The Program in French in the Department of Foreign Languages and Cultures is seeking approval for changes to the major curriculum for students seeking a B.A. in French.

Changes requested:

1. **Number of hours for the major.** The current major requires 29 credit hours in courses above the 100 level.

   The program is requesting that the major be increased to 30 hours in order to accommodate the one-credit, F.497 Capstone in French, created to meet requirements in the general education area of the recently adopted core curriculum for the School of Liberal Arts and the School of Science.

2. **A one-track major.** For the past twenty years the major in French has allowed students to emphasize either language or literature, thus offering a two-track system for completing degree requirements leading to the B.A. in French. If a student has the proper prerequisites, the student may elect a combination of courses from language, literature, and also culture courses to meet the 29 hours of the current major. Recently, more often than not students have opted for the combination curriculum to fulfill the 29 hours for the major.

   The French program is requesting that it be allowed to merge the two current tracks into one track that would include courses from the areas of language, literature, and culture to fulfill the major requirements for a degree in French.

   a) **Reasons for a combination, one-track curriculum:**

   1) **Flexibility of curriculum.** With only 3 faculty in French, the program is not able any longer to offer on a regular basis a sufficient number of courses to meet, in particular, the needs of a major in the literature track. We have had to send students to other local universities in recent years for courses in French literature to complete the number of courses and hours needed for a major with literature emphasis. A one-track major would allow a greater variety of courses to fulfill requirements for the major.
2) Changing student interests. In recent years, French majors have demonstrated a much greater interest in studying language and culture, and in particular language for professional purposes such as business French and courses in translation studies. Literature has suffered a decline of interest among French majors in favor of greater emphasis on courses that allow students to develop greater proficiency in spoken and written language and to broaden their knowledge of French and Francophone cultures. Literature is still taught, notably in the required F300 course, Lectures et analyses littéraires; and the less regularly scheduled F307 course Masterpieces of French Literature. Beyond those two courses, literature at the 300- and 400 levels is offered infrequently and often as a component of a culture class.

b) Distribution of requirements in a new, one-track, 30-credit hour curriculum in French would be the following:

1. Required courses (total 15 cr.): F203 Second-Year French I (4 cr.), F204 Second-Year French II (4 cr.), F328 Advanced French Grammar (3 cr.), F300 Lectures et analyses littéraires (3 cr.), and F497 Capstone in French (1 cr.).

2. Elective courses (total 15 cr.): At least 6 credits of elective courses must be at the 400 level.
   a) A minimum of one 300- or 400-level grammar or translation class:
      (3 cr.)
      F330 Introduction to Translating French and English (3 cr.)
      F402 Introduction to French Linguistics (3 cr.)
      F421 Fourth-Year French (3 cr.)
      F423 Craft of Translation (3 cr.)

   b) A minimum of one 300- or 400-level oral skills class: (3 cr.)
      F331 French Pronunciation and Diction (3 cr.)
      F380 French Conversation (3 cr.)
      F480 French Conversation (3 cr.)

   c) A minimum of one 300- or 400-level course in French or Francophone culture: (3 cr.)
      F307 Masterpieces of French Literature (3 cr.)
      F326 French in the Business World (3 cr.)
      F360 Introduction socio-culturelle à la France (3 cr.)
      F430 Modern Short Narratives (3 cr.)
      F450 Colloquium in French Studies (Topics course) (3 cr.)
      F451 Le Français des affaires (3 cr.)
      F452 La Civilisation et littérature québécoises (3 cr.)
      F460 French Fiction in Film (3 cr.)
      F461 La France contemporaine (3 cr.)

   d) Two elective courses, including no more than 3 credit hours of F495 Individual Readings in French (1-3 cr.). (6 cr.)