October 20, 2009

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Dear Randy:

The Arts and Sciences Committee on Curriculum and Instruction (CCI) unanimously approved a revision to the Asian American Studies Minor on October 2, 2009. The main contacts for this proposal are Martin Joseph Ponce (ponce.8@osu.edu) and Jessica Mercerhill (mercerhill.1@osu.edu). Prior to CCI this proposal was approved (after significant revision) by the CCI Interdisciplinary Initiatives Subcommittee on June 10, 2009. Please see transmittal history minutes at end of this proposal for details.

As before, the Asian American Studies Minor requires 25 credit hours. The proposed revision requires that 20 credit hours be taken from a list of 21 courses that emphasize Asian American Studies, and 5 credit hours will be taken from a list of electives (66 courses with an emphasis in Asian Studies, and 84 courses with an emphasis in U.S. race/ethnicity studies.) In addition, 5 courses were removed from the present list of electives, primarily because a course has not been taught recently and/or because a course has evolved and no longer focuses on Asian American topics.

The minor is designed to allow students more flexibility in course choice by eliminating the former core of two courses, of which one was required. Due to problems offering these core courses on a regular basis, the program developed a list of 21 courses from which students could choose any four. The program advisory committee hopes this restructuring will further increase students’ ability to complete the minor while maintaining meaningful disciplinary exposure in this area for students.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance as CAA considers this proposal.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Hallihan
Director, Curriculum and Assessment

c: Randy Smith
   Melissa Soave
   Terry Gustafson
Date: 24 September 2009
Subject: Proposed Revisions to the Asian American Studies Minor
From: Larry Krisske, Chair, Interdisciplinary Initiatives Subcommittee

The Interdisciplinary Initiatives Subcommittee considered the initial proposal for revisions to the Asian American Studies Minor at its meeting of 8 April 2009. The Subcommittee raised significant questions about two aspects of that initial proposal: 1) the proposed reduction from 25 to 20 hours for the minor; and 2) the justification for a significant broadening in the courses that could be used as electives within the minor. As a result of these questions, the proposal was returned to the Asian American Studies Advisory Committee for reconsideration.

The updated proposal for revisions to the Asian American Studies Minor was considered by the Subcommittee at its meeting of 10 June 2009. The updated proposal maintained the present requirement of 25 credit hours for the minor, but included the broader list of elective courses that was part of the initial proposal. The Asian American Studies Advisory Committee argued that the broader list of elective courses is consistent with a general trend in ethnic/postcolonial studies programs, in that the broader list of electives encourages the study of Asian Americans side-by-side with the study of other racially and ethnically defined groups.

As presently structured, the Asian American Studies Minor requires 25 credit hours, with 5 credit hours from a list of 2 core courses and the balance from a list of 25 elective courses that have an emphasis on Asian American topics. With this revision, 20 credit hours will be taken from a list of 21 courses that emphasize Asian American Studies, and 5 credit hours will be taken from a list of electives (66 courses with an emphasis in Asian Studies, and 84 courses with an emphasis in U.S. race/ethnicity studies. In addition, 5 courses were removed from the present list of electives, primarily because a course has not been taught recently and/or because a course has evolved and no longer focuses on Asian American topics.

After thorough discussion, the Subcommittee agreed with the changes presented in the most recent proposal. The Subcommittee then voted unanimously to approve the proposed revisions to the Asian American Studies Minor, so the proposal is being moved to the CCI for its consideration.
Asian American Studies Minor Revision

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**Electives (5 credit hours)**

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- Comparative Studies 323
- East Asian Languages and Literatures 323, 341, 399, 675, 677, 683
- Economics 672
- History 308, 543.01, 543.02, 543.03, 543.04, 546, 548.01, 548.02
- History of Art 213, 576, 582, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677.01, 677.02, 678.01, 678.02, 679, 681, 682, 690.02
- International Studies 235, 539
- Japanese 231, 251, 252, 501, 600, 641, 654, 655, 656
- Korean 231, 251, 600, 654
- Philosophy 215
- Political Science 536, 537, 539, 635, 636

