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History Major Revision

TO: PRESIDENT ALBERT W. BROWN

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FROM: THE FACULTY SENATE

Meeting on May 15, 1978  
(Date)

RE: XX I. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)  
II. Recommendation (Urging the fitness of)  
III. Other (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)

SUBJECT: History Major Revision

(See attached)

Signed: [Signature] Date Sent 5/23/78  
(For the Senate)

Harold Greenstein, President, Faculty Senate

TO: THE FACULTY SENATE

FROM: PRESIDENT ALBERT W. BROWN

RE: I. DECISION AND ACTION TAKEN ON FORMAL RESOLUTION

(a. Accepted. Effective Date 9/78

b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on \_\_\_\_\_

c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

II.. III. a. Received and acknowledged

b. Comment:

DISTRIBUTION: Vice Presidents: Lewis, Burke

(yc) Others as identified: Jaffer, Lee, Son. With, Admission

Distribution Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: [Signature]  
(President of the College)

Date Received by the Senate: JUN 9 78

6/8/78

## History Major

Block I: The following requirements shall apply to all students entering Brockport as Freshmen:

- 1) The History major shall consist of 36 credit hours, with at least 18 at the upper division level.

Rationale: This will ensure a block of courses sufficient to provide both flexibility and coherence to the History major.

- 2) All History majors will take 2 semesters of World History (HST. 101-102).

Rationale: This will ensure a measure of breadth in student programs and a global view of human history appropriate to the late 20th century.

- 3) All History majors must meet the following distribution requirements in the three areas presented in the department.

- a) American History - 6 credit hours consisting of HST. 211 and 212
- b) European History - 3 credit hours to be selected from among a list of approved courses
- c) Third World History - 3 credit hours to be selected from among a list of approved courses

Rationale: These courses will enhance the breadth element of the history major and will provide with a wholistic or integrated view of several cultures over a considerable sweep of time. Faculty members teaching in the European and Third World area will be asked to designate courses that are introductory, that attempt to relate the several dimensions of human experience, and that address the question of change over a considerable period of time.

- 4) All History majors must negotiate with their advisors a contract consisting of 9-15 credit hours. A copy of the contract will be filed in the History Office.

Rationale: This element of the program is designed to ensure a measure of coherence and/or depth in the major and yet to retain the flexibility necessary to meet the individual needs. The contract may focus around a common culture area, theme, time period, or historical genre.

- 5) All History majors will take at least one upper level seminar of 3 credits.

Rationale: A seminar experience with its requirements for the presentation and discussion of ideas is an experience all History majors should have. It may further serve to integrate the work which students have taken in their previous years at Brockport. To ensure a measure of choice, 3 to 4 seminars will be available each year. Seminar topics should be significant, broad and where possible comparative.

### Summary of Requirements

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| 1) World History - 6                                                   | 3) Contract - 9-15                   |
| 2) Breadth:<br>U.S. (211 and 212) - 6<br>Europe - 3<br>Third World - 3 | 4) Seminar - 3<br>5) Electives - 0-6 |

1: The following requirements shall apply to History majors who enter Brockport as transfers unless the student elects Track I requirements. Transfer credit may be applied to any appropriate requirement.

- 1) Same as "entering Freshmen": 36 credit hours, with at least 18 at the upper division level.
- 2) World History will not be required for transfers.

Rationale: Virtually no community college, from which most of our transfer majors come, offer world history courses. To require Juniors and Seniors who have taken other courses in good faith to re-take Freshmen survey courses would be both unjust and counterproductive.

- 3) All transfer majors under Track II shall meet the following distribution requirements in the three areas represented in the department, as follows:
  - a) American History - 6 credit hours
  - b) European History - 6 credit hours
  - c) Third World History - 6 credit hours in any one of the following areas:  
African/Middle East, Asia or other regional studies

Rationale: The six additional hours in the distribution area will compensate in breadth for the comprehension not acquired by taking HST. 101 and 102

- 4) Same as "entering Freshmen" requirements.
- 5) Same as "entering Freshmen" requirements.

#### A Note on Second Majors and Majors Seeking Certification

While all majors are required to negotiate a contract of 9-15 credit hours, the contract for students in these categories shall pay special attention to its relationship to the first major or certification.

Rationale: Second majors and certifying majors are both under academic and professional constraints which may be incompatible with the usual pattern of coherence and depth considerations as they are construed by professional historians.