On 09 / 04 / 2014, the Department of Classical Studies met to discuss our Honors Program; we voted in favor of the changes that you will find attached to this email (5 in favor, 1 against, 1 abstained).

Our rationale is that
1) we are no longer able to offer the graduate seminars that used to fulfill our Honors requirements when candidates chose to write a 3-credit-hour thesis, and
2) we do not wish to deter potential candidates by imposing extra prerequisites in ancient art and history, especially since recent reductions in our faculty have entailed that we can no longer offer those courses as frequently as before. For us, the most important criterion remains demonstrated expertise in Latin and/or Greek language, and on that prerequisite we are holding firm.

Furthermore, we wish to add that extra sentence on timelines in the first paragraph in order to remind potential candidates that they should be thinking about this project as soon as possible in their junior year.

Included below on p. 2 is a marked up copy of the pertinent excerpt from the Undergraduate Catalog, and on pp. 4-5 a Catalog-ready version.

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Honors Program in Classics and in Classical Languages

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In order to graduate with departmental honors, a student must (in addition to maintaining the stated GPA through the senior year) satisfy the following requirements: In addition to maintaining the stated GPA through the senior year, a student must satisfy the following requirements in order to graduate with honors:

1. Complete 12 credit hours of work beyond the intermediate level in Latin and/or Greek in advanced Greek and/or Latin courses (above GRK 204 or LAT 104), for honors in classics, and 18 hours for honors in classical languages.

2. Demonstrate competence in Greek or Roman history and archaeology, either by successfully completing the ICCS program in Rome or by completing 3 credit hours in one of the department’s survey courses in art and archaeology (Classics 204, 205, 206) and 3 credit hours in one course in history (Classics 208, 209, 212, 213).

2. 3. Candidates choosing the three-hour option for the thesis must complete one of the department’s graduate seminars. Complete Classics 299a and 299b for 6 credit hours in addition to the 30 credit hours required for the major, culminating in a written senior thesis defended orally before the department.

Honors Program in Classical Languages

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second semester of their junior year. Candidates must submit a thesis proposal for approval by the departmental faculty before they can be admitted to the Honors Program.

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Dear Jonathan,

Attached you will find applications for programmatic changes approved by the Committee for Education Programs, on September 22, 2014, for the following Programs:

1) Changes to the CMST Major and Minor  
2) Changes to Classical Languages Major  
3) Changes to Classics Honors Program and changes to Classical Languages Honors Program

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