**U.S. race/ethnicity studies**
- African American and African Studies 303, 323.01, 323.02, 326, 345, 361, 367.02, 367.03, 367.04, 378, 379, 451, 504, 505, 545, 551, 555.01, 555.02, 561, 565, 571, 582, 595, 630
- Anthropology 421.08
- Art Education 367.01
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- Psychology 375
- Social Work 300, 301
- Sociology 345, 380, 463
- Women's Studies H296, 300, 340, 367.04, 370, 505, 510, 520, 540
Asian American Studies Minor (AAS)

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Asian American studies is an interdisciplinary and comparative field of study that examines the cultures, history, experiences, concerns, and contributions of Asian/Pacific Islander Americans and their communities. It focuses on the American experience of persons from Asian countries of the Pacific Rim and the Pacific Islands, and maintains its relationship with the Asian American community and the broader society.

The minor in Asian American studies requires 25 credit hours of course work that comes from several departments and colleges. One core course (either Comparative Studies 241 or History 346) is required. At least four additional courses (20 credit hours) are to be taken in Asian American studies. No more than five hours of 200-level course work may count toward the minor. Courses may overlap between the minor and the General Education Curriculum (GEC). After the coordinating advisor has approved your Minor Program Form, you should file the form with your college or school counselor. For further information about the minor please contact: ponce.8@osu.edu.

Required core course (5 credit hours)
Comparative Studies 241 or History 346

Additional Asian American Studies courses (15 credit hours)
Chinese 678
Comparative Studies 241 (if not taken as core course), 314, 345, 543 (if not taken as core course), 545, 645, 665, 678
East Asian Languages and Literatures 346
English 587 (if not taken as core course), 681.01, 681.02, 681.03
History 346 (if not taken as core course), 525 (with Asian American topic)
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Theatre 367.01 (with Asian American topic)
Independent Research or Fieldwork: (5 credits maximum) Students can develop an independent project in consultation with an adviser.

Note: Topics courses, when the content is appropriate, may be approved by the adviser for credit toward the minor.

Asian American Studies minor program guidelines
The following guidelines govern this minor.

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 25

Transfer credit hours allowed A maximum of 10

Overlap with the GEC Permitted

Overlap with the major Not allowed and
• The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
• The same courses cannot count on the minor and on the major.

Overlap between minors Each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours.

100-level course: For every five credit hours of 100-level course work on the minor, the minimum total required for the minor is increased by five.

Grades required
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• Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
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Dear Jessica:

I am writing to explain the proposed changes to the Asian American Studies (AAS) minor. On Mar. 19, 2009, the Asian American Studies Advisory Committee—consisting of Professor Judy Wu (History and Women’s Studies), Professor Pranav Jani (English), and myself—met with you to discuss the present state and future goals of the minor. We agreed to amend the requirements from one core course, three AAS courses, and one elective, to four AAS courses, and one elective. These changes have been incorporated into the revised minor sheet.

Reduction in total hours. Perhaps the most significant change to the minor is reducing the total number of credit hours from 25 to 20. This decision is motivated by several factors. 1) There is a scarcity of AAS courses currently being offered due to the small number of faculty at OSU who specialize in the field. 2) Students thus have limited options for fulfilling the minor requirements. 3) The reduced hours will not only enable current minors to complete the requirements, but it may also assist in recruiting new students to the minor.

Consolidating the AAS courses. This change follows from the above curricular conditions. The limited number of AAS course offerings makes having a two-tiered system of core courses and AAS courses unnecessarily restricting and convoluted. Combining these into one pool of possible courses gives students maximum flexibility in terms of planning their schedules, while also enabling the Advisory Committee to have a closer investment in the content of these courses.

Electives. The elective can be fulfilled through one of three ways: 1) by taking an additional AAS course; 2) by taking a course on Asian history/culture, or on U.S. race/ethnicity; 3) by doing an independent study on an AAS topic. The second item warrants some explanation. Having an elective in either Asian studies or U.S. race/ethnicity studies not only broadens the range of offerings for students, thereby making it more feasible for students to finish the minor in a timely fashion. It also reflects two prominent lines of inquiry in the field itself. Asian American Studies has long had intellectual, disciplinary, and historical connections to both Asian history and culture, and other racial and ethnic minorities in the U.S. The elective gestures toward recognizing those disciplinary connections, even as it acknowledges the ongoing explorations in transnational/diasporic Asian American Studies and in comparative racializations.

