

Proposed Revisions to the *Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Manual*  
 Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate  
 University of South Carolina

Brief Title of Proposed Change	<b>Modifying BLS curriculum “tracks”</b>
Committee Proposing Revision	System Affairs
Date of Presentation to Senate	September 23, 2016
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**Rationale for Proposed Revisions**

The current program for Liberal Studies requires students pair two disciplines from a select group:

**MAJOR AREA (27 hours) Students select ONE of the following THREE options:**

**Social/Behavioral Sciences** (Courses chosen from TWO disciplines: ANTH, CRJU, ECON, GEOG, POLI, PSYC, SOCY)

**Arts/Humanities** (Courses chosen from TWO disciplines: ART, ENGL, HIST, PHIL, RELG, THEA, or languages)

**Science/Mathematics** (Courses chosen from TWO disciplines: ASTR, BIOL, CHEM, ENVR, GEOL, MSCI, MATH, PHYS, STAT)

Given the interdisciplinary nature of the degree program, and the flexibility for students we want to encourage, we feel pairing any two majors from the above list would provide an opportunity for a well-rounded educational experience. Advisors will still play an important role in guiding and helping students with their decision. We feel this may also encourage more students to choose a discipline from the science/math area, whereas currently they may feel intimidated in choosing two. It is worthwhile to note also that student will continue of course to choose a 12-hour Cognate in addition to the two major areas as well.

**Summary of Proposed Revisions**

**Change the verbiage to:**

**“MAJOR AREA (27 hours): Students select courses chosen from TWO Arts and Sciences disciplines: (e.g., ANTH, CRJU, ECON, GEOG, POLI, PSYC, SOCY, ART, ENGL, HIST, PHIL, RELG, THEA, foreign languages, ASTR, BIOL, CHEM, ENVR, GEOL, MSCI, MATH, PHYS, STAT, and WGST)”.**

**Section and page numbers of the current *Manual* for proposed revisions:**

Current	Proposed

