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TO: UO Committee on Courses

FROM: 2007-8 College of Arts and Science Curriculum Committee

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SUBJECT: Proposal to changes in structure of Comparative Literature Major, submitted by Comparative Literature

The CAS Curriculum Committee has reviewed the Comparative Literature Program's proposal to change the structure of the Comparative Literature major.

The Committee unanimously approved this change. The changes are summarized well in the first 3 pages of the 12 page summary from COLT. To summarize their summary here, the new major includes a reduction by 2 in total number of courses required for the major, but an increase by 1 of the number of COLT courses required. The courses required within COLT form a more cohesive block for students, the foreign language requirement has been revised to reduce the bias against languages which are more difficult for English speakers to learn. Finally, the "major focus" requirement has been replaced by a choice between two different emphases.

We found the rationale behind these changes and the argument that they will lead to a better major convincing.

The CAS Dean's office has also reviewed the budgetary impact of the proposed changes and has determined that they will not require additional financial resources.

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