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Memo Regarding 2017-2018 Undergraduate Bulletin Revisions

Dear Office of Undergraduate Curricula:

Greetings from the Department of American Studies. I am writing to outline the changes we have made to the 2017-2018 Undergraduate Bulletin.

Our reasons for making the changes in the attached Word document are straightforward.

- First, we wanted the list of specific courses to reflect the addition or elimination of courses offered by departments other than our own, and the addition, revision, or elimination of courses offered by faculty in our department.
- Second, we wanted our American Indian and Indigenous Studies major concentration and minor to more thoroughly reflect its hemispheric and comparative scope

Upon formal approval, the Director of Undergraduate Studies will notify current majors via our department's email listserv that we have made changes to the major concentrations and minors. The Director of Undergraduate Studies will also invite these students to consider changing their requirement term so that they can take advantage of the changes. And finally, the DUS will invite students to correspond and or meet in person to discuss any questions or concerns they may have.

What follows is a synopsis of the our proposed changes:

- Within the American Indian and Indigenous Studies major concentration and minor, we have shifted the "hemispheric" courses from the "elective" category to the appropriate "History," "Law and Social Science," and "Language and Expressive Culture" categories.
- We have added new courses, course number changes, and cross-lists pending approval and incorporated new courses offered outside the department

We look forward to integrating these changes into the 2017-2018 Undergraduate Bulletin.

If you should have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Bernard L. Herman, Chair
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Department of American Studies

- Use this document to submit curriculum changes for the 2017-2018 academic year.

American Studies Major, B.A.

Core Requirements

The concentration in American studies consists of nine courses. Courses listed more than once can be counted for only one category. At least one course must be at the 300 level or above.

- Introduction (one of the following): AMST 101, [102 \(renumbered from 384, pending Nov 2016 Curriculum Committee report\)](#), 334, or 335
- Approaches (one of the following): AMST 201 or 202
- Topics: At least two AMST courses numbered above 202 (not including independent study or honors thesis research)
- Literature (one of the following): AMST 246, [252 \(pending Nov 2016 CC report\)](#), 256, 257, 290, 338, 360, 365, 371, 440, 685; FOLK 476, 505; FOLK/ENGL 487; COMM 561; ENGL 270, 317, 343, 344, 345, 347, 348, 367, 368, 369, 373, 374, 375, 443, 444, 445, 446, 472; RELI 240
- Ideas and Traditions (one of the following): AMST 220, 225, [225L \(pending Nov 2016 CC Report\)](#), 255, 269, ~~275 (renumbered to 475, pending Nov 2016 CC report)~~, 277, 291, 334, 335, 337, ~~384~~, 386, 387, 392, 394, 420, [475](#), 510, 511; [512 \(pending approval\)](#) FOLK/ANTH 424 ([pending approval](#)); FOLK 537/ANTH 537/WMST 438; FOLK/COMM/HIST/WMST 562; FOLK/HIST 670; AAAD 159, 257, 258, 430, 431; AAAD/POLI 333; COMM 372; COMM/PWAD 575; ECON 330, 430; EDUC 441; HIST 239, 245, 355, 356, 364, 365, 368, 369, 372, 373, 375, 561, 563, 564, 565, 566, 581, 582, 584, 589, 622, 624; HIST 475/WMST 476; MEJO 448; PHIL 228, 274, 428, 473; PLCY 220; POLI 200, 202, 206, 274, 280, 410, 411, 412; RELI 241, 338, 340, 441, 442, 443; SOCI 468; WMST 375, 560
- Expressive Arts and Popular Culture (one of the following): AMST 266, 268, 283, [284](#), 336, 340, 371, [439 \(pending approval\)](#), 482, 483, 485, 487, 489, 498; AMST/FOLK 375; AMST/HIST 671; AMST/WMST 325; FOLK 476, 481, 550, 560, ~~610~~; [FOLK/AAAD 480 \(pending Nov 2016 CC Report\)](#); FOLK/ANTH/LING 484; FOLK/ENGL 310, 487; FOLK/HIST 571; AAAD 250, 259, 284, 334, 340, 356, 449; ARTH 259, 285, 287, 288, 289, 385, 387, 481, 557, 586; COMM 430, 550, 573, 577; DRAM 287, 292, 488; ENGL 284; HIST 125, 362, 363, 381, 571, 625; MUSC 143, 144, 145, 147, 281; RELI 236
- Regionalism, Transnationalism, and the Public Sphere (one of the following): AMST 210, 211, 259, 277, 285, 350, 378, 385, 387, 394 and 394L, 398, 410, 486, 283; AMST/FOLK 375; FOLK 587; FOLK/ANTH 340; FOLK/GEOG 454; AAAD 252, 254, 278, 284, 385, 485; AAAD/POLI 333; ARTH 375, 453, 485, 487, 556; COMM 374, 437, 573, 576; ENGL 267, 270, 271, 315,

