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Date: October 15, 2015
To: Administrative Boards of the College of Arts & Sciences
From: Robin Visser, Chair, Department of Asian Studies
Re: Request for changes to the concentration in Arab Cultures

The following courses are being added to the concentration:

- ASIA 68: First-Year Seminar: Power of Music/Music of Power: Cultural Politics of 20th-Century Arabic Music [being proposed concurrently]
- FREN 617: Framing Identities: Franco-Arab Transvisual Transcultural Contexts
- GEOG 448: Transnational Geographies of Muslim Societies
- RELI 185: Women/Gender/Islam

The concentration description is also being changed to reflect the concurrent proposal to crosslist ASIA 357 with JWST 357.

Finally, language has been added to the concentration description to more explicitly clarify the policy on PL credit.

Attached is a revised version of the concentration text for the Undergraduate Bulletin.

Robin Visser

Asian Studies Major, B.A.–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 64, 66, [68](#); 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), 434, 443, 452, 453, 462, 468; ASIA ~~357~~, 692H; [ASIA/JWST 357](#). 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; [FREN 617](#); [GEOG 448](#); RELI [185](#), 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.

Placement credit (PL) may not be used to meet core requirements for the concentration.

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.

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.