LSU FACULTY SENATE
Admissions, Standards and Honors Committee
Proposal Routing Form

Department/College/Division: College of Humanities & Social Sciences 8/25/2015
(Date)

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The Admissions, Standards and Honors Committee is charged with the following responsibilities: 1. To formulate, recommend to the Senate, and monitor policies and standards concerning admission requirements of LSU; 2. To conduct continuous studies and to make recommendations designed to maintain and improve the standards of scholarship among students; and 3. To study and develop more effective means of recognizing student achievement in scholarship and leadership.

PROPOSAL SUMMARY: In the box below, brief explain the proposal. Limit to approximately 50 words. Please attach the full proposal with justification.

We would like to alter the admission requirements for the College of Humanities & Social Sciences. We anticipate that these changes will allow for more effective advising and increased retention and graduation rates.

This proposal has been approved by the Humanities & Social Sciences Faculty Senate and by the College’s faculty as a whole at their Spring 2015 meeting.

ANTICIPATED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Immediate implementation; publication in the 2016-2017 LSU General Catalog

APPROVALS:

Department Chair’s/Unit Head’s Signature (if appropriate) (Date)

College Dean’s/Division Administrator’s Signature (Date)

ASH Committee Chair’s Signature (Date)

Faculty Senate President’s Signature (Date)

Academic Affairs Approval (Date)

January 2012
Current Admission Requirements:

Students will be admissible to the College of Humanities & Social Sciences if they have earned at least 24 semester hours; have a grade point average of at least 2.00 (“A” = 4) in all work taken within the LSU System and in all work taken overall; completed ENGL 1001 with a “C” or better; and completed three hours of the general education analytical reasoning requirement. Students majoring in psychology, communication disorders, or any of the secondary education areas of concentration must have a GPA of at least 2.50 in all work taken within the LSU System and in all work taken overall. Students majoring in any of the secondary education areas of concentration must have a passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (PRAXIS CORE) or minimum ACT composite of 22 or minimum SAT composite of 1030 to declare their respective concentration.

Transfer students from other divisions of the university and other accredited colleges and universities must meet the eligibility requirements stated above. Students transferring from another institution must also meet university transfer admission requirements. Transfer credits acceptable for admission shall be valid for degree credit in the college only to the extent to which they represent courses acceptable in the curricula of the college.

Proposed Admission Requirements

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Transfer students from other divisions of the university and other accredited colleges and universities must meet the eligibility requirements stated above. Students transferring from another institution must also meet university transfer admission requirements. Transfer credits acceptable for admission shall be valid for degree credit in the college only to the extent to which they represent courses acceptable in the curricula of the college.
Rationale

Presently, students who do not meet the grade point average requirement for the College of Humanities & Social Sciences are members of the University Center for Advising and Counseling. However, these students continue to take classes in HSS. In essence, they are already our students. The proposed amendment DOES NOT intend to lower the college's admittance requirements. It simply will enable the HSS advising staff to communicate, counsel, and provide support for these students, which is not permitted under the current administrative process. The Dean of HSS, in agreement with the counseling staff of the college, has recommended this change as a strategy to ensure that students have sufficient HSS support in seeking admittance to the college.