371, 475; GEOG 228, 260, 261, 262, 430; HIST 233, 236, 242, 278, 281, 366, 367, 373, 374, 379, 534, 568, 570, 574, 577, 586, 587; [ITAL 339 \(pending Nov 2016 CC Report\)](#); MEJO 242; PLAN 550, 585; PLCY 349, 361, 455; POLI 203, 231, 418, 443; RELI 345; SOCI 115, 468

• Ethnicity and Diversity (one of the following): AMST 231, 233, 234, 235, 246, [252 \(pending Nov 2016 CC Report\)](#), 253, 258, 317, 336, 337, 339, [341 \(pending approval\)](#), 360, 392, 440, 486, [512 \(pending approval\)](#); AMST/ANTH 203; ~~FOLK-505~~; FOLK-610/AAAD ~~480~~[32 \(pending Nov 2016 CC report\)](#); [FOLK/JWST 505 \(pending approval\)](#); AAAD 240, 257, 286, 331, 450; ANTH 206, 230, 250; ARTH 387, 485, 554; ASIA 350; COMM 576; DRAM 297; EDUC 510; ENGL 267, 270, 271, 289, 360, 361, 364, 371, 472; HIST 236, 241, 376, 377, 569, 576, 589; HIST 361/WMST 260; MEJO 342; POLI 217, 218, 220, 419; PSYC 467, 503; RELI 141, 142, 242, 243, 248, 342, 423, 445, 540, 580; SLAV 469; WMST 233, 368, 553

AMST 396, FOLK 490, and FOLK 690 may fall under various categories, depending on the focus of these courses in a given semester; the course instructor and director of undergraduate studies will decide which category they fulfill.

At the core of the undergraduate major concentration in American studies are two required courses in interdisciplinary cultural analysis (see above). Majors also choose at least two advanced seminars in the department that focus readings and research on topics representative of both the talents of its faculty members and emergent directions in American studies scholarship. For the remainder of their requirements, majors select a series of relevant electives offered by over a dozen different University departments and curricula. These courses deepen majors' interdisciplinary awareness of American traditions, institutions, literature, and arts as well as expose students to a diversity of American experiences and perspectives. Students may petition the director of undergraduate studies to have courses not listed approved to fulfill major requirements; such courses will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

American Studies Major, B.A.—American Indian and Indigenous Studies Concentration

Core Requirements

The concentration in American Indian and indigenous studies consists of nine courses. Courses listed more than once can be counted for only one category. At least one course must be at the 300 level or above.

• Introduction: AMST/HIST 110

• Approaches: AMST/ANTH 203

• History (two of the following): AMST 337, 339, [341 \(pending approval\)](#), 510, 511; AMST/ANTH/HIST 234; AMST/HIST 231, 233, 235; [HIST 142, 240, 526, 527, 529](#); HIST/WMST 576

- Law and Social Science (two of the following): AMST 510, 511; AMST/ANTH/HIST 234; FOLK/ANTH 230; ANTH [121](#), 206, [231](#), [232](#), 250, 252, 406, 451, [550](#), [RELI 448](#)
- Language and Expressive Culture (two of the following): AMST 246, 336, 338, 340, [439](#) ([pending approval](#)); ANTH 406; ARTH [160](#), 259, [469](#); CHER 101, 102, 203, 204; [LING 558](#), [560](#), [561](#); [MAYA 401](#); [SPAN 344](#), [374](#), [625](#), [683](#)
- Elective/~~Hemispheric Perspective~~ (one of the above listed courses ~~or one of the following~~): ~~ANTH 121, 231, 232, 550; ARTH 160, 469; HIST 142, 240, 526, 527, 529; LING 558, 560, 561; MAYA 401; SPAN 344, 374, 625, 683~~

The American Indian and indigenous studies concentration provides a meaningful grounding in the histories, cultures, and contemporary experiences of peoples indigenous to North America, as well as their encounters with settler states. The curriculum increasingly provides opportunities for students to gain a hemispheric perspective that includes the histories, cultures, and contemporary experiences of the indigenous peoples of the Americas. Students may petition the director of undergraduate studies to have courses not listed approved to fulfill major requirements; such courses will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

American Studies Major, B.A.–Folklore Concentration

Core Requirements

The concentration in folklore consists of nine courses. Courses listed more than once can be counted for only one category. At least one course must be at the 300 level or above.

