6. Change in Curriculum

**College of Liberal Arts**
Department of English
B.A. in English with Middle School Certification in English, Language Arts and Reading
MEMORANDUM

TO: University Curriculum Committee

THROUGH: Dr. Pamela Matthews, Associate dean
College of Liberal Arts

THROUGH: Dr. Paul A. Parrish, Head
Department of English

FROM: Dr. Claude Gibson, Director
Undergraduate Studies in English

DATE: 7 June 2007

SUBJECT: Reduction of Hours for the BA in English with Middle School Certification

The Department of English wishes to bring the BA in English with Middle School Certification to 126 hours. A check with the College of Education and Human Development indicates the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Boards has asked that all degree certificate plans be reduced to 127 or fewer hours.

The Department will accomplish the reduction from 135 hours to 126 hours by eliminating (1) six hours of linguistics in “Required Supporting Courses” and (2) three hours of EPSY 320, Child Development, in “Directed Electives.” A copy of the academic requirements as shown in SIMS is attached, with areas to be affected by the change clearly marked. Also attached is a memorandum showing Educational Psychology Department approval of the dropping of EPSY 320 from the English requirements.

This proposal has been approved by the Undergraduate Studies Committee and Executive Committee of the Department of English and reviewed by the Undergraduate Instruction Committee and Liberal Arts Council of the College of Liberal Arts.

Attachments: (2)
MEMORANDUM

TO: University Curriculum Committee

FROM: Dr. Claude Gibson, Director
Undergraduate Studies in English

DATE: 28 June 2007

SUBJECT: Reduction of BA in English with Middle School Certification

The proposed reduction of the BA in English with Middle School Certification from 135 hours to 126 hours passed unanimously at the University Council on Teacher Education meeting of 26 June 2007.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. James B. Kracht, Chair
Council on Teacher Education

FROM: Claude Gibson, Director
Undergraduate Studies in English

DATE: 22 June 2007

SUBJECT: Reduction of BA in English with Middle School Certification

It is my understanding that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) has indicated all degree-certificate plans be brought to 127 or fewer hours. The BA in English with Middle School Certification in English, Language Arts and Reading currently requires 135 hours.

As the attached printout of the degree plan from SIMS indicates, the Department has decided to eliminate six hours of linguistics in “Required Support” as well as 3 hours of EPSY 320, Child Development, from “Directed Electives.” The proposed changes would bring the degree to 126 hours and into compliance with the THECB request. The rationale for the choices is that writing and rhetoric requirements within the major would still provide solid support for the language arts component, and that, since students in the plan would still be required to complete PSYC 107, Introduction to Psychology, and INST 301, Educational Psychology, they would have support in that academic area.

This plan serves students who wish to complete four semesters of a foreign language and have access to other opportunities unique to Liberal Arts. While there are currently only 18 students in the plan, it has been in place since 1986. The first-time pass rate has been 100 percent.

This proposal has received the recommendations of the Undergraduate Studies Committee and Executive Committee of the Department of English and is on the July 16th agenda of the Undergraduate Instruction Committee of the College of Liberal Arts whose function for this type of change is verification the proposal is ready for the Liberal Arts Council, which will approve and forward to the University Curriculum Committee. I would need the approval of the Council on Teacher Education to attach to the packet going to the College to the University Curriculum Committee. It is hoped the changes will be in place for Texas A&M University Undergraduate Catalog 131.
June 21, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Council on Teacher Education

SUBJECT: CTE Agenda, June 26, 2007

The June meeting of the University Council on Teacher Education will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at 9:30 am in the 2nd floor Conference Room, Heaton Hall.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the meeting March 27, 2007. (Attached)

2. Proposed Bilingual Education Degree Plan Changes from the Department of Educational Psychology. (Attached)

3. Proposed changes to the Middle School English Language Arts and Reading Certification Degree Plan from the Department of English (Claude Gibson)

4. Report on Activities of the Vertical Team Committees working with TEA, The Coordinating Board, and Governor’s Commission for College-Ready Texas (CCRT) in preparation for the revision of the TEKS. (Pat Patterson)

4. State Board of Educator Certification Updates on Certification

5. Waivers for Student Teaching (Update from the Coordinating Board)


7. Other Business
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Michael Benz, Head
Department of Educational Psychology

THROUGH: Dr. Paul Parrish, Head
Department of English

FROM: Dr. Claude Gibson, Director
Undergraduate Studies in English

DATE: 1 June 2007

SUBJECT: BA in English with Middle School Certification Hour Reduction

In order to comply with the state’s requirement that all degree-certificate plans be reduced to 127 or fewer hours, the Department of English is modifying its BA in English with Middle School Certification in English, Language Arts and Reading, which requires 135 hours. English has offered what has become the only degree-middle school certification outside the College of Education from 1986 to the present. While the program enrolls only 14-17 students on average, the quality of the student has been high, as evidenced by its long-running 100% first-time pass rate on the state licensing examination. The plan attracts students who are eager for the study of foreign languages, the possibility of study abroad, and other such Liberal Arts opportunities.

