Requested Change
In an effort to help COAS students receive a broader-based liberal arts education, the college recently restructured all degrees to allow students to take an optional minor or an equivalent number of SCH in electives. Such electives, as well as others within any given degree plan, are currently to be chosen from COAS or ARSSB courses. We request that the definition of eligible electives within all COAS degrees be expanded to include courses (upper-level or otherwise, as designated) from the College of Education as well.

Justification
Currently, a number of COED degree programs require a student to major in a discipline typically found in COAS, and to compete for teaching certification. Occasionally, a student manages to satisfy the requirements of the COAS major but not those of certification. The requested change would allow a student in such a predicament to withdraw from certification and compete for the COAS discipline degree by applying previously earned COED SCH credit toward elective requirements. As minors are now optional, such credit could be quite effective in the student’s progress toward a COAS degree.