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March 12, 2009

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Dear Dan:

The Arts and Sciences Committee on Curriculum and Instruction (CCI) unanimously approved a revision to the **Linguistics Major** on March 6, 2009. The main proposers are Julie McGory ([jmcgory@ling.ohio-state.edu](mailto:jmcgory@ling.ohio-state.edu)) and Beth Hume ([ehume@ling.ohio-state.edu](mailto:ehume@ling.ohio-state.edu)). The CCI Subcommittee on Arts and Humanities approved the minor at their meeting on February 23, 2009 and the Humanities College Curriculum Committee approved this proposal on November 14, 2008. Please see the attached transmittal history for detailed minutes from these meetings.

The proposed revision is a modest one, which asks that their research course (currently required for all majors) only be required for honors majors. This is a response to a problematic mix of student ability in the research course, although non-honors majors who are appropriately suited to the course will be strongly encouraged to take it.

Secondly, this request is accompanied by a course change request made by the Terry Gustafson, A&S Associate Dean, to change the current research course number, 595, to the official Undergraduate Research course number, 699. This will allow students' transcripts to show explicitly that they have taken a research course and will also make tracking of undergraduate research easier on an institutional level. An H783 Honors Thesis course already exists in the department and the 699 would serve (as the 595 does currently) as a step toward H783, but if the enrollments are high enough, the department is open to developing an Honors version of the 699 course as well.

Both the CCI and the CCI Subcommittee on Arts and Humanities enthusiastically support these changes.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance as CAA considers this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen M. Hallihan".

Kathleen M. Hallihan  
Director, Curriculum and Assessment

c: Randy Smith  
Briggs Cormier  
Terry Gustafson

**Date:** March 4, 2009

**Subject:** Proposed Program Change for the Department of Linguistics

**From:** Bebe Miller

The Arts and Humanities Subcommittee met on February 23 to review a program change in the Department of Linguistics. The request was to change the status of Linguistics 595, Undergraduate Research Seminar in Linguistics, currently required for all Linguistics majors, to a requirement for honors students only; in addition, the course number would be changed to Linguistics 699, the undergraduate research call number. This change will not affect the honors program in that the course requirements and 50 credit hour threshold will remain the same.

The course was conceived as an intensive, faculty-guided research experience for undergraduates. This proposed course change comes in response to a problematic student mix: highly motivated honors students as well as less motivated non-honors students who prefer to take linguistic courses that do not involve a significant research component. This mix has not allowed the instructors to challenge students as much as would be desired. This revision would make 699 required for honors students and an elective for non-honors majors.

The subcommittee's discussion points were as follows:

- a. Department will continue to strongly encourage non-honors majors to take this course.
- b. Changing the number from 595 to 699 will allow official designation as an "undergraduate research course," so all students who complete it can have that course title on their transcripts.
- c. Linguistics does currently have an H783 for its Honors thesis.
- d. Suggestion to consider creating an H699 if enrollments would warrant this.

The proposed was viewed very favorably and was unanimously passed by the subcommittee.



September 10, 2008

Kathleen Hallihan  
Arts & Sciences Curriculum Office  
CAMPUS

Dear Kate,

I am requesting, on behalf of the Department of Linguistics, that Linguistics 595 *Undergraduate Research Seminar in Linguistics*, currently required for all linguistics majors, be changed so that it is only required for honors students.

The course was developed to offer undergraduate students the opportunity to complete an intensive research experience in linguistics under the guidance of a faculty mentor. However, many of our non-honors students prefer to take linguistics courses that do not involve a heavy research component and so are less enthusiastic about taking the research seminar. Consequently, the Ling595 classes have been comprised of highly motivated honors students as well as considerably less motivated non-honors students. This mix has not allowed instructors to challenge students as much as would be desired. By making the course *required* only for honors students and an *elective* for non-honors majors, we believe that we will be able to better serve our students. Further, given the growth of our major since the course was first developed, requiring it of all students is unfeasible if we want to continue limiting the class size to 15 students.

It is important to note that the requested change will not affect the honors program in linguistics; the requirements and 50 credit hours will remain the same.