To meet the reduction objective, English is eliminating six hours of required support in linguistics (see attached degree plan). Having examined the College of Education middle school degree-certification plan, we note that Education ENS students are not required to take EPSY 320, Child Development. Our students take that course as well as PSYC 107, Introduction to Psychology, and INST 301, Educational Psychology. Consequently, perceiving at least some “wiggle room” in that area, we wish to drop EPSY 320 as a directed elective.

If you consent to our making that change, I respectfully request you check accordingly, sign below, and return the memorandum to me at MS 4227 so I may forward it with our request for change in curriculum. Let me assure you that English appreciates the excellent instruction your department has provided our students over the years.

Approved ☑

Signature

Date 6/4/07

Attachment: Copy of Degree Plan
Texas A&M University  
Academic Requirements  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS  
B.A. IN ENGLISH (MID)  
Option: MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS  
Catalog '05, Academic Year 2006-2007  

LIMITATIONS - CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence: Up to 12 hours correspondence earned through an accredited institution for an undergraduate degree may be used.

REQUIREMENT FOR DOUBLE DEGREE

A minimum of an additional 30 hours is required for a double degree.

MINOR COURSE OF STUDY

15 TO 18 HRS REQUIRED. MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL HOURS IF THERE IS A PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENT.

SECOND MAJOR GPR

A minimum GPR of 2.000 must be maintained in the 2nd Major Field.

LIMITATIONS - COMBINATION

A college may allow a maximum combination of 18 hrs of 481, 482, 485, and/or 491 courses in a curriculum.

LIMIT PHED, AERS, MLSC, & NVSC

Only 13 hours of KINE 198, 199; AERS 100-499; MLSC 100-499; NVSC 100-499; SOMS 380, 481 may be used in this degree program.

MINIMUM HOURS and GPR REQUIREMENT

ALL REVISIONS TO CURRICULUM FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ARE NOT COMPLETE, AND THE CURRICULUM WILL CHANGE.

135 HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS DEGREE WITH A MINIMUM OVERALL GPR of 2.500.

Major GPR required: 2.500 minimum GPR in all courses in the major. ANY GRADES OF "D" MUST BE REPEATED.

LIMITATION - RESIDENCY

STUDENT MUST COMPLETE MINIMUM OF 36 hours OF 3-400 LEVEL COURSE WORK AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, 12 HRS MUST BE IN MAJOR FIELD.

READING REQUIREMENT


MINOR FIELD OF STUDY

18 hours required. ANY GRADE OF "D" MUST BE REPEATED. Take INST 310, 301, 334; MEFB 490, 497.

MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY

No course grade below a "C" may be used. ANY GRADES OF "D" MUST BE REPEATED.

1. 15 hours REQUIRED. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:
   A. 9 hours REQUIRED. TAKE ENGL 104, 361, 481.
   B. 3 hours REQUIRED. SELECT FROM ENGL 352, 474.
   C. 3 hours REQUIRED. SELECT FROM ENGL 212, 312.

2. 6 hours REQUIRED. COMPLETE 1 OF THE FOLLOWING:
   A. Take ENGL 227, 228
   B. Take ENGL 231, 232
MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY

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3. 3 hours REQUIRED. SELECT FROM ENGL 330, 334, 335, 374, 375, 376, 377, 394.

4. 3 hours REQUIRED. SELECT FROM ENGL 336, 338, 339, 362.

5. 3 hours required. Select from ENGL 203, 210, 235, 236, 241.

6. 3 hours REQUIRED. SELECT FROM ENGL 353, 354.

7. Student must complete a minimum of 12.0 hours of 300/400 level work at Texas A&M University.

REQUIRED SUPPORTING COURSES

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

A. 3 hours REQUIRED. SELECT FROM ENGL 209; LING 209.

B. 3 hours REQUIRED. SELECT FROM LING 307; ENGL 310; LING 310.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

COMPLETE 1 OF THE FOLLOWING GROUPS.

