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Revision of the French Major

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Resolution # 27 2009-2010
College Senate

Supersedes Res #: _____

TO: Dr. John R. Halstead, College President

FROM: The College Senate: *April 5, 2010*

RE: → I. Formal Resolution (*Act of Determination*)
II. Recommendation (*Urging the Fitness of*)
III. Other, For Your Information (*Notice, Request, Report, etc.*)

SUBJ: **Revision of the French Major** (*routing #44 09-10UC*)

Signed: 
Steven Lewis, 2009-10 College Senate President

Date: 4/9/10

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TO: Steven Lewis, The College Senate President

FROM: John R. Halstead, College President

RE: → I. Decisions and Actions Taken on Formal Resolutions (circle choice)
 a. Accepted - Implementation Effective Date: Fall 2010
 b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on ___/___/___
 c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation
 II, III. Response to Recommendation or Other/FYI
 a. Received and acknowledged ___/___/___
 b. Comment:

Signed: 
(Dr. John R. Halstead, President, The College at Brockport)

Date: 4/14/10

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RESOLUTION PROPOSAL COVER PAGE**

Routing Number <i>Routing # assigned by Senate Office</i>	#44 09-10 UC <i>Use routing number and title in all reference to this proposal.</i>
Replaces Resolution	#

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: FEBRUARY 28

Incomplete proposals or proposals received after the deadline may not be reviewed until next semester.

INSTRUCTIONS – please, no multiple attachments – each proposal must be submitted electronically as one document.

- Submit only complete proposals. Include support letters from department chair and dean.
- Proposals must be prepared individually in Word format using committee guidelines available at brockport.edu/collegesenate/proposal.html.
- Fill out this cover page for each proposal and insert it electronically as the front page of your document. (collegesenate/proposal.html)
- Email whole proposal with cover page as one document to senate@brockport.edu and facprez@brockport.edu.
- All updates must be resubmitted to the Senate office with the original cover page including routing number.
- Questions? Call the Senate office at 395-2586 or the appropriate committee chairperson.

1. **PROPOSAL TITLE:** Please be somewhat descriptive, ie. *Graduate Probation/Dismissal Proposal* rather than *Graduate Proposal*.

Revision of the French Major

2. **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:**

Presents revisions to the French major based on NCATE accreditation standards.

3. **WILL ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AFFECTING BUDGET ARE NEEDED?** **NO** **YES** EXPLAIN *yes*

4. **HOW WILL THIS EFFECT TRANSFER STUDENTS:**

No effect

5. **ANTICIPATED EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Fall 2010

6. **SUBMISSION & REVISION DATES:** PLEASE PUT A DATE ON ALL UPDATED DOCUMENTS TO AVOID CONFUSION.

<i>First Submission</i>	<i>Updated on</i>	<i>Updated on</i>	<i>Updated on</i>
2/20/2010	2/26/2010		

7. **SUBMITTED BY: (contact person)**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
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8. **COMMITTEES TO COPY: (Senate office use only)**

Standing Committee	Forwarded For Approval To	Dates
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment Planning & Policies	Committee for approval	2/24/2010, 2/26/2010
<input type="checkbox"/> Faculty & Professional Staff Policies	Executive Committee	3/8/10
<input type="checkbox"/> General Education & Curriculum Policies *	GED to Vice Provost	
<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Curriculum & Policies	Senate	3/22/10, 4/5/10 vote
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Policies	College President	4/8/10
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Curriculum & Policies	OTHER	
* follow special Gen Ed procedures for submission of General Education proposals at "How to Submit Proposals" on our Website.		
REJECTED -WITHDRAWN		

NOTES:

Rationale for Changes in the French Major

In order to successfully conform to standards required by NCATE and to obtain accreditation (which was granted fall, 2009), the French major revised its program in the following ways: one new course will be incorporated to more effectively teach linguistics and oral proficiency—FRN 461, Advanced French Grammar and Conversation. One course was also eliminated (FRN 454) because we have another course listing under which we could offer the same content (FRN 457). FCE (Foreign Cultures in English) 463, Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition, was also added as a requirement for teacher certification candidates. These changes are necessary if we wish to maintain our accreditation and ensure student success in meeting a professional oral proficiency standard required by the accrediting body.

Credit Hours:

The number of credit hours in the major will remain the same. Teacher certification candidates, however, will be required to take 3 extra credits (FCE 463). Also, the balance between required courses and elective courses is slightly altered to facilitate course rotation.

New Course Descriptions:

The new program will include two new course offerings (one required of all majors and one required for teacher certification candidates only):

FRN 461 ADVANCED FRENCH GRAMMAR AND CONVERSATION (required course)

The goal of Advanced French Grammar is to improve students' understanding of the rules of French grammar and to increase their ability to express themselves accurately and comprehensibly through the use of these rules in controlled and open exercises.

Advanced French Grammar teaches students to use grammatical knowledge practically and critically across a range of communicative situations.

* FCE 463 LINGUISTICS AND SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION (required for teacher certification candidates only; course is already registered but a title change is being submitted)

Offers a contrastive analysis of the language components of English and French and English and Spanish; phonetics and phonology, morphology, syntax, lexicon and semantics. Examines sociolinguistic and psycholinguistic perspectives related to the role of language in culture, identity and learning. Explores language acquisition theories and their application to bilingualism and the teaching of English to speakers of other languages.

Staffing and Resource Issues:

The programmatic needs of the French major can be met with the present staffing. No new resources or facilities will be required.

Existing major

Proposed revision

Existing major		Proposed revision
Major requirements (30 credits)	Credits	same
Prerequisites: 1. 2.0 overall GPA 2. 2.5 GPA in French courses taken at Brockport.		same
A Core/Required Courses—24 credits		A Core/Required Courses—21 credits
Prerequisite for all 300 level courses: FRN 212 or equivalent		same

FRN 350 Intermediate Conversation and Grammar Review	3	same
FRN 351 Written Expression	3	same
FRN 352 French History and Culture	3	same
FRN 355 France under the Fifth Republic	3	same
Prerequisites for all 400 level courses: 350, 351, 352		Prerequisites for all 400 level courses: 350, 351 and 352 OR 355
FRN 453 French Women Writers		FRN 453 French Women Writers (formerly required, now an elective)
FRN 454 French Literature I: Texts and Contexts (medieval to revolution)	3	Course eliminated and replaced with FRN 461 Advanced French Grammar and Conversation (new course)
FRN 456 Literatures and Cultures of the Francophone World	3	same
FRN 458 French Literature: Texts and Contexts	3	same
C Elective Courses-6 credits		C Elective Courses-9 credits
FRN 399 Independent Study in French		eliminated
FRN 453 French Women Writers	3	Formerly a requirement; now an elective
FRN 450 French Studies (topics course)	3	same
FRN 451 Doing Business in French	3	eliminated
FRN 457 French Thought in Social Context	3	same
FRN 499 Independent Study in French	3	same

* FCE 463 Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition (constitutes an additional 3-credit requirement for teacher certification candidates only).