

**UNIVERSITY SENATE  
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STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

Introduced by: Undergraduate Academic Council

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**REVISIONS TO THE HONORS PROGRAM IN FRENCH STUDIES**

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

That the following revisions to the Honors Program in French Studies be approved by the University Senate.

Students must complete a minimum of 40 credits, including a 4 credit Honors Thesis (A FRE 497) as well as the 36 credits normally required for the major. Of these 36 credits, 9 must be electives at the 400 level.

**Proposal:**

Revisions to the Honors Program in French Studies were submitted in tandem with a proposal for FRE 497—Honors Thesis—and FRE 399—Special Topics. These revisions made their way into the 09–10 undergraduate bulletin; however these revisions were not approved by the appropriate governing bodies. LLC is now seeking approval for these revisions from the Undergraduate Academic Council and the University Senate.

The current French Honors Program requires students to complete three credits of independent study, followed by a six-credit independent study project.

The proposed revisions require students in the French Honors Program to complete 40 credits of coursework; these revisions replace the nine credits of independent study (the independent study and the independent study project) with a four-credit honors thesis (AFRE 497), and the revisions require students to complete nine of the remaining 36 credits with electives at the 400 level.

The course description for the honors thesis (AFRE 497) reads: “An independent honors thesis written under the supervision of an appropriate faculty member. Normally taken during final semester of senior year. Prerequisite(s): all other requirements for the Honors Program must be completed or in the course of completion during the semester the thesis is written.”

These revisions bring the French Honors Program in alignment with the Spanish Honors Program in that they require students to complete a four-credit thesis (ASPN 499 is the Spanish honors thesis), as well as elective courses at the 400 level (the French Honors Program requires nine credits of electives at the 400 level; the Spanish Honors Program requires three credits of electives at the 400 level).