

C - Small Curricular Revisions : Entry # 2168**Today's Date**

09/05/2022

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By checking below I am certifying that my department chair (named above) has seen and approved the courses that are included in this proposal.

Yes

Please select the appropriate school overseeing this proposal:Proposal affects **Full University** or **multiple Schools****Which schools does this affect?**

- Business
- Humanities and Behavioral Sciences

Does this proposal correspond to a particular term?

Fall 2023

Which category does this change fall under?

- Distribution requirements - major

Name of Major or Minor that you are revising distribution requirements for:

International Relations (INR)

Distribution Requirement Changes**What is being changed?**

(1) Remove ECO 2030 as a required course

Rationale for change (brief)

ECO is a prerequisite for a second required in the major in Economics.
This change is so that INR majors do not need to take 3 SS GE courses.

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What is being changed?	Rationale for change (brief)
(2) Remove the Political Economy Electives category (two courses), which groups ECO and PSC courses	The revised program replaces this requirement category with new categories that list separate requirements for ECO and PSC coursework (a separate HST requirement already is in the major)
(3) Remove the General Electives requirement (two courses) which groups HST, PSC, and ECO courses.	The revised program replaces this requirement category with new categories that list separate requirements for ECO and PSC coursework (a separate HST requirement already is in the major)
(4) Increase the History category requirement from one, 1000-level HST course to two courses, one of which must be taken at the 2000-level or higher.	In the revised program, majors will take at least two substantive courses in ECO, HST, and PST. The change is intended to ensure that all majors take multiple courses in multiple disciplines as is appropriate for an interdisciplinary major..
(5) Add a new Economics requirement category (One course). Students will select from four 3000-level options, all of which require ECO 2030 as a prerequisite.	In the revised program, majors will take at least two substantive courses in ECO, HST, and PST. The change is intended to ensure that all majors take multiple courses in multiple disciplines as is appropriate for an interdisciplinary major..
(6) Add a new Political Science requirement category, where students will take two PSC electives.	In the revised program, majors will take at least two substantive elective courses in ECO, HST, and PST. The change is intended to ensure that all majors take multiple specialized courses in multiple disciplines as is appropriate for an interdisciplinary major. All INR majors will continue to take PSC 2710 and PSC 2019 (Research methods) as core requirements
(7) Move the HST courses presently listed in the General Electives Category to the History Category, where students will now choose two courses, of which at least one must be taken at the 2000-level or higher.	In the revised program, courses are grouped by discipline.
(8) Add numerous already-created HPU history courses to the INR major, listing them in the HST requirement.	New courses added to match changes in staffing and areas of expertise in the History Department. The longer rationale below, identifies the new courses.
(9) Move the ECO courses presently listed in the Political Economy and General Electives Categories to the new Economics Category, where students will now choose one course (which will required ECO 2030 as a pre-requisite)	In the revised program, courses are grouped by discipline.
(10) Add two already-created HPU economics courses to the INR major, listing them in the ECO requirement.	New courses added to match changes in staffing and areas of expertise in the Economics faculty. The longer rationale below, identifies the new courses.
(11) Move the PSC courses presently listed in the Political Economy and General Electives Categories to the new Political Science Category, where students will now choose one course (which will required ECO 2030 as a pre-requisite)	In the revised program, courses are grouped by discipline. PSC 2710 (International Relations) and PSC 2019 (Political Science Research Methods) will remain in the major's core requirements section
(12) Add several already-existing HPU political science courses to the INR major, listing them in the PSC requirement.	New courses added to match changes in staffing and areas of expertise in the Political Science department. The longer rationale below, identifies the new courses.

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(13) Remove INR internship course from the options a student may use to meet the major's capstone requirements; list the internship course in the PSC electives category; add three PSC 4000-level courses to the options listed in the INR Capstone category.

(14) Add three 4000-level PSC courses as options to the major's capstone requirement category

Rationale for change (brief)

There are recurring issues in the current major with waiting until their last semester to complete the capstone with an internship, only to find that they cannot locate a suitable opportunity that is obviously connected to their major's coursework.

Increased course options to better match faculty expertise. Two of these courses are already in the General Electives major category; one is a already-created course that would be added to the INR major.

Rationale for above changes

Change 1 is to make ECO 2030 a "hidden" requirement, so that INR majors are not required to take a third GE SS course in addition to PSC 2710 and ECO 2030.

Including ECO 2030 as a hidden requirement, the revised major requires the same number of credits as the current major. Majors will be alerted to fact that they will need to take ECO 2030 in a Bulletin note and with asterisks indicating that each of the ECO 3000-level courses in the major require ECO 2030 [See note 1 below after the "Other Requirements" section; see also the ECO requirement category].

Changes 2 - 6 replace the two current multi-disciplinary elective categories with two new categories that each list only Economics and Political Science courses. History already is a separate requirement; however, in the revised major, students will take a second history class at a higher level than the current requirement.

There are several reasons to substitute the major's multidisciplinary categories with separate requirements that students take at least two substantive courses in HST, ECO, and PSC.

First, the major was intended to be interdisciplinary, and grouping all of the upper-division electives into multi-disciplinary categories is producing INR graduates whose coursework is mostly in one discipline.

Second, the political-economy requirement in the current major is a bottleneck; students are waiting a year or more to get an open seat in the three courses in that category. Adding additional courses to that category would result in some students not taking an upper-division ECO course as intended in the current major.

Third, requiring that majors take more advanced HST and PSC coursework than they do in the current major will make the INR major more rigorous and is better suited to the program's goal that most students will graduate with upper-division coursework in ECO, HST, and PSC.