- Introduction: FOLK/ANTH/ENGL 202
- Four core content courses from the following list: AMST 283, 284, 340, 350, 482, 485, 489; AMST/FOLK 375; AMST/HIST 671; AMST/JWST 486; AMST/JWST/WMST 253; FOLK ~~424~~, 476, ~~481~~, 490, ~~505~~, 550, 560, 690; FOLK-~~610~~/AAAD ~~48032~~ ([pending Nov. 2016 CC report](#)); FOLK/ANTH [424](#) ([pending approval](#)), 334, 340, 675; FOLK/ANTH/LING 484; FOLK 537/ANTH 537/WMST 438; FOLK/COMM/HIST/WMST 562; FOLK/ENGL 310, 487; FOLK/HIST 571, 670; [FOLK/JWST 481](#) ([pending approval](#)), [505](#) ([pending approval](#)); ANTH 356, 454; MUSC 144, 291
- Two ethnographic-intensive courses from the following list (the same course may not be taken to satisfy two different concentration requirements): AMST 482; FOLK ~~424~~, 476, ~~481~~, ~~505~~, 550; FOLK-~~610~~/AAAD ~~48032~~ ([pending Nov 2016 CC report](#)); FOLK/ANTH [424](#) ([pending approval](#)), 675; FOLK/ANTH/LING 484; FOLK/ENGL 487; [FOLK/JWST 481](#) ([pending approval](#)), [505](#) ([pending approval](#)); ANTH 477, 625; WMST 230. (AMST 396, FOLK 490, or FOLK 690 may be counted if appropriate with the permission of the director of undergraduate studies.)
- Two other AMST courses numbered 101 or above

The concentration in folklore emphasizes the study of creativity and aesthetic expression in everyday life, focusing on those expressive realms that communities infuse with cultural meaning and through which they give voice to the issues and concerns they see as central to their being. These realms are often deeply grounded in tradition; this doesn't mean, however, that they're always or necessarily *old*. Just as communities change their own sense of self in response to shifting social, political, and economic realities, so too does the artistry they create evolve. Folklore thus moves beyond the study of the old and time-honored to explore emergent meanings and cultural forms. Trending tweets, food trucks, slam poetry, and hip hop freestyling are just as relevant to folklorists' study as are string-band tunes, Cherokee quilts, family recipes, and blues. The communities that our students study are equally broad, ranging from Lumbee sheetrock workers and Latino line cooks to urban homesteaders and Black Lives Matter activists. The main way that we explore contemporary folklore, in turn, is ethnographic fieldwork, the real-world study of people's lives in everyday settings, grounded in conversation and participatory engagement. Students may petition the director of undergraduate studies to have courses not listed approved to fulfill major requirements; such courses will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

American Studies Major, B.A.—Global American Studies Concentration

Core Requirements

The concentration in global American studies consists of nine courses. Courses listed more than once can be counted for only one category. At least one course must be at the 300 level or above.

- Introduction (one of the following): AMST 101, [102 \(renumbered from 384, pending Nov 2016 CC report\)](#), 334, or 335
- Approaches: AMST 201 or 202
- America in the World (at least one of the following): AMST 259, 277, 378, 387; AAAD 386; CMPL 379; GSLL 280; HIST 212, 213, 242, 281, 325, 373, 379, 570, 577, 578; HIST/PWAD 205, 206; [ITAL 339 \(pending Nov 2016 CC report\)](#); POLI 231, 443
- The World in America (at least one of the following): AMST 258, 685; AAAD 278, 284, 286, 340, 385, 485; AAAD 486/ARTH 453; ARTH 487; ASIA 350; EDUC 510; ENGL 265, 361, 364, 365; GEOG 430, 452; HIST 241, 278, 574; HIST/WMST 389; PLCY 349, 455; POLI 450; RELI 345, 423, 445, 580; SLAV 469; WMST 211, 233
- Students may elect to complete up to four approved American culture courses taken at an American studies international partner institution or other UNC-approved study abroad program. These courses should deal primarily with the United States, or with the interaction between American culture and one or more other cultures, or with the impact within the United States of other cultures. Courses must be approved by the director of undergraduate studies prior to beginning the study abroad experience.

- If fewer than four courses are taken abroad, the student should increase the number of courses taken at UNC–Chapel Hill from the America in the World and The World in America lists above, to reach a total of nine courses in the major.

