

October 7, 2008

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Dear Dean Stephens,

We have several changes we would like to request in our programs and the Registrar's office has met with us to let us know our next steps. Some of the changes simply require a letter from Dean Saller to the Registrar, approving the changes. The others require that a formal request be sent to the Academic Senate, as these are changes in names of majors.

For the changes that require only Dean Saller's approval via a letter to Registrar Black, we would like to request the following:

- Request Change in naming for all "Studio Art" sub-plans for all Art degrees to read "Art Practice". (As art now encompasses tools and work spaces that take it beyond the studio, we would like to have a name that more fully captures the making of art.)
- Request Change in naming for the "Film and Media Studies" concentration: "Avante Garde, Aesthetics and Performance", removing text "Avante Garde", and leaving just "Aesthetics and Performance". (The term "Avante Garde" is too limiting; removing it broadens the options for students in this concentration.)
- Request Change to Current Art-BA minor: "Art Studio (Min)" should read "Art Practice (Min)"
- Request Change to Current Art PhD minor called "History of Art (PMn)" should read "Art History (PMn)"
- Request Inactivation of the below Subplans
 - ART-BA Studio: Design
 - ART-MA Design
 - ART-MA New Genres
 - ART-MA Painting
 - ART-MA Photography
 - ART-MA Sculpture

Request Inactivation of the below *Minors*

Art-BA Minor: Art (min)

Art-PHD Minor: Art (PMn)

For the changes that require a formal request to the Academic Senate, we are asking for these changes so that the degrees our students earn accurately reflect the fields in which they are earning their degrees. The current names are left over from before the department changed its name from "Department of Art" to "Department of Art & Art History." This occurred approximately nine years ago, yet these corrections to our degrees were never made. We are hoping to have all the correct degree titles approved before Commencement 2009.

Request the following name changes:

Current degree plan: Doctor of Philosophy in Art (ART-PHD)
Recommended Name Change: Doctor of Philosophy in Art History (ARTHS-PHD)

Current degree plan: Master of Arts in Art (ART-MA)
Recommended Name Change: Master of Arts in Art History (ARTHS-MA)

Current degree plan: Master of Fine Arts in Art (ART-MFA)
Recommended Name Change: Master of Fine Arts in Design (DSGN-MFA)

Current degree plan: Master of Fine Arts in Art (ART-MFA)
Recommended Name Change: Master of Fine Arts in Art Practice (ARTP-MFA)

Current degree plan: Doctor of Philosophy in Art and Humanities (ARTH-PHD)
Recommended Name Change: Doctor of Philosophy in Art History and Humanities (ARTHS-PHD)

Request the replacement of the undergraduate "Art - Major" with two new majors

Current Undergraduate Art Major & Degree:

Bachelor of Arts in Art (ART-BA)
Bachelor of Arts in Art with Honors (ART-BAH)
Bachelor of Arts and Science in Art (ART-BAS)
Bachelor of Arts and Science in Art with Honors (ART-BASH)

Recommended New Undergraduate Art Major(s) & Degree:

Bachelor of Arts in Art History (ARTHS-BA)
Bachelor of Arts in Art History with Honors (ARTHS-BAH)
Bachelor of Arts and Science in Art History (ARTHS-BAS)
Bachelor of Arts and Science in Art History with Honors (ARTHS-BASH)

Bachelor of Arts in Art Practice (ARTP-BA)
Bachelor of Arts in Art Practice with Honors (ARTP-BAH)
Bachelor of Arts and Science in Art Practice (ARTP-BAS)
Bachelor of Arts and Science in Art Practice with Honors (ARTP-BASH)

I appreciate your help with these changes and await further word regarding next steps.

Sincerely,



Kristine Samuelson
Chair