PETITION-REQUIRED COURSE MODIFICATION

*See Handbook for definition of Petition-required Course modifications and for procedures to be followed for Memorandum-required Course modifications.

1. Provide a description of the course as it currently exists, including course title, number, credit hours and prerequisites: 498 Senior Seminar in American History(3) A research course in selected fields of American history at the senior level. Students conduct historical research with close guidance from the instructor and write extensive, well-documented papers. HIST 498 or HIST 499 is required for history major and HIST 398, HIST 498 or HIST 499 for history minor. May be taken twice for credit toward history major or minor. If taken twice for major, or in addition to HIST 499, it will count in Elective area I. If taken twice for minor, or taken in addition to HIST 398 or HIST 499, it will count in Elective Area I. Prereq: HIST 101 or HIST 102 and History 298, or consent of instructor.

2. Proposed Course Title, if modified: _____

3. Proposed Course Description, if modified: 498 Senior Seminar in American History(3) A research course in selected fields of American history at the senior level. Students conduct historical research with close guidance from the instructor and write extensive, well-documented papers. HIST 498 or HIST 499 is required for history major or minor; selected sections of HIST 498 will be designed and designated for future secondary school teachers. May be taken twice for credit toward history major or minor. If taken twice for major, or in addition to HIST 499, it will count in Elective area I. If taken twice for minor, or taken in addition to HIST 499, it will count in Elective Area I.

4. Proposed Course Prerequisites, if modified: (subject and number preferred) Prereq: History 298; senior standing and major or minor in history, or consent of instructor.

5. Proposed Course Credit Hours, if modified: _____

6. Implementation Date: ☒ Fall ☐ Spring ☐ Summer I ☐ Summer II ☐ Summer III 2013 Year

7. Attach rationale for the course modification(s).

8. Department faculty signatures (majority required). If an interdisciplinary program, a majority of each department must sign this form. Number of faculty in dept(s): 5

9. Sent to Chair of College Curriculum Committee: Date: 3/20/13

10. Received by Chair of College Curriculum Committee: Date: 3/21/13
Approved ☑ Not Approved ☐
Signature: ____________________________  Date: ____________
Chair of College Committee

11. Sent to the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts
   Approved ☑ Not Approved ☐
   Signature: ____________________________  Date: ____________
   Dean of College
   Date: ____________

12. Sent to originator:
   Originator responsible for Items 13 through 15

13. Can the course be used to meet core curriculum requirements?
   Yes ☐ No ☑
   If yes, have this signed by the University Core Coordinator for notification purposes.
   Signature: ____________________________  Date: ____________
   University Core Coordinator

14. Is the course a part, or to be a part, of teacher training?
   Yes ☑ No ☐
   If yes, have this signed by the Dean of Science and Engineering.
   Approved ☑ Not Approved ☐
   Signature: ____________________________  Date: ____________
   Dean, Science and Engineering

15. Sent to Provost Office:
   (Original plus an electronic copy to Michele Duran)
   Date: ____________

16. Received in Provost Office:
   Date: ____________

17. Notify Chair of Curriculum Committee:
   Date: ____________

18. Curriculum Committee Meeting date to discuss petition:
   Date: ____________

19. Curriculum Committee Meeting date published in USI Today:
   Date: ____________

20. Received by Chair of Curriculum Committee
    Approved ☐ Not Approved ☐
    Signature: ____________________________  Date: ____________
    Chair of Curriculum Committee

21. Sent to Provost:
    Date: ____________
22. Received by Provost:
   Approved ☐ Not Approved ☐

   Signature: ____________________________________________
   Provost

   Date: ____________

23. Notice of approval by Provost for publication in USI Today:

   Date: ____________

24. Notified Registrar of final approval:

   Date: ____________
Rationale for change in History 498

History 498 and 499 should be considered the capstone courses of the history department, since students undertake detailed research of a subject in order to produce extensive, well-documented papers that reflect their mastery of the skills and methodological approaches of an historian. History 298 remains a prerequisite because that is the methods course that teaches students basic skills and approaches, but students need to have taken other advanced history courses that will allow them to refine those skills through their application to specialized subjects. Thus, while no other individual course in history is a prerequisite, by limiting the course to seniors only will ensure that only students who have completed most of the requirements in the major or minor will be able take this class. Exceptional students at the junior level or students in other majors who show senior-level proficiency in history can petition the instructor to be admitted to the course. The description of this course has been modified to fit the new history major and minor, which were passed in 2011, to omit reference to HIST 398, which is no longer required.