On 09/04/2014, the Department of Classical Studies voted to reduce the number of credit hours for our Introductory Language courses (Latin 101 and 102; Greek 201 and 202) from 4 to 3 (6 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstained). Research has shown that students better process the language outside class, and other Classics Departments such as those at Duke and University of Chicago have thus already taken this step, as has the Department of French and Italian at Vanderbilt. Class time will thus be devoted to presentation more than consolidation, and we will proportionately increase the amount of written homework assigned. This will also make it easier for us to schedule the courses and for students to fit them into their schedule. One final benefit is that it will better distinguish our accelerated Intensive Introduction to Latin course (Latin 100), which will remain at 5 hours.

As a result, we need to reduce the amount of hours needed to complete our Classical Languages major from 32 to 30, given that students are expected to take our introductory language sequence in either Latin or Greek. No other aspects of the Classical Studies program are affected by this proposed change.

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Students complete 32 30 credit hours in Greek and Latin, including at least two courses (6 credit hours) of each language. Only one elementary sequence (either Greek 201–202 or Latin 100 or Latin 101–102) may count toward the 30 credit hours required for the major. Those who want to concentrate in one language must also complete at least two semesters’ work in the other, although credit toward the 32-hour requirement will be given for only one of the elementary sequences (either Greek 201–202 or Latin 100 or 101–102).
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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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