

The Undergraduate Curriculum and Standards Committee for the School of Liberal Arts moves that the School of Liberal Arts Faculty Assembly modify the Baccalaureate Competencies so as to omit the requirement for Logic. The current Competencies chart reads:

Computer Proficiency/Logic, 3 credits minimum: _____

Computer proficiency is required, but may be part of the student's coursework in the General Education Core. If that is the case, then a Logic course is required.

If computer proficiency is needed, choose one option from the following:

BUS-K 201 Computers in Business

CSCI-N 201 Programming Concepts

CSCI-N 207 Data Analysis Using Spreadsheets

CSCI-N 211 Introduction to Databases

SPEA-V 261 Computers in Public Affairs

Test out/ waiver of BUS-K 201, arranged through the IUPUI Testing Center,
<http://www.assessment.iupui.edu/testing/tests/> , (no credit given)

If computer proficiency is already proven/ waived, choose one of the following:

PHIL-P 162 Logic

PHIL-P 265 Introduction to Symbolic Logic

The revised requirement would be:

Computer Proficiency

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Rationale:

Although the desire for students to have logic (as well as computer proficiency) is appealing, in practice the current SLA baccalaureate competencies impose a requirement for logic on some students but not others. Indeed, in certain cases, the current requirement creates, what we believe is, the unintended effect of obliging some students to take not just one but sometimes two *additional* courses that are analytic in content (the general education core requires two).

Please see attached letter of support from the chair of Philosophy.

From: Lyons, Timothy D.

To: Davis, Thomas J.

Subject: On Dropping the Logic Requirement

Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 6:23:30 PM

Dear Tom,

Please accept this note as confirmation that both John Tilley (the former chair) and I are okay with, and understand the reasons for, dropping the logic requirement from the baccalaureate competency.

With thanks and best wishes,

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