Honors Linguistics Major: 50 credit hours

(15 hours)	Ling500 (phonetics), Ling 502 (syntax), Ling 503 (phonology)
(10 hours)	Two additional core classes
(10 hours)	2 higher level classes in a single content area
(5 hours)	Ling595(research seminar)
(10 hour)	electives

The 45 credit hours associated with the non-honors major will also remain unchanged since while Ling595 will be eliminated, there will be one additional elective, as laid out below.

Current Linguistics Major: 45 credit hours

(15 hours)	Ling500 (phonetics), Ling 502 (syntax), Ling 503 (phonology)
(10 hours)	Two additional core classes
(5 hours)	Ling595(research seminar)
(15 hours)	3 electives

Proposed Linguistics Major: 45 credit hours

(15 hours)           Ling500 (phonetics), Ling 502 (syntax), Ling 503 (phonology)

(10 hours)           Two additional core classes

(20 hours)           4 electives

We feel that the proposed change to the linguistics major will allow our honors students to develop their research skills and, at the same time, provide the same opportunity to non-honors students interested in research.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or Dr. Julie McGory ([jmcgory@ling.osu.edu](mailto:jmcgory@ling.osu.edu)), Linguistics Undergraduate Program Coordinator, if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth Hume", followed by a period.

Beth Hume  
Professor and Chair



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Kathleen Hallihan  
Director, Curriculum and Assessment  
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October 31, 2008

Dear Kate,

Please find enclosed the course change form for Ling699. We would like to change the course "Undergraduate Research Seminar in Linguistics" from Ling595 to Ling699. In addition, we would like this course to be a requirement for honors majors only and offer it as an elective to nonhonors majors. This change does not affect the total number of courses required to fulfill the Linguistics major and does not affect the honors major in any way.

Please let me know if you require additional information or if you have any questions.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie McGory".

Dr. Julia McGory  
Undergraduate Program Coordinator, Linguistics

**The Ohio State University  
Colleges of the Arts and Sciences Course Change Request**

Linguistics  
Academic Unit

Linguistics 595  
Book 3 Listing (e.g., Portuguese) Course Number

Summer      Autumn      Winter      Spring X      Year 2009

**Proposed effective date:** choose one quarter and put an "X" after it; and fill in the year. See the OAA curriculum manual for deadlines.

**A. Course Offerings Bulletin Information.** Follow instructions in the OAA curriculum manual. Before you fill out the "Present Course" information, be sure to check the latest edition of the *Course Offerings Bulletin* and subsequent Circulating Forms. You may find that the changes you need have already been made or that additional changes are needed. If the course offered is less than quarter or term, please also complete the Flexibly Scheduled/OffCampus/Workshop Request form.

**COMPLETE ALL ITEMS THIS COLUMN**

**Present Course**

1. Book 3 Listing: Linguistics 595
2. Number: 595
3. Full Title: Undergraduate Research Seminar in Linguistics
4. 18-Char. Ugrad Res Sem Ling
5. Level and Credit Hours 05
6. Description: Linguistics students learn about cutting-edge research by OSU linguists and get hands-on experience conducting their own linguistic research.
7. Qtrs. Offered : Once each year, quarter varies
8. Distribution of Contact Time: 2-2hr classes
9. Prerequisite(s): One of 500, 502, or 503; major in linguistics
10. Exclusion: not open to non majors in linguistics (Not open to....)
11. Repeatable to a maximum of   0   credits.
12. Off-Campus Field Experience:
13. Cross-listed with:
14. Is this a GEC course? no
15. Grade option : Letter Grade
16. Is an honors version of this course available? Y  N   
Is an Embedded Honors version of this course available?      Y  N
17. Other general course information:

**COMPLETE ONLY THOSE ITEMS THAT CHANGE**

**Changes Requested**

1. Linguistics 699
2. 699
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17. This course will remain a required course for honors students, but will change to an elective for non-honors students.

