

Curriculum Proposal Signature Sheet

Drop Language requirement for SJLA Honors program

TITLE OF PROPOSAL

Type of Proposal

Program

- New
- Changes within Major
- Changes within Cognate *
- Changes in Minor or Track
- Changes in Concentration*
- Program Deletion

Course

- New
- Changes in Course taken only by Majors
- Changes in Course required of Non-Majors*
- Changes in Course open to Non-Majors
- Deletion of Course taken only by Majors
- Deletion of Course required of Non-Majors*
- Deletion of Course open to Non-Majors

SJLA Honors Program

SPONSORING DEPARTMENT(S)

Review and Approval

DATE(S)

Signature of Sponsoring Chair(s)/Date

Program Director
[Handwritten Signature]

10/8/10

* For starred items Chairs of affected Departments/Programs must sign below before Dean's review

Dean's Preliminary Review

Proposal: Complete

Additional preliminary comments below

- Satisfies U of S Curricular Requirements
- Consistent with College Goals/Mission

Dean's Signature/Date

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11-2-10

CAS

CPS

SOM

GRAD

DHC

Preliminary FSCC Disposition:

- Committee recommends approval (*new program proposals require a Recommendation from the full Senate*)
- Proposal will require minimal review: Anticipated FS Meeting Date: _____
- Proposal will require significant review: Anticipated FS Meeting Date: _____

FSCC Chair Signature/Date _____

Issues: _____

Additional Signatures

World Languages and Cultures

Department

Signature

11/1/10

Date

(See attached e-mail from R Parsons)

Department

Signature

Date

Department

Signature

Date

**Program Revision
Changes within Major**

Home Dean: CAS CPS
 SOM GRAD DHC

Program: SJLA HONORS PROGRAM

**Nature
of
revision:**

Remove the first-year two semester language requirements for SJLA

**Rationale
for
revision:**

1. For many SJLA students with credit-heavy minors it is not possible for them to take two language courses in their first year. As a result, a large percentage of SJLA students are exempted from the language requirement. Why make something a requirement if exemptions are so prevalent?
2. Many good students do not want to join SJLA if required to take two semesters of language.
3. Because of the language requirements, SJLA students with AP credit in history cannot use those credits to fulfill humanities requirements.
4. History and Fine Arts have as much claim to be in an SJLA student's curriculum as Language does. Yet with the Language requirement in place, SJLA students cannot take History or Fine Arts to fill their humanities requirements.
5. So few SJLA students have any choice at all in their prescribed curriculum, it only seems right to allow them to choose their humanities courses.
6. Many SJLA students only take the two elementary sections of language in order to fulfill the SJLA requirement. For SJLA students who meet the current language requirement, taking only six credits of language does not amount to much.

Current catalog:

Electives and Exemptions

SJLA's five or six elective (beyond the two-semester language requirement) credits are intended to be used toward courses in math, computer literacy, and the natural and social sciences. There are always exemptions made to ensure that everyone takes at least 130 credits but no more than a credit-heavy major requires. Special exemptions may also be possible for those participating in foreign study, in Honors, or in a difficult double major or minor.

What we propose:

Electives

SJLA students should use their seven or eight elective courses to study history, mathematics, computer literacy, the natural and social sciences, and especially languages. While the SJLA Honors Program does not require the study of foreign language, it does encourage it, as the study of languages makes a distinctive contribution to a liberal arts education.

Will the revision have an impact on the core curriculum? No Yes (indicate impact)

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Will the revision have any impact on another department or program? No Yes
If yes, indicate below the impact and response of affected department or programs.

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Will the revisions require allocation/reallocation of University resources?
 No Yes (indicate resources needed for revision below)

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Old Major Course Grid

First Year	
Major/Cognate LANG	6-9 (Fall) 6-9 (Spring) Modern or Classical Language 3 (Fall) 3 (Spring)

New Major Course Grid

First Year	
Major/Cognate Humanities Elective	6-9 (Fall) 6-9 (Spring) 3 (Fall) 3 (Spring)