Proposal to Change a Major
Last revised: September 24, 2013

1. Date: 18 November 2013
2. Department or Program: Human Rights
3. Title of Major: HRTS
4. **Effective Date (semester, year):** fall 2014
   (Consult Registrar’s change catalog site to determine earliest possible effective date. If a later date is desired, indicate here.)
5. Nature of change: Reconcile the electives list of the major with the more inclusive electives list of the minor by adding two discrepant courses that seem to have a strong human rights content. Add POLS/HRTS 3256 to the electives list. Simplify the electives list by adding wording indicating the admissibility of any HRTS course numbered 2000 or above. Add five courses to the list of approved W courses.

**Existing Catalog Description of Major**

**Human Rights**
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To complete the Major in Human Rights, students are required to maintain and complete an additional major offered in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences or an additional degree program offered in another University School or College. For students completing a double major within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, a minimum of 48 credits without overlap is required to earn both majors and students will receive one degree appropriate to their primary major. For students completing a dual degree, at least 30 degree credits more than the
degree with the higher minimum-credit requirement must be completed (a minimum of 150 credits) and students will receive a Bachelor of Arts in Human Rights along with another degree appropriate to their second program.

Recommended: HRTS 1007

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A. Institutions, Laws, Movements
POLS/HRTS 3212; SOCI/HRTS 3831, 3835, 3837; HIST/HRTS 3202; POLS/HRTS 3428, 3430

B. History, Culture, Theory
HIST/HRTS 3201; POLS/HRTS 3042; HIST/HRTS 3207; HRTS 3149, DRAM/HRTS 3139; ENGL/HRTS 3631; PHIL/HRTS 2170W, 3219

Elective courses
ANTH/HRTS 3028; ANTH/HRTS 3153W; ANTH/WGSS 3350; ECON 2127W, 3473W; ENGL/HRTS 3619; ENGL 3629; HIST/AASI 3531; HIST/WGSS 3562; HIST/HRTS/AFAM 3563; HIST 3570; HRTS 3293, 3295, 3298, 3299, 3475; PHIL 3218, 3220; POLS 3418/W/HRTS 3418; POLS/HRTS 3807; LLAS/HRTS 3221/HIST 3575; SOCI/AASI 3221/HRTS 3571; SOCI/AASI 3222/HRTS 3573; SOCI 3421/W/HRTS 3421; SOCI 3429/W/HRTS 3429; SOCI 3503/W; SOCI/HRTS/AFAM 3505; SOCI 3801/W/HRTS 3801; SOCI/HRTS/AFAM 3825; WGSS/HRTS 2263

The following courses satisfy the Information Literacy Competency and Writing in the Major requirements: ANTH/HRTS 3153W; PHIL/HRTS 2170W; HRTS 4996W; POLS 3418W, SOCI 3421W, 3429W, and 3801W.

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Justification
1. Reasons for changing the major: Reconciliation of the electives lists for the major and minor was not done correctly when the major was created. Our intention had been to add POLS/HRTS 3256(W) to the list of electives and
approved W courses last year; the same goes for the other courses now being added to the W list. The wording which adds all 2000 and above HRTS courses to the list of electives will simplify the task of keeping the major up to date as new HRTS courses are added to the curriculum.

2. Effects on students: Reconciliation of the electives lists for the major and minor will facilitate the completion of the major requirements for those students who begin with a minor and later switch to a major. HRTS majors will benefit from a wider array and greater availability of human rights relevant W courses.

3. Effects on other departments: minimal or none – departments with HRTS x-listed W courses will be requested to save a small number of seats for HRTS majors but, because HRTS is a mandatory double-major, some HRTS majors will still be able to register for W courses in their second major even when departments judge that they cannot cede HRTS any seats.

4. Effects on regional campuses: none

5. Dates approved by
   Department Curriculum Committee: 18 November 2013
   Department Faculty: 18 November 2013

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**Plan of Study**

If the proposed change modifies the requirements of the major, then attach a revised "Major Plan of Study" form to your submission email. See attached file.