Expedited Course Change Cover Sheet (July 2012)

UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON – EXPEDITED COURSE CHANGE PROPOSAL
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Date Prepared: 10/27/12

Department/Discipline and Course Number: HIST 486
Course Title: Historical Research Abroad

Type of change (check all applicable):
Course Number* __ Title____ Credits ____ Description ___ Prerequisites ___ X ___ Deletion ___
* This course number must be approved by the Office of the Registrar before the proposal is submitted.

Effective Date: FALL Semester, Year 2013

Current Catalog Entry
Prerequisites: senior status and faculty approval of research topic.

Proposed Catalog Entry
Prerequisites: History 298 or 299, senior status and faculty approval of research topic.

JUSTIFICATION (including impact on majors, minors, concentrations, and general education courses within the University curriculum; attach additional pages if required)

This change fixes an oversight by the department in its catalog entries. Since the methods courses (formerly HIST 299, and HIST 297-298 going forward) are explicitly designed to prepare students for the major in general and Historical Research (HIST 485 and 486) in particular, placing 299 and 298 as pre-requisites should have been included years before.

Note: We are shifting our 1-semester methods course (HIST 299) to a 2-semester methods course sequence (HIST 297-298) starting in the fall of 2013 as well.

TRANSITION PLAN (describe how will students who are in Catalogs where the course is required for a major be accommodated; attach additional pages if required)

This change is more of a reflection of an existing practice than a change in path for most students; so, students are likely not to be affected. Still, it’s a change that we believe is warranted. The department’s faculty members believe that the pre-requisites should reflect our sense of the methods course as an essential foundation for HIST 485 and 486.

As we transition to only offering HIST 297-298, and after current students who had 299 graduate, we will remove HIST 299 from the prerequisite list as well.

Approvals

Department Chair
Date: 10/27/12

College Curriculum Chair Bradley Hansen
Date: 11/9/12

Expedited course changes are posted for a 10-class day comment period. If no comments are raised during that time, the proposal becomes final. All expedited proposals approved in this way will be noted on the UCC web site.

If comments are raised, the proposal may be reviewed by the UCC and then approved or it may be returned to the CCC for additional deliberation (as required).
486 – Historical Research Abroad (3)
Prerequisites: History 298 or 299, senior status and faculty approval of research topic. Capstone research and writing course conducted in foreign archives under close supervision by a member of the department.