2020-2021
Major – Minor Adjustments in Response to CEP Guidance

Art History
The Art History division will allow students to count one taken CR/D/F in 2020-21 to count towards the major/minor. This permission is for any 1000-level course or elective 2000-level course. It does not apply to 3000-level courses or the distribution requirements.

Asian Studies
The Asian Studies Program will allow all courses taken Credit/D/Fail during remote teaching throughout the 2020-21 academic year to count towards the major with the exceptions of:

All Chinese and Japanese language classes
All 3000-level courses

Biochemistry
Due to the extraordinary circumstances we are currently navigating, the biochemistry program will allow temporary exceptional credit/D/fail courses to count for any of our major courses during this academic year, with no cap on the number of such allowances. Students who are considering taking credit/D/fail courses that count toward the biochemistry major are encouraged to discuss the grading mode with their advisor, professor and/or dean.

Biology
In recognition of the many and varied challenges presented by on-line learning, courses taken Cr/D/F through on-line learning during academic year 2020-2021 may be counted toward the Biology major or minor. Students who are considering taking courses that may count toward a major or minor Cr/D/F are encouraged to discuss the grading mode with their advisor, professor and/or dean. Students considering or pursuing Biology coordinate majors should also consult the Cr/D/F policy of the coordinate major (Digital and Computational Studies, Education or Environmental Studies).

Chemistry
Chemistry will accept one course taken CR/D/F to be counted towards the major. This includes requirements for courses in Physics and Math. Chemistry will NOT accept CR/D/F for any courses counted toward the minor.

Cinema Studies
No change in policy.

Digital and Computational Studies
Digital & Computational Studies has adopted the following grading policy for the 2020-2021 Academic Year: DCS 1100, DCS 1200, and the capstone sequence of courses cannot count toward the coordinate major or minor if taken Credit/D/F. We have built significant flexibility into these courses to account for the unusual circumstances for teaching and learning this year. 2000-level courses are offered Credit/D/F at the discretion of the instructors. Up to 2 courses can be taken for
Credit/D/F and count toward the coordinate major or minor. Students who find themselves in unexpectedly challenging situations are invited to contact the department to discuss particular cases.

**Earth & Oceanographic Science**
The EOS department will allow one course taken CR/D/F this academic year (2020-2021) to count towards the EOS major or minor. Requests for additional courses taken CR/D/F to count towards the major or minor will be reviewed by the department. The EOS department encourages students to consult with their academic advisors regarding their decision.

**Education**
The Education Department would like to implement the following for the 2020-21 academic year:

Students may apply two courses taken Credit/D/F towards the Coordinate Major or the Minor in Education with the exception of:

- Education 1101: Contemporary American Education
- Education 2203: Educating All Students
- Education 3301: Teaching and Learning
- Education 3302: Curriculum Development

**Environmental Studies**
Majors may take one concentration course or their introductory science course requirement CR/D/F during the 2020-2021 academic year only. In extenuating circumstances, they can petition the Recording Committee for exceptions to this policy. This policy does not apply to Environmental Studies minors.

**German**
For both majors and minors, the German department will consider up to one (1) additional course taken C/D/F during 2020-21. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the full timeline/flexibility before finalizing this decision and must consult with their departmental advisor to understand fully the implications of C/D/F versus graded for their overall academic trajectory in German and beyond.

**Government and Legal Studies**
No changes to the requirements.

**Mathematics**
Students may complete one course from the following list CR/D/F which will count towards a major or minor in mathematics:
Math 1800, 1808 and any course numbered between 2100 and 2800

With the approval of the mathematics department, students may count a second CR/D/F course in this range towards the major or minor, or count a course outside this range towards the major or minor. Students should contact their mathematics advisor, the chair of the department or their dean to discuss how to petition for such approval.
Students pursuing the Mathematics and Education major may complete one mathematics course from the required list CR/D/F that will count towards the interdisciplinary major. The exceptions are Math 2000 and Math 2020, which must be taken for a letter grade to count for major credit. All education classes must be taken for a letter grade.

**Math/CS major:**
The Course Catalogue states that no course taken to satisfy the requirements of the interdisciplinary Computer Science and Mathematics Major can be taken Credit/D/F. However, as a waiver to that policy, one course taken Credit/D/F during the 2020-2021 academic year will be eligible for major credit with permission of instructor. There are two exceptions: Math 2000 and Math 2020 must be taken for a letter grade to count for the major. A student considering the Credit/D/F option must first consult with the course instructor before the College deadline of Tuesday, November 24 to determine eligibility. In situations involving extreme circumstances, a student can petition both departments for this waiver to apply to two courses.

**Math/Econ major:**
Students may complete one course from the required list CR/D/F that will count towards the interdisciplinary major. With the approval of both departments, students may also count a second course CR/D/F. Affected students should contact their academic advisor, the chair of either department, or their dean to discuss such approvals.

**Math/Education major:**
Students pursuing the Mathematics and Education major may complete one mathematics course from the required list CR/D/F that will count towards the interdisciplinary major. The exceptions are Math 2000 and Math 2020, which must be taken for a letter grade to count for major credit. All education classes must be taken for a letter grade.

**Neuroscience**
Neuroscience has decided, in light of the particular circumstances this year, to allow courses that are taken Cr/D/F and in which the student earns a grade of Cr to count towards the major.

**Physics**
The physics department will allow all courses taken Cr/D/F during remote teaching to count towards the major. We understand that this is an exceptional policy for the 20-21 academic year and that we will need to submit exception forms to the registrar’s office for qualifying cases.

**Psychology**
The Psychology Department has discussed this issue and do not wish for any of our major/minor requirements to be taken C/D/F.

**Sociology**
In extenuating circumstances, students may petition the Chair to count up to 2 courses taken Cr/D/Fail during the 2020-21 academic year toward the major, with the exception of SOC 2010, 2030, and 3010. Students may petition the Chair to count up to 1 course taken Cr/D/Fail during the
2020-21 academic year toward the minor. If you are experiencing extenuating circumstances, please consult with your professor to discuss this and other options.

**Visual Arts:**
Regarding the request for information about a temporary and exceptional Credit/D/Fail allowance for any of Visual Art's major/minor required courses for Fall 2020, Visual Arts would like to allow Credit/D/Fail to be used for any 1000 or 2000 level course. 3000 level courses would still be subject to the regular Bowdoin letter grade system. There is no limit to how many courses a student in the minor or major may take as Credit/D/Fail.