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The College of Science and Mathematics requires an additional 6 credits for the BS degree and 12 credits for the BA degree in Humanities, Social Sciences and Fine Arts. The original purpose of this requirement was to provide breadth in a student's education and pre-dated the implementation of general education credits. This has caused problems with students and advisors interpreting the requirements and results in many waiver and substitution requests. Kim Miller, Registration and Records Associate, suggested simplifying the existing requirement and, at the College faculty meeting on February 10, 2004, the faculty entertained the following motion by the Curriculum Committee:

The College of Science and Mathematic's requirement for an extra six credits in Humanities, Social Sciences, & Fine Arts for the BS degree (twelve for the BA degree) may be fulfilled by ANY course from the following departments that house mainly Humanities, Social Science and Fine Arts courses: ART, ENGL, CLAS, FREN, GERM, HIST, MUSC, PHIL, RELS, SPAN, THEA, ANTH, COMM, ECON, GEOG, POLS, PSYC, SOC, or any course from the approved list of general education courses in Humanities and Social Science. These credits must come from outside the department of the student's major (e.g., GEOG and PSYC).

After discussion, the faculty approved this motion by a vote of 33 in favor and 7 opposed.

Because there were some minor corrections (i.e. there is not a Department of French or Geography), Kim Miller provided the following revised version of the new requirement.

The College of Science and Mathematics requires an additional six credits in Humanities and/or Social Sciences for the Bachelor of Science degree and an additional twelve credits for the Bachelor of Arts degree. This requirement may be fulfilled by any course having the following prefix: ADFH, ANTH, ARCH, ART, CDFS, CJ, CLAS, COMM, ECON, ENGL, FREN, GEOG, GERM, HIST, HUM, LA, LANG, MUSC, PHIL, POLS, PSYC, RELS, SOC, SPAN, THEA, WS, or any course from the approved list of general education courses in Humanities and Social Sciences (general education categories 4 and 5). These credits must come from outside the department of the student's major. An advisor should be consulted for specific courses. Students are also encouraged to follow their own interests in choosing electives that go beyond the minimum requirements.

This policy change goes into effect immediately.