1. FRENCH: 14 hours REQUIRED.
   A. 8 hours. TAKE FREN 102, 101.
   B. 3 hours. SELECT FROM FREN 201, 221.
   C. 3 hours. SELECT FROM FREN 202, 222.

2. GERMAN: 14 hours REQUIRED.
   A. 8 hours. TAKE GERM 101, 102.
   B. 3 hours. SELECT FROM GERM 201, 221.
   C. 3 hours. SELECT FROM GERM 202, 222.

3. GREEK: 14 hours REQUIRED.
   A. 8 hours REQUIRED. TAKE CLAS 101, 102.
   B. 3 hours REQUIRED. TAKE CLAS 211.
   C. 3 hours REQUIRED. SELECT FROM CLAS 311, 312.

4. ITALIAN: 14 hours REQUIRED.
   A. 8 hours. TAKE ITAL 101, 102.
   B. 6 hours. TAKE ITAL 201, 202.

5. JAPANESE: 14 hours REQUIRED.
   A. 8 hours REQUIRED. TAKE JAPN 101, 102.
   B. 6 hours REQUIRED. SELECT FROM JAPN 201, 202.

6. LATIN: 14 hours REQUIRED.
   A. 8 hours. TAKE CLAS 121, 122.
   B. 6 hours. TAKE CLAS 221, 222.

7. RUSSIAN: 14 hours REQUIRED.
   A. 8 hours. TAKE RUSS 101, 102.
   B. 6 hours. SELECT FROM RUSS 201, 202, 221-222.

8. SPANISH: 14 hours REQUIRED.
   A. 4 hours. SELECT FROM SPAN 101, 105.
   B. 4 hours. SELECT FROM SPAN 102, 106, 140.
   C. 3 hours. SELECT FROM SPAN 201, 221.
   D. 3 hours. SELECT FROM SPAN 202, 222.

HISTORY REQUIREMENT

6 hours required. Select from the following.

1. Select from HIST 105, 106.


3. Up to 3 hours of Texas History may be used to satisfy the history requirement. Select from HIST 226, 325, 416.

POLITICAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENT

6 hours REQUIRED. TAKE POLS 206, 207.

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

6 hours required. Take PSYC 107; INST 322.
UNIVERSITY WRITING INTENSIVE REQUIREMENT

AN APPROVED WRITING INTENSIVE COURSE IS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION. SEE ADVISOR FOR LIST OF APPROVED COURSES.

A. REQUIREMENT MET BY OTHER UNIVERSITY APPROVED METHODS.
B. ONLY 900 LEVEL SECTIONS OF ENGL 312, 346, 353, 354, 355, 356, 375, 378, 415, 461, 481 CAN MEET THIS REQUIREMENT.

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MATHEMATICS AND LOGICAL REASONING

6 hours required.
1. 3 THRU 6 hours REQUIRED. MAY BE SELECTED FROM MATH 131-467. (except MATH 150, 365, 366).
2. UP TO 3 hours MAY BE SELECTED FROM PHIL 240.

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HUMANITIES & VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

9 hours required. Complete the following:

A. VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS: 3 THRU 6 hours REQUIRED. SELECT FROM ANTH 324; ARCH 430, 434, 437; ARTS 103, 111-112, 149-150, 305, 312, 329-330, 335, 349-350, 445 from O5C; CARC 335; CLAS 352; ENDS 101, 115, 149-150, 250, 311; FILM 201, 301, 394; FREN 414; GERM 334, 405 from O5C; HORT 203; KINE 160-174, 311; LAND 240; MUSC 200, 201, 280 from O6C, MUSC 392, 311-312, 315, 319, 321, 324; MODL 341, 352; PERF 301; PHIL 330, 375; RUSC 341; SPAN 410, 413 from O5C; THAR 101, 110, 155, 201, 210, 280-281, 407.

B. HUMANITIES: UP TO 6 hours CAN BE SELECTED FROM THE FOLLOWING:
   1. AMST 300, 320.
   3. ARCH 345.
   4. CHIN 103-483.
   5. CLAS 351.
   6. COMM 301, 327, 425.
   7. ENDS 329.
   8. ENGR 482.
   9. FREN 103-483.
   10. GEGG 202, 301, 305, 323.
   11. GERL 300-483.
   12. HIST 100-483, (except HIST 105, 106, 289).
   13. HUMA 211, 213, 303, 304.
   14. ITAL 103-483.
   15. JPN 103-483.
   17. LBAR 203, 331, 332, 333. (No more than 3 hours of LBAR 331)
   19. MODL 100-483.
   21. RELS 211, 213, 303, 304, 317, 351, 360, 392 from O6C.
   22. RUSC 103-483.
   23. SPAN 103-483.

