



Resolution 92-10

"Increasing the Value of the Liberal Arts Degree"

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Date Considered:	0000-00-00
Committee:	Academic Affairs
Action:	
Result:	
Remarks:	No further information is available about this resolution.
Whereas:	The UTA Undergraduate Catalog (VOL. LXXXIV No. 3 June 1991) states that the following Bachelor of Arts degrees require 4 semesters/14 hours of a foreign language: Art History, Classical studies, Communication, Criminology and criminal justice, English, EXSS, History, Interdisciplinary studies, Music, Philosophy and Humanities, Political Science, Sociology, Theater Arts, Math, Social Work, Chemistry, Geology, Psychology, and Physics; and
Whereas:	The first two semesters of a foreign language with a lab reach the basic skills most commonly used, with 4 semesters being cumbersome; and
Whereas:	Page 268 of the Undergraduate Catalog lists "Substitutions for foreign language" offered by the College of Science, enabling students to substitute 2 courses for 6 hours of a foreign language; and
Whereas:	This allows science majors to achieve a greater depth in their academic background; and
Whereas:	Many students are asked, "What are you going to do with a Liberal Arts degree?" and
Whereas:	Page 159 of the Undergraduate Catalog entitled "The College of Liberal Arts" states that "The pace of societal change demands that students be prepared to confront new problems, to evaluate new ideas and strategies consciously and conscientiously." Students desire to be as marketable as possible to prospective employers. It is crucial to make sound financial decisions, plan your investment future, and understand fluctuations in the economy.
Be It Therefore Resolved That:	Each Bachelor of Arts student be given an OPTION in their degree plan in which the last 2 semesters/6 hours of foreign language may be substituted with 6 hours from the College of Business in the following manner: Foreign Language 2313 is replaced with Personal Finance 2310; and
Be It Further Resolved That:	That the course substitution is an OPTION only and not a requirement for any student; and
Be It Further Resolved That:	These specific courses provide a practical application of business principles to the student; and
Be It Further Resolved That:	These course options be made available to students during the advisement and registration process beginning the Fall 1992 semester.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

STUDENT CONGRESS
RESOLUTION 92-10

SUBJECT: INCREASING THE VALUE OF THE LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE
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DATE CONSIDERED:

REFERRED TO:

RESULT:

REMARKS:

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Art History
Classical Studies
Communication (Broadcast Communication, Journalism, Advertising,
Public Relations, Speech)
Criminology and Criminal Justice
English
Exercise, Sport, and Health Studies
History
Interdisciplinary Studies
Music (Performance or Theory/Composition)
Philosophy and Humanities
Political Science
Sociology and Anthropology
Theatre Arts
Mathematics
Social Work Degree
*Chemistry
*Geology
*Psychology
*Physics

WHEREAS: The first 2 semesters of a foreign language with lab teach the basic skills most commonly used; with 4 semesters being cumbersome;

WHEREAS: Page 268 of the Undergraduate Catalog lists "Substitutions for foreign language" offered by the College of Science, enabling students to substitute two courses for six hours of a foreign language (*denotes these degree plans);

WHEREAS: This allows Science Majors to achieve a greater depth in their academic background;

WHEREAS: Many students are asked, "What are you gonna do with a Liberal Arts Degree?"

WHEREAS: Page 159 of the Undergraduate Catalog entitled "The College of Liberal Arts" states that "The pace of societal change demands that students be prepared to confront new problems, to evaluate new ideas and strategies consciously and conscientiously."

WHEREAS: Students desire to be as marketable as possible to prospective employers;

WHEREAS: It is crucial to make sound financial decisions, plan your investment future, and understand fluctuations in the economy;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT: Each Bachelor of Arts student be given an OPTION in their degree plan in which the last 2 semesters/6 hours of foreign language may be substituted with 6 hours from the College of Business in the following manner:

Foreign Language 2313 is replaced with Personal Finance 2310
Foreign Language 2314 is replaced with Economics 2305;

FURTHER: That the course substitution is an OPTION only and not a requirement for any student;

FURTHER: These specific courses provide a practical application of business principles to the student;

FURTHER: These course options be made available to students during the advisement and registration process beginning the Fall 1992 semester.