

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Dorene Branson, Principal Assistant  
Faculty Senate

**FROM:** Graduate Studies Committee

**DATE:** February 20, 2013

**SUBJECT:** PhD in History

On Tuesday, February 19th, the Graduate Studies Committee approved changes to the PhD in History program. These changes include the increase in one credit hour to HISTORY 595 and the decrease of one credit hour to the HISTORY 800 credits. Please forward this to the Faculty Senate for appropriate approvals.

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1. CHECK PROPOSED CHANGES.

- \*  Change department/program name from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- \*  New degree or program in \_\_\_\_\_
- \*  Change name of degree from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- \*  Drop degree or program in \_\_\_\_\_
- \*  Extend existing degree or program to \_\_\_\_\_ campus
- New Major in \_\_\_\_\_
- Change name of Major from \_\_\_\_\_ b to \_\_\_\_\_ a
- Revise Major requirements in Ph.D. degree in history: reduce total number of credits of History 800 required for degree from 22 to 21 & increase History 595 from 2 credits to 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- Drop Major in \_\_\_\_\_
- Revise certification requirements for the Major in \_\_\_\_\_
- New Option in \_\_\_\_\_
- Revise requirements for the Option in \_\_\_\_\_
- Drop Option in \_\_\_\_\_
- New Minor in \_\_\_\_\_
- Revise Minor requirements in \_\_\_\_\_
- Drop Minor in \_\_\_\_\_
- New Undergraduate Certificate in \_\_\_\_\_
- Revise Undergraduate Certificate requirements in \_\_\_\_\_
- Drop Undergraduate Certificate in \_\_\_\_\_
- Other credit increase for History 595 course from 2 credit hours to 3

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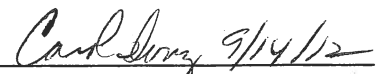
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- Revise Major requirements *in* PhD degree: decrease total number of credits in History 800 from 22 to 21
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## Rationale for two Major Curricular Changes to the Ph.D. degree in History

As the most recent faculty member to teach History 595, I proposed, to our department, an increase in the number of credit hours for the course. The course had been taught as a two-credit course for several years, having been increased from one credit in the not distant past (but before my time at WSU). I saw two problems with the course being less than three credits. First, two credits suggested the course was less significant, to students and faculty, than other courses. Second, full time faculty were unable to teach the course on-load. An increase to three credits heightens the pedagogical value and professional profile of the course for students. Additionally, staffing options are far greater at three credits as the course will no longer have to be staffed by adjuncts or as an overload for full time faculty. The proposal was accepted by our department and has the endorsement of our Graduate Studies committee.

Therefore, we request a change to History 595 in the course catalog from two credits to three.

To account for this change in the overall degree, we propose a shift of one credit hour away from the History 800 credits and toward the History 595 requirement. Currently, a Ph.D. degree requires 22 credit hours of dissertation (History 800), a peculiar number indivisible by three to account for the fact that 595 was only two credits. Reducing the 800 requirement to 21 total credits, and increasing 595 by one credit to a total of three, avoids the need to change the number of credits of the overall Ph.D. degree, and leaves the overall number of credits of 72 cleanly divisible by three credits, as all graduate history classes are.

## Schmidtlein, Barb

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**From:** Tishken, Joel  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2012 1:39 PM  
**To:** Schmidtlein, Barb  
**Subject:** RE: Clarification needed RE: History 595 change needs proposal

Very good, I'm glad those forms will do.

I was unaware until just now that 595 had variable credit. We want to offer it as a static 3 credits from now on.

Thanks, Joel

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**From:** Schmidtlein, Barb  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2012 10:51 AM  
**To:** Tishken, Joel  
**Subject:** Clarification needed RE: History 595 change needs proposal

We can use the paperwork provided, but I need some help with clarification of what is being requested for HISTORY 595 as I enter it in the log in preparation for the Catalog Subcommittee :

Are you requesting this variable credit course have the credits increased from the existing "V 1-2" to "V 1-3" or are you requesting this course be changed to a static credit of "3" credit hours? The form used and the rationale do not mention the variable credit status, nor does the syllabus address the credits issue. BTW, the syllabus should list the number of credits for this course.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Barb

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Schmidtlein, Barb  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2012 12:02 PM  
**To:** Tishken, Joel  
**Subject:** RE: History 595 change needs proposal

Hi Joel,  
Please go to [www.RONet.wsu.edu](http://www.RONet.wsu.edu) and click on RO Publications in the right-hand menu. Find the curricular change forms for courses and fill this out and send it to me also. Even though both are intertwined, which is why we will put them on the agenda together, the course proposal to increase credits must be looked at independently, first. I can copy the rationale and put it with the course proposal. Thanks for your help with this.

Sincerely,

Barb

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