Melissa,

Please find attached our resubmission of the Linguistics Minor. The Dept of Linguistics has clarified that there is no overlap but that in case a student has taken one of the Linguistics courses as part of his/her major the minor defaults to 12 credits for that student. The minor was already approved with this configuration under quarters and again at the time of semester conversion. (ASC has other minors that operate this way—e.g., the Professional Writing Minor.) Also, Linguistics 2000 remains an introductory course inside the minor.

We hope that this resubmission can be considered at the CAA meeting of 12-4-13.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
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To: Council on Academic Affairs

From: Shari R. Speer, Chair of Department of Linguistics

Re: Revisions to the Linguistics Minor Program

We appreciate the time and effort that has been given to our proposal to modify the linguistics minor program. On November 20, CAA approved the linguistics minor with the following contingencies:

(1) change Ling2000 from a requirement to a prerequisite, and

(2) remove the possibility of overlap by one course between the linguistics major and the linguistics minor.

I would like to clarify that we have not allowed students to "overlap" a minor and major course, but have instead reduced the linguistics minor requirement from five to four classes in the case that a student has taken a course to be counted toward their major that has also been approved as being part of the minor in linguistics. The term "overlap" is not the appropriate term in this case. This provision for a four-course linguistics minor was included and approved by both ASCC and CAA under the quarter system and reiterated in the proposal approved during semester conversion. We propose that the current revisions to the linguistics minor include this provision as well.

We are resubmitting an edited version of our most recent proposal that includes the following: (1) Ling 2000 remains in the minor as an introductory course (as opposed to a "prerequisite" course) and (2) the minor defaults to 12 credits if the student has taken one of the minor courses in their major.

Should you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Julie McGory.

Sincerely,

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Professor and Chair
1. Undergraduate Minor Program in Linguistics (modification)

The current linguistics minor program includes 1 introductory course; 2 core courses; and 2 electives:

A. One introductory course
    LING 2000-Introduction to Language in the Humanities

B. Two minor core courses
   a. LING 4000-Introduction to Linguistics (to be taken first)
   b. One of:
      LING 4100-Phonetics
      LING 4200-Syntax
      LING 4300-Phonology
      LING 4400-Linguistic Meaning

C. Two elective courses from all 2000-level and above linguistics courses.

The proposed linguistics minor program includes 1 introductory course; 1 core course; and 3 electives:

A. One introductory course
    LING 2000-Introduction to Language in the Humanities

B. One minor core course from
    LING 4100-Phonetics
    LING 4200-Syntax
    LING 4300-Phonology
    LING 4400-Linguistic Meaning

C. Three elective courses from all 2000-level and above linguistics courses.

2. Rationale:
   We have proposed changes to the linguistics major that parallel changes to the linguistics minor. For the minor, we propose that LING 4000 not be required as part of the core course set.

Removing LING 4000 from the minor (and major) requirements is deemed necessary for multiple reasons. While transitioning to semesters, LING 4000 was included to provide a bridge between the prerequisite introductory course (LING 2000) and the four 4000-level core courses in linguistics: phonetics, phonology, syntax, and linguistic meaning. Students have found these courses especially challenging and LING 4000 was included to provide additional foundational material to prepare students for the rigor of these courses. Unfortunately, this program change created unforeseen problems. This requirement can result in students needing an additional semester to complete their minor (and major) requirements. With Ling 4000 being a prerequisite for the additional core course(s), students must postpone taking core courses for an additional semester.

Student involvement in research is delayed until both introductory courses (LING 2000 and LING 4000) and an additional core course are completed. Students are typically expected to have completed at least one core course before they can participate in research, which means that students are only able to become involved in research after three semesters in the minor (and major). We have many research opportunities for undergraduate minors in our program and the
proposed change would allow our minors to become involved in research after only two semesters in our program (i.e., as early as sophomore year for some students).

In addition to these unforeseen problems, our initial reasons for proposing the addition of an advanced introductory course are now of less concern. Conversion to semesters is proving to be beneficial to student success in the minor core classes. The introductory class which introduces students to the fundamental areas of linguistics can now provide sufficient preparation for the core courses because students have more time to absorb the foundational content they need to succeed in the core set. As a result, we feel that there is no need for LING 4000. Semester conversion has remedied this problem.