Fourth, having discipline-specific requirement categories makes it possible to add additional courses in each discipline and still ensure that majors are taking classes from each field.

Finally, the advising and assessment of INR majors happens entirely within the political science department. Adding upper-division coursework will facilitate better mentoring and assessment for INR majors in their home department.

Changes 7 and 8 consolidate the major's HST courses into a single, discipline-specific requirement and add new courses. None of the already-existing courses added to the major will be cross-listed or change in any way. The list below contains all of the courses in the HST category. Courses added to the INR major are denoted with an asterisk.

[History]

Take two of the following courses, only one of which may be at the 1000-level.

HST 1102: Foundations in Western Civilization since the Enlightenment

HST 1401: Foundations of African History

HST 1501: Introduction to East Asian Civilization

HST 1601: Introduction to Latin America Civilization

HST 1701: Foundations of Middle Eastern History

HST 2103: The Second World War

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*HST 2104: The History of the Holocaust
 HST 2235: US in the World: American Foreign Relations
 *HST 2236: America's Vietnam War
 *HST 2511: The Mandate of Heaven: A History of China
 HST 2602: Revolutionaries and Dictators: Modern Latin America
 HST 2701: Modern Middle East: 1798-1945
 HST 3107: The Age of Revolutions and the Birth of Modern Europe, 1815-1914
 HST 3108: Europe in Crisis, 1914 to 1945
 HST 3121: Modern Russia
 HST 3191: European Economic History
 *HST 3242: War, Gender, and the Military in US History
 *HST 3245: Bombs and Ballet: The Cultural Cold War
 HST/GBS 3501: United States & East Asia
 HST/GBS 3511: Revolutionary China
 HST/PSC 3701: The US and the Middle East since 1945
 HST 3702: The Arab-Israeli Conflict

Changes 9 and 10 consolidate the major's PSC elective courses into a single, discipline-specific requirement and adds new courses. None of the already-existing courses added to the major will be cross-listed or change in any way. The list below contains all of the courses in the PSC category. Courses added to the INR major are denoted with an asterisk.

[Political Science]

Take one of the following courses.

*ECO 3030: Intermediate Macroeconomics***

*ECO 3035: Growth Economics**

ECO/GBS 3460: International Economics**

ECO/GBS 4430: Comparative**

**ECO 2030 is a prerequisite for this course;

***Both ECO 2030 and 2050 are prerequisites.

Changes 11 and 12 consolidate the major's ECO courses into a single, discipline-specific requirement and add new courses. None of the already-existing courses added to the major will be cross-listed or change in any way. The list below contains all of the courses in the ECO category. Courses added to the INR major are denoted with an asterisk.

[Political Science]

Take two of the following courses.

PSC 2510: Comparing Foreign Political Systems

PSC 3511: Ethnic Politics

PSC 3512: Democracy, Development, & Conflict

PSC 3510: Latin American Politics

*PSC 3513: European Politics

Four credits earned in INR 4810 – 4815. Student Internship.

*Any of the 4000-level PSC classes listed below in the Capstone requirement that are not used to complete other requirements.

Change 13 is explained in the brief note section.

Change 14 expands student options with three courses that each require experiential learning in the form of an advanced statistics project. With the changes, majors will have these options (the course added to the major is denoted with an asterisk):

[Capstone]:

Select one of the following options:

-PSC 4099 (unchanged)

-*PSC 4510: Democracy and Authoritarianism

-PSC 4710: International Conflict and Security

-PSC 4720: US Foreign Policy

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-Four credits earned in the completion of a semester-long study abroad experience undertaken in the junior or senior year. The hours used to fulfill this requirement may not satisfy any other requirements in the major (unchanged)

Change 16 adds a note to the Bulletin, providing clarification of the INR distribution requirement for foreign language:

Note 2:

Students may substitute a program elective for the major's foreign language requirement if:

- (1) They are native speakers of a foreign language who have had the foreign language requirement for graduation waived by the Departments of World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures.
- (2) They can demonstrate they currently possess ACTFL intermediate-mid speaking proficiency (as certified by the Department of World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures) in a foreign language for which there are no higher-level courses at the University.

Does this change affect any other departments, schools, or programs besides your own? If so, please describe your consultation process with affected parties.

INR is a multidisciplinary major. The involved departments' chairs advised and approved each change involving their program.

In Economics, Chair Jerry Fox approved the changes to the INR major's economics requirements and recommended the courses listed in the new Economics category. Economics is in the Business School. Dean Daniel Hall was consulted and approved of the changes related to the ECO program.

In History, Chair Rick Schneid approved the changes to the INR major's history requirements and recommended the courses listed in the revised History category.

In Political Science, Chair Martin Kifer approved the changes to the INR major's political science requirements and course offerings.

In the Department of World Languages, Literature, and Culture, Chair Daliang Wang in collaboration with other WLLC faculty informed and approved of the revisions related to INR's foreign language requirement, the conditions under which a substitution for a foreign language course is permissible, and modification of the foreign language learning outcome.

History, Foreign Languages, and Political Science are each housed in the School of Behavioral Science. Dean Ken Elston reviewed and approved the set of changes proposed by Mark Setzler, the Director of the International Relations major.

Dean Review

[DEAN] I approve/deny this proposal

Approve

Today's Date

09-07-2022

Name of Dean (if this is being reviewed by multiple deans, please indicate who approved it first here)

Ken Elston

Comments

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This interdisciplinary program has been shared and reviewed by all parties. Though I have reservations about any program containing hidden credits, I appreciate the efforts made in descriptions that should draw the attention of advisors and students to potentially hidden credits.

Daniel Hall, approves it second.

APIRC reviewed and approved this revision on 12/02/2022.