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NATURAL SCIENCES

8 hours REQUIRED. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

A. SELECT 4 TO 8 hours FROM THE FOLLOWING GROUPS:
   1. 4 hours REQUIRED. TAKE BIOL 111.
   2. 4 hours REQUIRED. TAKE BIOL 113, 123.
   3. 4 hours REQUIRED. TAKE BOTN 101.
   4. 4 hours REQUIRED. SELECT FROM CHEM 101, 103, 113, 107.
   5. 4 hours REQUIRED. TAKE GEOL 101.
   6. 4 hours REQUIRED. SELECT FROM PHYS 201, 218.
   7. 4 hours REQUIRED. TAKE Zool 107.

B. SELECT UP TO 4 hours FROM THE FOLLOWING: AGRO 105, 301, 405; ANTH 225; ATM 201, 202; BESC 201; BIOL 112; CHEM 102, 104, 114, 106, 116, 222, 242; ENGR 101 from O6C; ENTD 322; FESC 304; GENE 301, 310; GEC 203; GEOL 106, 307; GEOS 410; HORT 201, 202; GCNG 251, 252; PHYS 202, 208, 219, 306, 307; RENR 205, 215; ZOOL 225.

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COMPLETE 1 OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:
1. STUDENT'S WHO HAVE NOT TRANSFERRED IN 2 KINE 199'S PRIOR TO ATTENDING TAMU MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING 2 OPTIONS:
   A. 1 hour REQUIRED. TAKE KINE 198. (KINE 198 MAY NOT BE REPEATED FOR CREDIT).
   B. 1 hour REQUIRED. TAKE KINE 199. MUST BE TAKEN S/U.
2. 2 hours REQUIRED. TAKE KINE 199. (MUST BE A TRANSFER STUDENT AND HAVE TRANSFERRED TWO KINE 199'S BEFORE ENTERING TAMU).

DIRECTED ELECTIVES

6 hours REQUIRED. TAKE EPSY 320; COMM 203.
INTERNATIONAL AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

COURSES USED TO SATISFY THIS REQUIREMENT CAN ALSO BE USED TO SATISFY OTHER REQUIREMENTS. 6 HOURS REQUIRED. SELECT FROM:

1. ACCT 445.
2. AGEC 452, 453 from OSC.
3. ALED 422.
5. ARCH 345.
6. ARTS 150, ARTS 350 (ONLY SECTIONS OF ARTS 350 TAKEN STUDY ABROAD CAN BE USED TO MEET THIS REQUIREMENT).
7. BIMS 489 from O6B (ONLY APPROVED STUDY ABROAD SECTIONS).
8. CARC 301, 311, 321, 331, 335.
9. COMM 327, 335, 425.
10. DCED 301 from O7A.
11. ECON 312, 319, 320, 324, 330.
12. EHHR 403 from O6A.
13. ENDS 101 from O6B, ENDS 150, ENDS 484, 494, COSC 484, 494 (NOTE: ONLY SECTIONS OF 484 & 494 TAKEN ABROAD WILL SATISFY THIS REQUIREMENT).
15. FINC 449.
16. FREN 301, 322, 336, 414, 418.
18. GERM 305, 322.
20. HLTH 236, 334.
21. HORT 335.
22. HUMA 303, 304.
23. IBUS 401, 445, 446, 450, 452, 455 from OSC, IBUS 456 from OSC, IBUS 457 from OSC, IBUS 458 from OSC, IBUS 459 from OSC.
24. INST 310, 322.
25. JOUR 406; COMM 407.
26. KINE 333 from OSC, KINE 337 from OSC, KINE 489 from O6B thru O6B.
27. LAND 240.
28. LABR 331, 332, 333.
29. LING 307, 402.
30. MGMT 430, 450, 452.
31. MKTG 330, 401.
32. MODL 222, 223 from OSC, MODL 323 from OSC, MODL 341, 342, 352, 362, 363 from OSC.
33. MUSC 312, 315, 319, 324.
34. PHIL 283, 416, 419.
35. PLAN 415.
37. PSYC 300.
38. RELS 303, 304, 403.
39. RLEM 314.
40. RPTS 340.
41. RUSS 341, 401.
43. SPAN 312, 320, 410, 411, 422, 421, 450.
44. TEFB 271 thru OSC, TEFB 273 from O6A.
45. THAR 201, 281.
46. VTPB 221.
48. ANY APPROVED STUDY ABROAD COURSE TAUGHT BY A TAMU FACULTY MEMBER (EXCEPT 497'S).