**B. General Information**

1. Do you want the prerequisites enforced electronically (see the OAA manual for what can be enforced)?  
yes

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2. Does this course currently satisfy any GEC requirement, if so indicate which category?  
no

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3. What other units require this course? Have these changes been discussed with those units?  
none

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4. Have these changes been discussed with academic units that might have a jurisdictional interest in the subject matter? Attach relevant letters.  
NA

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5. Is the request contingent upon other requests, if so, list the requests?  
no

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6. **Purpose of the proposed change. (If the proposed change affects the content of the course, attach a revised syllabus and course objectives and e-mail to [asccurrofc@osu.edu](mailto:asccurrofc@osu.edu).)**  
Does not change the content of the course

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7. Please list Majors/Minors affected by the proposed change. Attach revisions of all affected programs. This course is (check one):  
 Required on major(s)/minor(s)       A choice on major(s)/minors(s)  
 An elective within major(s)/minor(s)       A general elective:  
 Required for honors majors, an elective for non-honors majors.

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8. Describe any changes in library, equipment or other teaching aids needed as a result of the proposed change or if the proposed change involves budgetary adjustments, describe the method of funding:  
NA

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**Approval Process** The signatures on the lines in ALL CAPS ( e.g. ACADEMIC UNIT) are required.

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| 1. Academic Unit Undergraduate Studies Committee Chair  | Printed Name | Date |
| 2. Academic Unit Graduate Studies Committee Chair   | Printed Name | Date |
| 3. <b>ACADEMIC UNIT CHAIR/DIRECTOR</b>  | Printed Name | Date |
| 4. <b>After the Academic Unit Chair/Director signs the request, forward the form to the ASC Curriculum Office, 105 Brown Hall, 190 West 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. or fax it to 688-5678. Attach the syllabus and any supporting documentation in an e-mail to <a href="mailto:asccurrofc@osu.edu">asccurrofc@osu.edu</a>. The ASC Curriculum Office will forward the request to the appropriate committee.</b> |              |      |
| 5. <b>COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE</b>  | Printed Name | Date |
| 6. <b>ARTS AND SCIENCES EXECUTIVE DEAN</b>  | Printed Name | Date |
| 7. Graduate School (if appropriate)   | Printed Name | Date |
| 8. University Honors Center (if appropriate)  | Printed Name | Date |
| 9. Office of International Affairs (study tours only)   | Printed Name | Date |
| <b>10. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS</b>   | Printed Name | Date |

## **Transmittal History for Linguistics Major Revision**

### **Committee on Curriculum and Instruction January 30, 2009**

#### **III. Linguistics Major Revision**

- A. Change 595 to make required for honors majors only and optional for non-honors. Change does not affect requirements for majors overall. 595 change to 699 for research transcript designation. Response to problematic student ability level mix. Suitable non-honors majors would still be strongly encouraged to take 699. If enrollments are high enough, students will be encouraged to take the 699.
- B. There is an H783 and now honors students can use 699 as a preparatory research course
- C. In Arts, H699 is a graded course.

Subcommittee letter stands as motion to approve. 2nd Liddle-  
**Unanimously Approved**

### **Arts and Humanities CCI Subcommittee February 23, 2009**

- 2. Linguistics major revision and accompanying course change 595
  - a. Department would like to require Ling 595 only of Honors majors (currently requires this research course for all majors). Dept. will continue to strongly encourage non-honors majors to take this course.
  - b. Change from 595 to 699 in order to make official the course as an "undergraduate research course" so all students who complete it can have designation of course title on transcripts.
  - c. Ling does currently have an H783 for Honors thesis.
  - d. Suggestion to consider creating an H699 if enrollments would warrant this.

Motion to approve: Stafford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Liddle-  
**Unanimously approved**



College of Humanities Curriculum Committee  
November 14, 2008

**6. Ling 595**

A. Program change:

- a. Modest change. Removed from the requirement of the major and made optional for non-honors students, required only for honors students.
- b. Rationale: non-honors students prefer to take less research-intensive courses. Will have one more elective course in place of previously required 595. There are more required courses than some other programs. The program is well-structured. The change does not seem to affect the program.
- c. This course (research course) is different from the Honors thesis.

**Approved.**

- B. Change the course 595 to 699—**Approved.**