# Request for New Major/Minor or Program Change

Nature of program request (Mark all that apply)

xx☐ Undergraduate program change      ☐ Graduate program change

☐ New non-degree program*      ☐ LACC change

☐ New major*      ☐ Program Title change

☐ New minor      ☐ Other _____

    * OUS requires formal application procedures. Contact the Provost's Office for appropriate forms.

Will this action have an impact on Library and Media Services?
(to be completed by Library and Media Services Director)

___ No ___ Yes   Library and Media Services Director Signature _____

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1) Sponsor: Faculty sponsor signature _*(signature)*_    Date _2 June 09_

     Faculty sponsor extension number _88245_

2) Department/Program: Coordinator signature _n/a_    Date _____

3) Division: Division Chair signature _*(signature)*_    Date _3 June 09_

     Curriculum Chair signature _*(signature)*_    Date _3 June 09_

     Copy sent to Dean for review ☑

4) Faculty Senate Committees: All 100 - 400 level courses are approved by the Curriculum Committee only. All 500M courses are approved by the Graduate Committee only. All 400/500 courses must be approved by BOTH the Curriculum and Graduate Committees. In the case of 400/500 courses, indicate graduate credit criterion. All committee decisions are forwarded to the Faculty Senate.

     a) Graduate Committee: Chair signature_____    Date_____

       ___ N/A ___ Approved ___ NOT Approved

     b) Curriculum Committee: Chair signature_____    Date_____

       ___ N/A ___ Approved ___ NOT Approved
       *At this point the Graduate and Curriculum Committees will distribute a campus-wide email to announce course approvals or denials.

5) Faculty Senate: Senate President signature_____    Date _____

     ___ Approved by the Senate Executive Committee

     ___ Approved by the Faculty Senate ___ NOT Approved *Return to sponsor*

6) Dean: Appropriate Dean's signature_____    Date_____

     ___ Approved    ___ NOT Approved *Notify Faculty Senate President and Faculty Sponsor*

7) Provost: Provost's signature_____    Date_____

     ___ Approved    ___ NOT Approved *Notify Faculty Senate President & Faculty Sponsor*

8) President: President's signature _____    Date_____

     ___ Approved ___ NOT Approved *Notify Faculty Senate President and Faculty Sponsor*
     * Notify campus through email distribution to faculty.

*(This form to be used when groups of courses are changed or when new programs are proposed. Documents are forwarded to Oregon University System for final approval when appropriate.)*

Spring 2009 – Request for Program Change: Humanities major (BA/BS)

In the 2008-09 catalog, the Humanities major simply requires 64 credits from at least two humanities fields, with Hum 450 Senior Portfolio a required element. All the other credits are open to be filled by any course under the umbrella of the division. The division voted in 12/08 to initiate the following changes to this procedure:

1. No credits for first-year language can be used in the major, only $2^{nd}$ year and above. (This mirrors the practice in the language majors.)
2. Students should choose courses so there are at least two blocks of courses (two different course prefix groups); each block should contain at least 5 courses, and 4 upper-division courses, with a minimum of 12 upper-division credits. The remaining credits may continue the blocks or may be chosen from other humanities offerings.

The above changes were approved by the Curriculum Committee and subsequently by the Senate. Another change, our desire to limit the double-dipping with LACC courses, was sent back for reworking.

The 64-credit Humanities major is a carryover from the years before LACC double-dipping was approved. Unlike most majors on campus, the Humanities major has the potential of 18 LACC credits to count in the major. We decided that to address the problem of over-heavy emphasis on basic courses, we would like to raise the credits required in the major by 11, to 75 total credits (retaining a minimum of 36 UD credits). (This has an effect similar to limiting LACC double-counting to 7 credits, out of a possible 18.)

With a 64-credit major AND 18 credits from the LACC allowable, that only leaves 46 credits as truly in the major. Add in a possible 12 credits for second-year language (BA), and that is reduced to 34. As mentioned above, the 64 credits was determined at a time when LACC courses were not allowed to double-count. A few years ago, this policy changed; we are simply 'cleaning house' to address a drastic watering-down of the major's integrity.

Hence, the change we desire is simple: from 64 credits to 75 credits, BA or BS.

Current Catalog (08-09)

Humanities major (64 credits)
Courses in two or more of the following fields:
English, French, German, linguistics, Spanish,
philosophy and religious studies, communication
studies, or writing. The emphasis in the
major is determined with the help of an adviser.
Possible emphases include communications,
modern languages, and philosophy/religion/
mythology.
Required: HUM 450 Senior Portfolio (1)
Humanities minor (15 credits)
Approved upper-division hours in humanities

# Revision: Fall/Winter term 2008-09

Humanities major (64 credits)
Courses in two or more of the following areas:
Communication studies, French, German, humanities, Latin, linguistics, literature/English, modern
languages, philosophy, religious studies, Spanish, or writing. The courses in the major are determined with
the help of an advisor. Possible emphases include communications, modern languages, and
philosophy/religion/mythology.

     a.  at least five (5) courses total in <u>each</u> of two areas;
     b.  at least four (4) of the five courses must be upper-division courses, for a minimum of
        12 credits upper-division per block/area;
     c.  other Humanities areas may be included in the plan, in addition to the two blocks of
        courses;
     d.  first-year language courses will not count in the major.

Required: 36 upper-division credits, including HUM 450 Senior Portfolio (1)

Humanities minor (15 credits)
Approved upper-division hours in humanities areas; max. 6 credits of internship.

# Revision:  Spring term 2009/Fall term 2009

Humanities major (64 credits) → Humanities major (75 credits)

# Western Oregon University
## Program Log Form

Degree Program and/or Course Title: _____BA/BS in Humanities_____

Academic Major: ___Humanities_____

A)  Describe the proposed degree program change(s) in terms of how the changes differ from the program as currently approved and published in the latest University catalog (specify the latest catalog date).

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B)  Describe the reasons for making this change.

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For Dean Review only:

C)  How and when will the effectiveness of these changes be determined?

We will continue to review portfolios on a regular basis; however, this change will not be widely reflected for another four years.