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Subject: Proposal to terminate the Critical and Cultural Theory Minor

Beth:

The proposal from the Department of English to terminate the Critical and Cultural Theory minor was approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on June 23, 2023. Thank you for attending the meeting to respond to questions/comments.

No additional level of internal approval is necessary. This action will be included in the Council's next Annual Activities Report to the University Senate (July 2023).

The Office of the University Registrar will work you with any implementation issues.

Please keep a copy of this message for your file on the proposal and I will do the same for the file in the Office of Academic Affairs.

If you have any questions please contact the Chair of the Council, Professor Rebecca Andridge (.1) or me.

Randy



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Attachments: [Critical and Cultural Theory Minor Termination Request.docx](#)
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[minor-critical-cultural- theory advising sheet.pdf](#)
[Critical and Cultural theory minor Letter of Motion.pdf](#)

Dear Randy and Katie,

Please find attached a proposal to terminate the Critical and Cultural Theory Minor. The proposal was approved on Friday April 7, 2023 by the ASC Curriculum Committee (ASCC).

We are now advancing the proposal for review by CAA. The attached documents are: (1) the letter from the Dept of English, (2) the advising sheet for the minor, and (3) the Arts and Humanities Panel cover letter to ASCC .

Please use this email as a cover letter indicating that the proposal has been duly reviewed and approved by the appropriate ASC curricular bodies (including the full ASC Curriculum Committee).

The contact for the proposal is Beth Hewitt, Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Department of English.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,
Bernadette



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April 7, 2023

Associate Professor Brad Steinmetz
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RE: Withdrawal of the Critical and Cultural Theory minor

Dear Brad and Members of the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee,

At its meeting on March 23, 2023, the Arts and Humanities 2 Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the elimination of the Critical and Cultural Theory minor. Since its conception in 2013 the minor has not been popular. In fact, since 2014, only 3 students have ever successfully completed it, and currently there's only 1 student enrolled in the program. The student is graduating at the end of this semester (Spring 2023).

Therefore, we advance the proposed elimination of the Critical and Cultural Theory minor with a motion to approve.

Regards,

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March 3, 2023

Dear Vice Provost Smith,

The English Department would like to eliminate one of the minors currently housed within our department, the **Critical & Cultural Theory Minor**. Originally designed in 2013 to emphasize both literary, critical, narrative, and cultural theory to undergraduate students in the humanities and social sciences, the minor has not been popular since its inception. Since 2014, only 3 students have ever successfully completed it, and we currently have 1 student enrolled who is graduating at the end of this semester (Spring 2023). As such, we would like to implement the removal at the beginning of Summer 2023 or before Fall 2023 if possible.

On behalf of the Department of English, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Hewitt

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Critical and Cultural Theory (CRITCL-MN)

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While minor programs are not required for graduation, students are encouraged to complete them. They are especially useful for students to indicate a breadth of interest that goes beyond narrow specialization.

The **Critical & Cultural Theory Minor** is excellent preparation for graduate school in the humanities and social sciences, and it can enhance the quality of one's undergraduate experience and one's life outside the university. The core course, English 3331, Thinking Theoretically, focuses specifically on the skills of critical thinking. The electives work with foundational texts of many disciplines and train students in the ways that theories function to organize and advance knowledge about the world and of how human beings interact with the world. It helps students develop the tools for the thoughtful examination of culture and its various constructions, from social structures to political processes to various kinds of art objects. The minor crosses a wide variety of disciplines, such as African and African-American Studies, Anthropology, Comparative Studies, Economics, English, Geography, History of Art, Linguistics, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, and Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies.

The Cultural and Critical Theory Minor is an interdisciplinary program which requires 15 credits distributed as follows: the 3-credit core course (English 3331), one 3-credit course from each of the three broad categories of the minor, listed below, and an additional 3 hours from any listed category, all at the 3000 level or above, including the optional capstone course, Arts Sci 4531.

Required Core Course:

English 3331: Thinking Theoretically

Students must take at least one course from the three categories below.

Category A: Disciplinary Theory

Comp Std 5970: Foundational Approaches to the Study of Religion
Econ 3048: Ethics and Social Responsibility in Economic Life
Linguistics 4100: Phonetics
Philos 3750: Introduction to Theory of Knowledge
Philos 3600: Introduction to Philosophy of Language
Philos 5750: Advanced Theory of Knowledge

Category B: Theory in Practice

AfAmAst 4921: Intersections: Approaches to Races, Gender, Class and Sexuality
AfAmAst 3440: Theorizing Race
CompStd 4921: Intersections: Approaches to Race, Gender, Class, and Sexuality
Comp Std 4845 : Gender, Sexuality, and Science
English 4573.02: Rhetoric and Social Action
Geog 5502: The Neoliberal City
Geog 5601; Foucault, Power, Governance
Philos 3420: Philosophical perspectives on Issues of Gender
Philos 3440 : Theorizing Race
Pol Sci 3910: Identity Politics
WGSSt 4845; Gender, Sexuality, and Science
WGSSt 4921: Approaches to Race, Gender, Class and Sexuality
WGSSt 4575: Women's studies Senior Seminar
WGSSt 5620; Topics in Feminist Studies

Category C: Transdisciplinary Theory

English 4559: Introduction to Narrative and Narrative Theory
English 4573.01: Rhetorical Theory and Criticism
English 4576.01: History of Critical Theory I: Plato to Aestheticism
English 4576.02: History of Critical Theory II: 1900 to Present

English 4576.03: History of Critical Theory III: Issues and Movements
Geog 5601: Foucault, Power, Governance
Philos 3810: Philosophy of Action
Philos 5450: Advanced Aesthetic Theory: Aesthetics and Normality
Philos 5650: Advanced Philosophy of Science
Pol Sci 3420: Political theories of Democracy

Cultural and Critical Theory minor program guidelines

Credit hours required A minimum of 15. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. All courses in the minor must be at the 3000 level or above.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed

A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE

A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be counted on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for all minor course work
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of course work graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor

X193 credits No more than 3 credit hours.

Minor approval: The minor is complete if a student takes the above coursework and meets the requirements on this sheet. Meeting with an advisor in the academic unit offering the minor is not required.

Changing the minor Any changes must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.

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08-07-2014 – BV
08-11-2014 – DH
07-30-2015 – BV
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06-18-2018 – DH
02-07-2019 – DH
04-06-2020 – DH
06-09-2021B – DH
03-20-2023 – RLS