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To the Office of Academic Affairs:

The Comparative Literature Program would like to propose the addition of a minor in order to broaden the range of students involved in our program and in order to recognize those students who take a substantial number of courses in Comparative Literature but are not in a position to major in it. There are several students who are prepared to sign up for the minor as soon as it is available.

The Comparative Literature major attracts a diverse and academically strong group of students who are proficient in foreign languages. The major is interdisciplinary in nature, so that majors take not only Comparative Literature courses but also courses in foreign languages, literatures and cultures, and in other disciplines such as history, anthropology, political science, women’s studies, and others. We would like to make a Comparative Literature minor available so that students who are very interested in Comparative Literature and take many courses fulfilling the major, yet are for a number of reasons not able to major in Comparative Literature, nonetheless will be able to demonstrate their interest and expertise in the discipline by completing a Comparative Literature minor.

The minor would consist of seven courses (28 credits): Comparative Literature 301, a challenging, required course for all majors that introduces students to the history of Comparative Literature and to literary theory; four COLT-prefix courses, of which only two could be lower-division; and two upper-division literature or film courses in the same subject area, which could be taught in Comparative Literature or in other departments. These two courses would be eligible to be taken abroad or away from the University of Oregon.

The proposal and the synopsis of the proposal are attached as well; please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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