



UNIVERSITY of HAWAI'I MĀNOA

Colleges of Arts and Sciences College of Languages, Linguistics, and Literature Office of the Dean

MEMORANDUM

May 2, 2013

TO: Reed Dasenbrock Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
FROM: Robert Bley-Vroman Chair, Council of Arts and Sciences Deans
SUBJECT: Elimination of the Arts and Sciences Breadth and Depth Requirement and the A&S-Specific Symbolic Reasoning Requirement

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ACTION REQUESTED:

The Deans of Arts and Sciences request approval of the elimination of the Breadth/Depth requirement of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and the elimination of the Arts-and-Sciences-specific symbolic reasoning requirement.

RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Fall semester-2013 -2014 FALL 2013

BACKGROUND:

Presently, Arts and Sciences (A&S) students must fulfill a "Breadth/Depth" requirement. They have the option of either taking three credits from each of the four A&S colleges ("Option 1-Breadth"); or completing a minor, a certificate, or a second major in A&S ("Option 2-Depth").

The BFA, BMus, BS, and BA-IS degrees are exempt from "Breadth/Depth." Technically, this exemption is via an "Option 3" in the case of BFA, BMus, and BS; and a separate stipulation in the case of B-IS.

In addition to Breadth/Depth, Arts and Sciences students must fulfill the "Arts-and-Sciences-specific symbolic reasoning requirement," by taking at least one course from those that fulfill the Manoa Symbolic Reasoning Foundation requirement (FS). The practical effect of the present A&S-specific symbolic reasoning requirement is this: Although an AA degree from a community college is otherwise accepted as fulfilling the lower division general education core, Manoa A&S students must still fulfill the Manoa FS requirement, even though they hold the AA degree.

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The A&S BS degree has additional math/science requirements. These BS requirements are not at issue; no one has proposed their elimination.

The A&S Faculty Senate Executive Committee invited all members of the A&S Faculty Senate to a town hall meeting on March 22, 2013, to discuss whether changes to the current A&S requirements are needed. Faculty who were not able to attend the meeting were able to contribute to the discussion by leaving comments electronically via Survey Monkey. Feedback from both the town hall meeting and the survey was overwhelmingly in favor of eliminating both the A&S Breadth/Depth and Symbolic Reasoning requirements. Following the town hall discussion, Senate members were asked to vote on the question of eliminating these requirements. The proposal to eliminate the requirements was supported by a substantial majority of those voting.

The Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate Executive Committee then recommended to the Deans of Arts and Sciences that these requirements be eliminated. A copy of the memorandum from the SEC to the Council of Deans is attached. It explains in greater detail the consultation process and the rationale for the recommendation.

The Deans of Arts and Sciences concur with the recommendation of the Faculty Senate.

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

The Deans of Arts and Sciences recommend approval of the elimination of the Breadth/Depth requirement of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and the elimination of the Arts-and-Sciences-specific symbolic reasoning requirement.

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED

EFFECTIVE FALL 2013 Amended OVCAA Action 5/17/13  
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Reed Dasenbrock  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

  
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ATTACHMENT: Memorandum from A&S SEC Chair Mary Babcock, dated April 28, 2013.

- c: Denise Konan, Dean of the College of Social Sciences  
William Ditto, Dean of the College of Natural Sciences  
Peter Arnade, Dean of the College Arts and Humanities  
Michael Kirk-Kuwaye, Director of A&S Student Academic Services
- C: Leona Anthony (CAA), Lisa Imai (Banner), Diane Nakashima  
(Catalog/Program Sheets), Stuart Lau (Registrar), Lisa Fujikawa  
(MWP/General Education), Gary Rodwell (STAR)



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MĀNOA CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

May 31, 2013

TO: Reed Dasenbrock Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

FROM: Robert Bley-Vroman [Signature] Chair, Council of Arts and Sciences Deans

SUBJECT: Changes to STAR Degree Audit to Reflect the Changes in A&S Requirements

The Deans of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, after consultation with the Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate Executive Committee, approve the extension of recent changes the Arts and Sciences degree requirements to continuing students. See my memo to you of May 2, 2013 "Elimination of the Arts and Sciences Breadth and Depth Requirement and the A&S-Specific Symbolic Reasoning Requirement."

We request that the STAR degree audit incorporate the changed requirements, both for new students and for continuing students, including all Arts and Sciences majors, and Pre-Psychology students.

Enclosure

c: Michael Kirk-Kuwaye Co-Director of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences Student Academic Services

Approved [Signature] Disapproved: Effective Fall 2013

[Signature] 6/6/13 Date Krystyna S. Aune Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

c: Ron Cambra, AVCUE Gary Rodwell, STAR

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