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Subject: 664463 English Requirements Revise - Revise or Drop Graduate Plan
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Donna Potts has submitted a request for a major curricular change. His/her email address is: dl.potts@wsu.edu.

Requested change: Revise or Drop Graduate Plan

Degree: English

Title: Literature

Requested Effective Date: Fall 2022

Revise plan requirement: Yes

Dean: Swindell, Samantha - Assoc Dean - CAS,

Chair: Potts, Donna – Chair – English ,

Catalog Subcommittee
Approval Date

AAC, PHSC, or GSC
Approval Date

Faculty Senate
Approval Date

From: [Potts, D.L.](#)
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Approve.

From: curriculum.submit@wsu.edu <curriculum.submit@wsu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 2:11 PM
To: Potts, D.L. <dl.potts@wsu.edu>
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Your curricular change request to revise requirements has been forwarded to:

Potts, Donna – Chair – English

Swindell, Samantha - Assoc Dean - CAS

An email approval of the request from both parties is required. Once notification of approval is received from the Department, the request will be forwarded to the Catalog Subcommittee for initial review.

Status of curricular change requests are posted weekly on the curriculum and faculty senate website under tracking notes. Requests will not appear on the tracking notes until departmental approval has been received.

If you have any questions, please email wsu.curriculum@wsu.edu.

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Revise plan requirement: Yes

From: [Swindell, Samantha](#)
To: [curriculum.submit](#); [Potts, D.L.](#)
Cc: [Swindell, Samantha](#)
Subject: RE: 664463 English Requirements Revise - Revise or Drop Graduate Plan
Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 11:25:23 AM

1. I approve this proposal in its current form.

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Potts, Donna – Chair – English ,

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Revise plan requirement: Yes

Both Chair and Dean approval is required to complete the submission process. Please indicate that you have reviewed the proposal by highlighting one of the statements below and **reply all** to this email. (curriculum.submit@wsu.edu.) [Details of major change requested can be found in the attached supplemental documentation]

1. I approve this proposal in its current form.
2. I approve this proposal with revisions. Revisions are attached.
3. I do not approve this proposal. Please return to submitter.

If you do not respond within one week, you will be sent a reminder email. If no response is received within three weeks of the submission date, the proposal will be

Ending Period Requirements for the M.A. in Literature

Our TT faculty recently voted to end the period requirements for the M.A. in literature. While we value historical periods, it was very difficult for our M.A. students to complete five requirements in only two years, and it also denied them adequate opportunities to take many courses in postcolonial, African American, environmental studies, WGSS, Memoir, and other contemporary areas. With the addition of WGSS to our department, a preponderance of faculty who teach in the 20th and 21st centuries, and the increasing difficulty of finding faculty who can cover the earlier periods often enough for our graduate students to complete all five in two years, we felt that we should survey the faculty as to how to respond to these issues. The two most popular options were “three historical periods” and “no historical periods.” The majority of literature faculty voted for “no historical periods.” All faculty not in literature voted for “no historical periods.”

Impact on our faculty and other campuses: Our faculty, at WSUP as well as WSUV and WSUTC, who teach literature courses in previously required historical periods will continue to be included in our rotation of faculty who teach graduate seminars.

On page 12 of our graduate manual, found at the following link:

<https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/253/2020/08/2020-2021-Graduate-Manual-08.05.20.pdf>

Under 3.1 Master of Arts in English, Emphasis in Literary Studies Program and Course Requirements (30-38 credit hours),

Delete the following:

~~• All candidates must take at least one graduate seminar in each of the following five categories:~~

~~o Medieval literature up to roughly 1485~~

~~o English literature from 1485 to 1600, including Shakespeare~~

~~o Seventeenth and eighteenth century British or American literature~~

~~o Nineteenth century British or American literature~~

~~o Twentieth century British, American, or postcolonial literature~~

~~Both highly specialized and broadly focused courses may be used to satisfy these period requirements. Ambiguous cases should be resolved through discussion with the Director of Graduate Studies.~~