

**August 2020**

**To: First Term Seniors**  
**From: Anya Bassett**  
**Re: Senior Meeting, Requirements, and Petitions**

**Nicole and I will be holding a Zoom Meeting for First Semester Seniors on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 p.m. EDT. We will be reviewing the thesis calendar and talking more about thesis writer's seminars, library resources, and other resources for the year. Followed by our first Virtual Reception!**

In the meantime, please make note of the following information:

### **Completing Social Studies Requirements**

In preparing your program of study for this year, you need to make sure that you will be able to complete all Social Studies and College requirements for graduation. If you have any outstanding requirements in Social Studies (in addition to Social Studies 99), you and your academic advisor should receive an email from Kate Anable by Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> listing any Social Studies requirements that remain. Please review this email carefully and discuss it with your academic advisor, who will not release your study card until they are confident that you will be able to complete your program this year.

### **Petitioning to “Unconc” Courses for a Secondary Field**

Social Studies seniors can petition the Social Studies Board of Instruction to “unconc” a course or courses in a social science or history department for use in a secondary field. Please note that you can only “unconc” courses for this purpose. To petition, submit an “unconc” form by Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Instruction will review your form and let you know if your petition can be approved during the month of October.

### **Urgent Petitions for Approved Focus Fields**

Some seniors find a fall course that they want to substitute for a previously approved focus field course. If you are in this situation, and you wouldn't take this course unless you are sure that it can be part of your focus field, you can submit an “urgent petition” to the Social Studies Board of Instruction by Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. We will review petitions within two days. Please note that due to the quick turnaround, we can't review entirely new focus fields. In addition, if you would take the course whether or not it is approved as part of your final focus field, please don't submit an urgent petition.