

**COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS  
STANFORD UNIVERSITY**

Date: May 12, 2009

To: Karen Cook, Chair  
XLI Senate of the Academic Council

From: Ian Hodder, Chair, Committee for the Review of Undergraduate Majors

Re: Recommendation to Create an Individually Designed Honors Program in the Humanities

The Committee for the Review of Undergraduate Majors discussed the proposal for the Individually Designed Honors Program in the Humanities on May 1, 2009. This program will be added to the existing Individually Designed Majors Program in the School of Humanities and Sciences to allow those few students (perhaps three a year) who might have chosen Honors in Interdisciplinary Studies in Humanities to pursue a complementary option.

The Dean's Office of Humanities and Sciences has laid out the new requirements for students hoping to complete Honors in Humanities (see attached letter). Students will need a strong academic background (including a minimum 3.5 GPA), a commitment to the requirements, and a suitable thesis proposal. Each student will have two Academic Council advisors who sign on to work with each student.

**The Committee for the Review of Undergraduate Majors therefore recommends the creation of an Individually Designed Honors Program in the Humanities, with authority to recommend candidates for "Honors in Humanities," for a five-year period, from September 1, 2009, through August 31, 2014.**

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