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**2.Proposed Change**

Reduce the number of hours required for the World Languages and Cultures BA (Emphasis in French) degree from 39 to 30. Eliminate FR 3473 (Reading and Composition) as a requirement, making it an elective. Require all coursework to be taught in French.

**3.Effective Date**

Fall 2015

**4.Justification**

A recent program review revealed that the average for undergraduate degrees at peer institutions in world languages is around 30 hours. (At UA-Fayetteville, it is 24-27.) One of the outsider reviewers for that evaluation suggested that our program objectives could quite feasibly be met while still reducing the minimum number of hours required. Reducing the hour requirement from 39 to 30 hours will encourage students to add a second major or minor (double majors are increasingly the norm in world languages nationally), thus making them more marketable, while still providing adequate preparation to achieve the desired proficiency level.   
  
FR 3473 is somewhat redundant, its content being largely taught in FR 2023 (Intermediate II) and other upper-level courses, and thus may not be needed by all students. Making the course elective rather than required will provide greater flexibility for students.

When the required credit hours in the World Languages/French BA were raised recently from 30 to 39, students were also allowed to take up to nine of those hours in courses taught in English (generally outside the department). Given the small number of such courses available, this option is impractical, forcing students to take multiple, unnecessary independent studies to reach 39 hours.

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Major in World Languages and Cultures

**Bachelor of Arts**

**Emphasis in French**

A complete 8-semester degree plan is available at http://registrar.astate.edu/.

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| University Requirements: | |
| See University General Requirements for Baccalaureate degrees (p. 41) | |
| **First Year Making Connections Course:** | Sem. Hrs. |
| ENG 1023, Making Connections Humanities | 3 |
| **General Education Requirements:** | Sem. Hrs. |
| See General Education Curriculum for Baccalaureate degrees (p. 84)  Students with this major must take the following:  *Six hours of Humanities (Required Departmental Gen. Ed. Option)* | 35 |
| **Major Requirements:**  Grade of “C” or better required for all Major Requirements. At least 12 credit hours must be at the 4000 level. A minimum of six credit hours of study abroad is required. | Sem. Hrs. |
| FR 3183, French Conversation and Phonetics | 3 |
| FR 3413, Introduction to French Literature | 3 |
| FR 3463, Advanced French Grammar | 3 |
| ~~FR 3473, Reading and Composition in French~~ | ~~3~~ |
| Select ~~twenty-seven~~  twenty-one hours from the following:  FR 3473, Reading and Composition in French FR 3613, French Civilization  FR 3623, Contemporary France  FR 3703, French for International Business  FR 4203, Advanced Oral Communication in French  FR 4413, Survey of French Literature I  FR 4423, Survey of French Literature II  FR 4503, Special Topics (may be repeated for credit if content varies)  Any additional French electives or pre-approved study abroad ~~or up to three courses related to the target language or culture not taught in the target language (requires advisor approval)~~ | ~~27~~ 21 |
| WLAN 4010, Learning Outcome Assessment | 0 |
| Sub-total | ~~39~~ 30 |
| **Electives:** | Sem. Hrs. |
| Electives | ~~43~~ 52 |
| **Total Required Hours:** | **120** |