the student must: (1) complete all required courses in any major; (2) achieve in either Greek or Latin advanced proficiency, demonstrated by the completion of two courses in one of these languages at the 300 level or above (from GREK 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 371, 372, 390, 490, 496 [three credits] or from LATN 301, 305, 321, 322, 323, 371, 372, 373, 390, 490, 496 [three credits]);* (3) complete two courses in classical civilization (see listing below).

*Note: The Classics A.B. major has requisites for both Greek and Latin language.

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Encl: Marked Current Catalogue Section
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In order to graduate with an A.B. degree, the student must: (1) complete all required courses in any major; (2) achieve in either Latin or Ancient Greek advanced proficiency, demonstrated by the completion of two courses in one of these languages at the 300 level or above (LATN 301, 305, 321, 322, 323, 371, 372, 373, 390, 490 or two courses from GREK 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 371, 372, 390, 490)*; (3) complete two courses in classical civilization (see listing below).

*Note: The Classics A.B. major has requisites for both Greek and Latin language.

ARTH 214 Ancient Greek Art
ARTH 215 Ancient Roman Art
CLAS 101 Greek Civilization
CLAS 102 Roman Civilization
CLAS 103 Classical Mythology
CLAS 104 Introduction to Classical Archaeology
CLAS 105 History of the Classical World
CLAS 121 Classical Greece (travel course)
CLAS 122 Bronze Age Greece (travel course)
CLAS 203 Special Topics
CLAS 221 Field Methods in Classical Archaeology I
CLAS 222 Field Methods in Classical Archaeology II
CLAS 223 Aegean Prehistory
CLAS 225 The Archaeology of Athens
CLAS 226 The Archaeology of Rome
CLAS 242 Images of Women in Classical Antiquity
CLAS 253 Ancient Epic
CLAS 254 Tragedy
CLAS 255 Comedy
CLAS 256 Ancient Satire
CLAS 270 Romans in Cinema
CLAS 301 Topics in Ancient Greek Literature
CLAS 302 Topics in Latin Literature
CLAS 303 Topics in Classical Civilization
CLAS 320 State Formation in the Greco-Roman World
CLAS 322 Mediterranean Landscapes
CLAS 324 Ancient Mediterranean Economies
CLAS 343 Luxury and Status in Ancient Rome
CLAS 345 Love, Beauty, and Sexuality in the Greco-Roman World
CLAS 356 Ancient Roman Letters
HIST 230 Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia
HIST 231 Ancient Greece
HIST 232 Ancient Rome
PHIL 201 History of Ancient Philosophy

NOTES: The registrar as well as the Classics department maintains a list of courses that can be used to satisfy this requirement. Classics majors should refer to the School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs section of this catalog for A.B. degree requirements. An A.B. degree will replace the B.A. or B.S. degree normally earned with a major, unless the student meets the requirements for a second degree.