I have attached the revised minor sheet as a separate document. Please let me know if there is any other information I can provide. Thank you for your assistance throughout this process.

Sincerely,

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Transmittal History Asian American Studies Minor

Committee on Curriculum and Assessment
Approved Minutes October 2, 2009

Asian American Studies Minor Revision

a. Accompanied by a cover letter from Larry Kriss (Interdisciplinary Subcommittee Chair); he is unable to attend so Jessica Mercerhill is here to speak on its behalf.

b. The original proposal was to decrease the minor to 20 hours, since the current minor courses list do not run often enough for students to complete the minor in a timely manner. The Subcommittee was not convinced of the decrease in hrs nor was the elective structure approved. After some faculty discussions, this proposal has been finalized to keep the minor at 25 hours, with 20 hrs Asian American courses specific to the discipline, and allow 5 credit hrs for electives that are area studies (Asian & U.S. race categories). The Subcommittee was pleased with that version and thought it would serve the students well.

c. Students do not take one common course. The courses in the minor largely focus on Asian American populations. Originally this was undivided among the different areas so it appeared that students could take this minor and never take any course in Asian American studies. This proposal was the resolution. The faculty felt there is an important aspect to understanding other populations as well as understanding and indeed to understand Asian American populations. The content, overall, was improved with regards to being Asian-American in content.

d. The Subcommittee approval serves as a motion to approve. Highley 2\textsuperscript{nd}. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

CCI Interdisciplinary Initiatives Subcommittee
Approved Minutes
Wednesday, June 10, 2009

1. Asian American Studies Minor Revision Proposal

- Is the addition of the final 5 credits in a specific category? There would be 5 elective credits in any of the tracks.
- Changed from 1 core course with 20 credits in Asian Amer, to 20 in Asian Amer and 1 elective somewhere else. No core courses anymore.
- Dropping some courses that are no longer offered
- Haddad, Huffman- \textit{UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED}

CCI Interdisciplinary Initiatives Subcommittee
Approved Minutes
Wednesday, April 08, 2009

Asian American Studies Minor revision
• On their proposal, p.2- under revised minor program, that first box “required core courses” should be deleted as those are now choices in the 15 cr hrs
• Reducing the hrs from 25 to 20
  o The rationale to enhance enrollment, not enough courses to offer a minor, limited options to fulfill minor requirements, not enough faculty to teach- are not solid rationale
  o Are there other rationales for this that they did not mention? Perhaps that Native American studies minor is 20 cr hr and thus justifiable
  o Other issues: retention of Asian American faculty with expertise to be able to offer them on a regular basis
  o Wants to retain as a viable minor, and if enrollment is an issue then some cmte members feel the rationale is fine
  o Others feel that the reason of enrollment is not a solid enough rationale for approval and that they would like to have a better rationale
  o Cmte asks them to go back to the original minor proposal, highlight the goals of that minor, and in the new model the student can still meet those goals by doing X, Y and Z
• Suggestion by a cmte member to have the minor program proposer appear before Interdisciplinary Subcommittee to help them provide better rationale; others suggest that just re-writing the minor and talk to make sure they are getting it right is fine and making the best argument for change
  o This current concern can be transmitted and if the proposers feel they should come they can
• Broaden the electives from Asian studies related courses to other ethnic studies:
  o Suggest the proposers to make a strong rationale for comparison of studies within the Asian American field versus others
  o Perhaps change original goals by bringing in other courses of comparison
• Are all of the US Race/Ethnicity courses necessary? Perhaps pare down to 10 or so, all sharing X, Y or Z
• Why dropping all of the courses they are dropping? Many lower-level courses gone, more upper-level courses added, such as 600-level courses
  o Understanding is that the dropped courses are not offered enough to list
• Could create 2 or 3 tracks within the minor to focus the students rather than present a glob of courses that are scattered

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