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1. Purpose. To insure breadth in the education of all midshipmen, two humanities-social science courses outside a midshipman's major are required for graduation. These two humanities-social science courses, required for graduation, may be elected from a wide collection of offerings of the Economics, English, History, Political Science, Languages and Cultures, and Leadership, Ethics and Law Departments according to the following:

a. Each of the courses must be at least three-credit hours. Courses of fewer credits cannot be "added" together to achieve the three credits.

b. At least one of the courses must be at the 300-level or higher and the other at the 200-level or higher, but there are exceptions.

(1) If a midshipman is placed into HE101 as a plebe, this course may count for the lower level humanities-social science requirement if HE111 and HE112 are also taken.

(2) FE220 (Accounting) may not count for either humanities-social science requirement.

(3) Courses offered by the Leadership, Ethics, and Law Department must be explicitly designated as acceptable for humanities-social science credit.

(4) Humanities-social science courses may not be prescribed by a midshipman's major nor chosen from courses within the major.

2. Promotion of Proficiency in Foreign Languages. In order to encourage as many graduates of the Naval Academy to acquire proficiency in foreign languages and in view of the fact that midshipmen in Division I and II majors have no foreign language graduation requirements, the following two policies apply. The first offers an exception to the rule above concerning the level of a critical language course that may count for humanities-social science credit and the second permits the waiver of a required humanities-social science course under special circumstances for midshipmen seeking to minor in a foreign language.

a. Humanities-Social Science Credit for Division I and II Majors in Critical Languages.

The following applies to Division I and Division II majors and is effective with the Class of 2013. In the following, L designates exactly one of the critical languages—either A (Arabic), C (Chinese), J (Japanese), or R (Russian). HmSS1 designates the lower level and HumSS2 designates the upper level humanities-social science requirement. FLxyzV indicates the course FLxyz was validated and FLxyz@USNA indicates that FLxyz was taken at USNA.

(1) No humanities-social science credit is awarded for validated FL101 or validated FL102.

(2) If FL101 is taken—not validated—at USNA, it may count for the lower level humanities-social science requirement.

(3) If FL102 is taken—not validated—at USNA, it may count for the upper level humanities-social science requirement.

(4) If either FL201 or FL202 is validated, it may count for the lower level humanities-social science requirement.

(5) If either FL201 or FL202 is taken—not validated—at USNA, it may count for the upper-level humanities-social science requirement.

<b>Courses completed</b>	<b>HmSS credit</b>
FL101V, FL102V	None
FL101@USNA	HmSS1
FL101@USNA, FL102@USNA	HmSS1, HmSS2
FL101V, FL102V, FL201V, FL202V	HmSS1
FL101V, FL102V, FL201@USNA	HmSS2
FL101V, FL102V, FL201V, FL202@USNA	HmSS1, HmSS2

b. HH216 Waiver for Division I and II Majors to Complete a Foreign Language Minor. The requirements to earn a minor in French, German, or Spanish are these: a midshipman must complete or validate twelve credits at the 300/400 level. The requirements to earn a minor in Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, or Russian are these: a midshipman must complete or validate twelve credits at the 200 level or above. In addition, to earn a minor in any language, a midshipman must have a CQPR of at least 3.0 in courses taken to complete the minor. To facilitate the acquisition of a language minor, the normal graduation requirement to complete HH216, *The West in the Modern World*, may be waived to accommodate midshipmen desiring to achieve a language minor. This waiver must be requested by a midshipman prior to the second semester of second class year through a special application form obtained from the Languages and Cultures Department. The waiver request is reviewed by the chairs of the Languages and Cultures and the History Departments, the Director of the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. To qualify, a midshipman must have an average grade of at least a 3.00 in four courses HE111, HE112, FP130 and one of HH215, NE203 or *American Naval History* and the midshipman must have validated just enough courses in the language, but not more, so that the waiver will permit achieving the minor without an overload or summer school. The waiver will not be granted with the expectation that the midshipman will have to overload or attend summer school to achieve the minor. The waiver is voided if the minor cannot be achieved or the midshipman changes his or her major to one in Division III. The waiver is granted for the specific purpose of facilitating a language minor and not to achieve other laudable objectives such as a double major, entry into VGEP, or a Trident Scholar. If a midshipman can achieve a language minor as a result of sufficient course validations and without overloading, the waiver will not be granted.



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