Section A1: Special Actions

A1: 10.1 Approval of a Dual Degree Program [BA/MA in History]

RESOLVED, that in addition to the College’s existing History B.A. and History M.A. programs (codes 02679 and 02678, respectively), a combined, accelerated program be established leading to a BA/MA degree, effective January 1, 2012, subject to financial ability.

Program Description:
The Five-Year Dual-Degree Program in History BA/MA offers qualified high-performing students the opportunity to earn both a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Arts degree, and to complete this dual degree in as few as five years total.

The dual-degree History curriculum is composed of 36 credits of 300-level History courses (with the same requirements as in the existing 36-credit History BA) and 36 credits of 700-level History courses (with the same requirements as in the existing History MA).

The accelerated pace is made possible by offering admitted students the opportunity to take four graduate courses (12 credits) during their final year of undergraduate work. The 12 graduate credits taken during senior year do not form part of the undergraduate major, but rather count toward the MA degree. In their fifth year, after having completed their BA requirements, students take eight more graduate courses (24 credits), thereby completing their MA requirements as well.

Candidates must apply to the program during their junior year, after completing 60 College credits. Applicants and admitted students must have and maintain a History GPA of 3.5 (in at least two 300-level History courses) as well as an overall College GPA of 3.3. Applicants must also submit a one- to two-page essay, consisting of responses to application questions, as well as a sample of college-level writing, ideally from a course taken in the History Department.