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Major – Minor Adjustments in Response to CEP Guidance, Credit/D/Fail

Anthropology

- Majors in Anthropology may count one course taken Credit/D/Fail toward the major. This temporary exception includes introductory (1000-level) core and elective courses and intermediate (2000-level) elective courses taken in the 2020-2021 academic year.
 - This exception excludes 2000-level core courses and 3000-level electives. (In other words, ANTH 2010, ANTH 2030, and one 3000-level advanced elective must be taken for a letter-grade in order to count toward the major requirements in Anthropology.)
 - If a student decides to take a 3000-level elective Credit/D/Fail that course will still count toward the major (as if it were a 2000-level elective), but the student will need to take a second 3000-level course for a grade.
- We recognize the unusually difficult circumstances for students this year and will continue to update and review this policy. No petition is necessary for this exception, but we do encourage students to talk with their advisors about this and other concerns. Should a student need an exception beyond this, please contact the Department Chair.

Art History

- The Art History division will allow students to count one taken Credit/D/Fail 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.

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- 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 Credit/D/Fail 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 Credit/D/Fail 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 Credit/D/Fail policy of the coordinate major (Digital and Computational Studies, Education or Environmental Studies).

Chemistry

- Chemistry will accept one course taken Credit/D/Fail to be counted towards the major. This includes requirements for courses in Physics and Mathematics.
- Chemistry will NOT accept Credit/D/Fail for any courses counted toward the minor.

Cinema Studies

- No change in Credit/D/Fail policy.

Digital and Computational Studies

- 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.
- 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.

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Earth & Oceanographic Science

- The EOS department will allow one course taken Credit/D/Fail this academic year (2020-2021) to count towards the EOS major or minor.
- Requests for additional courses taken Credit/D/Fail 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

- Students may apply two courses taken Credit/D/F towards the Coordinate Major or the Minor in Education with the exception of:
 - EDUC 1101: *Contemporary American Education*
 - EDUC 2203: *Educating All Students*
 - EDUC 3301: *Teaching and Learning*
 - EDUC 3302: *Curriculum Development*

Environmental Studies

- Majors may take one concentration course or their introductory science course requirement Credit/D/Fail 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 Credit/D/Fail 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 Credit/D/Fail versus graded for their overall academic trajectory in German and beyond.

Government and Legal Studies

- No changes to the requirements.

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History

- Students may count one course taken Credit/D/Fail in 2020-2021 towards the major or the minor with the exception of senior seminars which must be taken for a grade.

Mathematics

- Students may complete one course from the following list Credit/D/Fail which will count towards a major or minor in mathematics:
 - MATH 1800, MATH 1808 and any course numbered between MATH 2100 and 2800
- With the approval of the mathematics department, students may count a second Credit/D/Fail 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.

Mathematics and Computer Science interdisciplinary major:

- One mathematics course taken Credit/D/F during the 2020-2021 academic year will be eligible for major credit with permission of the 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.

Mathematics and Economics interdisciplinary major:

- Students may complete one mathematics course from the required list Credit/D/Fail that will count towards the interdisciplinary major.
- With the approval of both departments, students may also count a second course Credit/D/Fail. Students should contact their academic advisor, the chair of either department, or their dean to discuss such approvals.

Mathematics and Education interdisciplinary major:

- Students may complete one mathematics course from the required list Credit/D/Fail that will count towards the interdisciplinary major.

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- 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 Credit/D/Fail and in which the student earns a grade of CR to count towards the major.

Physics

- The physics department will allow all courses taken Credit/D/Fail 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 Credit/D/Fail.

Sociology

- In extenuating circumstances, students may petition the Department Chair to count up to 2 courses taken Credit/D/Fail during the 2020-21 academic year toward the major, with the exception of SOC 2010, 2030, and 3010.
- Students may petition the Department Chair to count up to 1 course taken Credit/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:

- Visual Arts would like to allow Credit/D/Fail to be used for any 1000 or 2000 level course. There is no limit to how many courses a student in the minor or major may take as Credit/D/Fail.
- 3000 level courses would still be subject to the regular Bowdoin letter grade system.

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