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To: Administrative Boards of the College of Arts & Sciences and the General College

From: Nadia Yaqub, Chair, Department of Asian Studies

Re: Request for changes to the Concentration in Arab Cultures

The following new courses (all being proposed concurrently) are being added to the concentration:

- ARAB 321, Visions of Emancipation in Modernist Arab Thought
- ARAB 337, Borders and Walls in the Arab World
- ARAB 338, Borders and Walls in the Arab World – Experiential
- ARAB 462, Global Perspectives on Arab Cultures and Societies

The following courses are being deleted from the concentration. All these courses are currently being deactivated. The provision regarding ASIA 451 can also be deleted from the concentration text now, since it has been over four years since the last time this course was offered (spring 2010).

- ARAB 433, Medieval Arabic Literature in Translation
- ARAB 477, Sexualities and Homoerotic Desire in Arab and Muslim Societies
- ASIA 50, First-Year Seminar: Real World Arabic
- ASIA 51, First-Year Seminar: Cultural Encounters: The Arabs and the West
- ASIA 451, Orientalist Fantasies and Discourses on the Other
- ASIA 452, Muslim Women in France and the U.S.
- ASIA 455, Arabs in America

Attached is a description of the concentration as it would appear with the proposed changes.

Nadia Yaqub

- **B.A. Major in Asian Studies: Arab Cultures Concentration**

Core Requirements

- ARAB 300
- Two additional Arabic language courses beyond ARAB 204. Students whose initial language placement is above ARAB 305 should consult the department.
- One of the following introductory-level classes: ASIA ~~50, 51~~, 64, 66; ARAB 150, 151. It is recommended that students take this course either prior to or concurrent with upper-level Arabic literature and culture classes.
- Four Arabic literature and culture courses, of which at least three must be chosen from ARAB ~~321, 337, 338~~, 350, 407 (taught in Arabic), 408 (taught in Arabic), ~~433~~, 434, 443, 452, 453, ~~462, 468, 477~~; ASIA 357, ~~451, 452, 455~~, and 692H. At most one course may be chosen from ARAB/ASIA/RELI 681; ARTH 351; ARTH/ASIA 154, 251, 458, 561; ASIA 435; ASIA/GEOG 447; ASIA/HIST 138, 139, 275, 276, 277, 536, 537, 538; ASIA/RELI 180, 181, 581, 582, 584; RELI 480; SOCI 419; or approved courses taken in UNC–Chapel Hill-sponsored study abroad programs.

Additional Requirements

- Arabic through level 4

Students majoring in Arab cultures are strongly encouraged to take additional Arabic literature or culture courses as electives or to fulfill General Education requirements.

A student may not count both of any of the following pairs of courses toward the Arab cultures concentration: ASIA/HIST 138 and ASIA/RELI 180, ASIA/HIST 139 and ASIA/RELI 181, ~~ASIA 451 and ASIA/HIST 538~~.

With the approval of the associate chair of Asian studies, a student may count a course in directed readings (ASIA 496 or ARAB 496) in the concentration in Arab cultures. To register for ASIA 496 or ARAB 496, a student must obtain the approval of the associate chair and the faculty member who will supervise the project.

Of the eight courses in the concentration in Arab cultures, at least six must be passed with a grade of C (not C-) or better. No course in the concentration may be taken Pass/D+/D/Fail.