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

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Re: Request for changes to the interdisciplinary Major in Asian Studies

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

- 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
- ASIA/RELI 382, The Story of Rama in Indian Culture – Experiential
- ASIA/RELI 383, The Mahabharata: Remembered and Reimagined – Experiential
- CHIN 242, Chinese Qin Music
- JAPN 258, Death and Dying: Mortality, Society, and Culture in Japan

The following courses are being deleted from the major. All these courses are currently being deactivated (with the exception of ASIA/HIST 283 and RELI 205, which were deactivated by their home departments some time ago). The provision regarding ASIA 451 can also be deleted from the major 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 62, First-Year Seminar: Women and Spirituality in Turkey
- ASIA 147, Lost in Translation: Understanding Western Experience in East and Southeast Asia
- ASIA 222, Turkey: Beyond Tradition and Modernity
- ASIA 225, Istanbul: Crossroads of Asia and Europe
- ASIA 237, Global Whiteness: Race and Righteousness in Britain, the United States, and Japan

- ASIA 253, The Social History of Popular Music in East Asia
- ASIA 344, Alienation: Nature, Network, and the (Cyborg) Ningen
- ASIA 424, Power, Rebellion, and Identity in the Ottoman Empire
- ASIA 451, Orientalist Fantasies and Discourses on the Other
- ASIA 452, Muslim Women in France and the U.S.
- ASIA 455, Arabs in America
- ASIA 457, Globalization in East Asia/East Asianized Globalization
- ASIA 460, Sex, Crime, and Corruption in East and Southeast Asia
- ASIA 461, The Political Economy of Southeast Asia
- ASIA 466, Murder and Mayhem in Modern Thailand
- ASIA/HIST 283, Revolutionary Change in Contemporary China
- RELI 205, Legends of Genesis
- VIET 252, Introduction to Vietnamese Culture through Music and Narrative

Attached is a description of the major as it would appear with the proposed changes. Further corrections to the course listings have been made to recognize existing crosslists.



Nadia Yaqub

Majoring in Asian Studies: Bachelor of Arts

Core Requirements

- ASIA 150
- At least one other course (other than a language course or senior honors thesis course) taken within the Department of Asian Studies and chosen from the following list: ARAB 150, 151, [321](#), [337](#), [338](#), 350, ~~433~~, 434, 443, 452, 453, [462](#), 468, ~~477~~; ASIA ~~50~~, ~~51~~, 52, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, ~~62~~, 63, 64, 65, 66, 122, ~~147~~, 150, 151, 152, 163, 164, ~~222~~, 224, ~~225~~, 228, 231, 232, 235, ~~237~~, 252, ~~253~~, 261, 262, 331, 332, 333, ~~344~~, 357, ~~424~~, 435, ~~451~~, ~~452~~, 453, ~~455~~, ~~457~~, ~~460~~, ~~461~~, ~~466~~; [ASIA/RELI 382](#), [383](#); CHIN 150, 231, 232, [242](#), 244, 252, 255, 342, 346, 354, 356, 361, 367, 463, 464, 531, 551, 552, 562, 563; HEBR 142, 436; [HIST 271/JAPN 231](#); HNUR/[RELI 592](#); JAPN 150, 160, 161, 165, ~~231~~, 246, [258](#), 261, 277, 333, 363, 375, 376, 377, ~~381~~, ~~384~~, 451, 482; [JAPN/WMST 381](#), [384](#); KOR 150, 151, 327; ~~VIET 252~~
- At least one major course each from any two other departments
- At least one major course numbered 400 or above
- At least two major courses each from any two of the six geographic regions: China, Japan, Korea, Middle East, South Asia, Southeast Asia (see lists below)

Additional Requirements

- Any Asian language through level 4

The major in Asian studies consists of eight courses. The same courses can be used to fulfill both departmental and geographic requirements within the major. The following courses can be counted for the Asian studies major:

China Courses: ANTH/ASIA 545, 574, 578, 682; ARTH/ASIA 468; ASIA 52, 55, 56, 65; ASIA/HIST 133, 282, ~~283~~; ASIA 303/RELI 288; CHIN 150, 231, 232, [242](#), 244, 252, 253, 255, 342, 346, 354, 356, 361, 367, 463, 464, 531, 551, 552, 562, 563; HIST 284

Japan Courses: ANTH/ASIA 586; ASIA 54, 58, 63, ~~237~~, ~~344~~; ASIA/CMPL 379, 380, 481, 483, 486; ASIA/HIST 281, 286, 287, 288; ASIA 301/RELI 286; ASIA 302/RELI 287; ASIA/RELI 487, 488, 489; HIST 271/JAPN 231; JAPN 150, 160, 161, 162, 165, 246, [258](#), 261, 277, 333, 363, 375, 376, 377, ~~381~~, ~~384~~, 451, 482; JAPN/LING 563; [JAPN/WMST 381](#), [384](#)

Korea Courses: KOR 150, 151, 327

Middle East Courses: ARAB 150, 151, 321, 337, 338, 350, ~~433~~, 434, 443, 452, 453, 462, 468, ~~477~~; ARAB/ASIA/RELI 681; ARTH 351; ARTH/ASIA 154, 251, 458, 561; ASIA ~~50, 51~~, 60, ~~62~~, 64, 66, 122, ~~222~~, 224, ~~225~~, 235, 357, ~~424~~, 435, ~~451~~; ASIA/GEOG 447; ASIA/HIST 138, 139, 275, 276, 277, 536, 537, 538; ASIA/RELI 180, 181, 584; HEBR 142, 436; RELI 110, 503; SOCI 419

South Asia Courses: ARTH/ASIA 153, 266, 273, 456; ASIA 59, 61, 122, 152, 163, 164, 224, 228, 231, 232, 261, 262, 331, 332, 333; ASIA/GEOG 267; ASIA/HIST 135, 136; ASIA 300/RELI 283; ASIA/RELI 382, 383, 582, 583; HNUR/RELI 592; ~~RELI 592~~

Southeast Asia Courses: ANTH/ASIA 375, 429; ASIA 151, 252, ~~461, 466~~; ASIA/HIST 131, 132, 539, 570; ASIA/MUSC 240; ASIA/RELI 285; GEOG 266

~~; VIET 252~~

Other Courses: ARTH/ASIA 158; ASIA 57, ~~147~~, 150, 241, 242, 243, 244, ~~253~~, 350, ~~452~~, 453, ~~455, 457, 460~~, 692H; ASIA/CMPL 255; ASIA/ECON 469; ASIA/GEOG 265; ASIA/HIST 134; ASIA/RELI 183, 284, 445, 581; RELI 103, 106, 107, ~~205~~, 206, 343, 480, 481, 512, 602. One language course beyond level 4 or a course at level 2 or above in a second Asian language may count as a major course.

A student may not count toward the interdisciplinary major in Asian studies both of any of the following pairs of courses: ASIA/HIST 138 and ASIA/RELI 180, ASIA/HIST 139 and ASIA/RELI 181, ~~ASIA 451 and ASIA/HIST 538~~.

ASIA 122 and 224 may be counted for either the Middle East or South Asia region, but not both.

No more than one first-year seminar may be counted among the eight major courses.

With the approval of the associate chair of Asian studies, a student may substitute a course in directed readings (ASIA 496) for one of the major courses. To register for ASIA 496, a student must obtain the approval of the associate chair and the faculty member who will supervise the project.

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