

MEMORANDUM

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To: Dr. Beth Gill, Chair, Council on Graduate Studies

Re: Request for Executive Action from the Department of History

Action Requested:

Change the requirements for admission to the Accelerated MA Program in History from 3.5 major GPA to 3.25 major GPA.

Rationale:

There are two reasons for this change:

- The Department has had to turn away students they thought might otherwise be successful in the program because of this requirement;
- Especially given the effects of the recent pandemic on student performance, 3.25 seems to be a more realistic benchmark for student performance in their graduate program.

Catalog Language Change:

Accelerated Graduate Program

Admission to the accelerated MA in History requires that a student have completed a minimum of 60 hours of undergraduate course credit and have a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.25 including 15 credit hours of History, 12 of which must be History credits completed at Eastern Illinois University with a ~~3.5~~ 3.25 History GPA. In addition, applicants must have completed a HIS 1101 or SOS 2400 and HIS 2500 and two of the following courses required for the major: HIS 2010 or 2020, HIS 2560, HIS 3555, HIS 3600. Students must maintain a 3.25 cumulative and ~~3.5~~ 3.25 History GPA in order to remain in the program while taking shared credit courses.

Effective Year/Term:

Fall 2023