LING 4000 was converted from LING 601 under the quarter system. LING 601 (and 4000) was designed for graduate students in programs other than linguistics as well as honors and advanced undergraduate linguistics students. During semester conversion, we renumbered the course to 4000 to place it in line with LING 4100, 4200, 4300, and 4400. The course content for 4000 is the same as the former 601 and it was an oversight of ours to limit the class to undergraduate students. We therefore propose that LING 4000 be renumbered to LING 5000 and be offered as intended to both undergraduate and graduate students as an elective. With regards to linguistics minors (and majors), LING 5000 can replace LING 2000 as the introductory course with permission. It cannot be used to complete a minor core course or elective.

3. Implementation Date: Spring Semester, 2014.

4. Modified Description of the Minor
Each linguistics minor involves five linguistics courses (15 credit hours). If one of these courses is considered to be part of the student's major, then the minor defaults to 12 credit hours. Each minor includes an introductory course, Linguistics 2000. After this, students take one of Linguistics 4100 Phonetics, 4200 Syntax, 4300 Phonology, or 4400 Linguistic Meaning. With the advisor's permission, the student may substitute a corresponding 5000-level course. This leaves three additional courses to be chosen in consultation with the minor advisor.
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Nothing characterizes the nature of humans more than the ability to use language. In linguistics, one studies languages; not to learn how to read, write, or speak them, but to understand how they work, how they change, how children learn them, and how they are used. Concern for the role of language in human life makes linguistics a humanistic discipline. However, since linguistics provides a systematic explanation of facts about language, it is also a science.

The undergraduate program in linguistics permits a student to combine a broad spectrum of humanistic and scientific interests and to strengthen his/her analytic skills. The student is encouraged to explore with faculty the many relationships that linguistics has with other fields in order to discover the optimal program to meet his/her individual goals.

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At least 6 credit hours need to be at the 3000 level or above.

**One Introductory Linguistics Course (3 credits)**
2000 Introduction to Language in the Humanities
2000H Introduction to Language in the Humanities

**One Linguistics Core Courses (3 credits)**
4100 Phonetics
4200 Syntax
4300 Phonology
4400 Linguistic Meaning

**Three Elective Linguistics Courses (3 credits each)**
Some suggested courses include:
2001 Language and Formal Reasoning
2051 Analyzing the Sounds of Language
2051H Analyzing the Sounds of Language
2367.01 Language, Sex and Gender in American Culture
2367.01H Language, Sex and Gender in American Culture
2367.02 Language and Advertising
3501 Introduction to American Indigenous Languages
3601 Language, Race, and Ethnicity in the U.S.
3602 Language and Social Identity in the U.S.
3602H Language and Social Identity in the U.S.
3603 Language Across Cultures
3701 Language and the Mind
3701H Language and the Mind
3801 Codes and Codebreaking
3802 Language and Computers
3802H Language and Computers
3901 Language Evolution and Language Change
**4100 Phonetics**

**4200 Syntax**
**4300 Phonology**
**4400 Linguistic Meaning**
4350 Morphology
4550 Introduction to Linguistic Field Methods
4597.01 Language Endangrenment and Language Death
4597.02 Language and the Law
4601 Language and the Black Experience
4601S Language and the Black Experience

*5000-level courses may be used as part of the minor with permission from the linguistics advisor.

**Course cannot be used for both a linguistics core and linguistics elective requirement.

**Linguistics minor program guidelines**
The following guidelines govern minors:

**Required for graduation** No

**Credit hours required** A minimum of 15 credit hrs. 1000 level courses shall not be counted toward the 15 credit hr minimum.

**Transfer credit hours allowed** No more than one half of the credit hours required on the minor.

**Overlap with the GE** Permitted...

**Overlap with the major** Not allowed and

* The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
* The same courses cannot count on the minor and on the major.

**Overlap between minors** Each minor completed must contain 12 unique hours.

**Grades required**
* Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
* Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
* Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.

**Minor Approval** The minor course work must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor

**Filing the minor program form** The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

**Changing the minor** Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor

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