The major concentration in global American studies maps the reach of American cultures across political and geographical boundaries and through myriad exchanges and intersections. It encourages an engagement with “the global” that extends from the local and regional to the national and transnational, and back again. This major concentration aims to situate the study of American culture in relation to both the recent effects of globalization and in recognition of the always-global character of “America.” Students may petition the director of undergraduate studies to have courses not listed approved to fulfill major requirements; such courses will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

American Studies Major, B.A.–Southern Studies Concentration

Core Requirements

The concentration in Southern studies consists of nine courses. Courses listed more than once can be counted for only one category. At least one course must be at the 300 level or above.

- Introduction (one of the following): AMST 210 or 211
- One AMST course 101 or above other than those that count in the categories below.
- Core content courses (at least two of the following): AMST 210, 211, 283, 410; FOLK 560, 587; FOLK/ANTH 340; FOLK/HIST 571; COMM 374; ENGL 373; GEOG 261; HIST 586, 587; MEJO 458; PLCY 349; SOCI 115
- Thematic courses (at least five other courses; choose at least two from each of the following two lists):
 - History and Social Sciences: AMST 259, ~~275~~, 283, 350, 394, 398, [475 \(renumbered from 275, pending Nov 2016 CC report\)](#), 486; AMST/HIST 671; AAAD 130, 159, 254, 258, 385, 430; ANTH 121, 250, 451, 454, 538, 550; GEOG 261, 262; HIST 278, 366, 367, 376, 377, 382 565, 568, 569, 586, 587, 670; MEJO 458; PLCY 349; POLI 419; SOCI 115
 - Art and Expressive Culture: FOLK 560, 587; FOLK-~~610~~/AAAD [48032 \(pending Nov 2016 CC report\)](#); FOLK/ANTH 340; FOLK/HIST 571; FOLK/ANTH/ENGL 202; FOLK/ANTH/RELI 342; AAAD 237/ARTH 287, AAAD 330/ARTH 387; ARTH 481, 487; COMM 374; ENGL 367, 368, 371, 373, 374, 375, 475; MUSC 144, 145; RELI 141

The Southern studies concentration focuses critical attention on the history, society, culture, and expression of the American South with its regional, state, and local distinctiveness. It allows students to examine the American South from many disciplinary perspectives, including anthropology, art, architecture, communication studies, cultural tourism, ecology, environment, folklife, foodways, geography, history, journalism, language, law, literature, material culture,

myth and manners, music, oral history, politics, public health, religion, values, and more. Students may petition the director of undergraduate studies to have courses not listed approved to fulfill major requirements; such courses will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

American Studies Minor

The undergraduate minor in American studies consists of five courses in American studies. Courses listed more than once can be counted for only one category. At least one course must be at the 300 level or above.

- Introduction (one of the following): AMST 101, [102 \(renumbered from 384, pending Nov 2016 CC report\)](#), 334, or 335
- Approaches (one of the following): AMST 201 or 202
- Topics: Three AMST courses numbered above 202 (not including independent study or honors thesis research)

American Indian and Indigenous Studies Minor

The undergraduate minor in American Indian and indigenous studies consists of five courses. Courses listed more than once can be counted for only one category. At least one course must be at the 300 level or above.

- Introduction: AMST/HIST 110
- History (at least one of the following): AMST 337, 339, [341 \(pending approval\)](#), 510, 511; AMST/ANTH 203; AMST/ANTH/HIST 234; AMST/HIST 231, 233, 235; [HIST 142, 240, 526, 527, 529](#); HIST/WMST 576
- Law and Social Science (at least one of the following): AMST 510, 511; AMST/ANTH/HIST 234; FOLK/ANTH 230; ANTH [121, 206, 231, 232, 250, 252, 451, 550, RELI 448](#)
- Language and Expressive Culture (at least one of the following): AMST 246, 336, 338, 340, [439 \(pending approval\)](#); ANTH 406; ARTH [160, 259, 469](#); CHER 101, 102, 203, 204; [LING 558, 560, 561; MAYA 401; SPAN 344, 374, 625, 683](#)
- Elective ~~/Hemispheric Perspective~~ (one of the above listed courses ~~or one of the following~~): ~~ANTH 121, 231, 232, 550; ARTH 160, 469; HIST 142, 240, 526, 527, 529; LING 558, 560, 561; MAYA 401; SPAN 344, 374, 625, 683~~

Students are strongly encouraged, though not required, to take AMST/ANTH 203 Approaches to American Indian Studies. Students may petition the director of undergraduate studies to have courses not listed approved to fulfill minor requirements; such courses will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Folklore Minor

The undergraduate minor in folklore consists of five courses. Courses listed more than once can be counted for only one category. At least one course must be at the 300 level or above.

- Introduction: FOLK/ANTH/ENGL 202

- Three core content courses from the following list: AMST 266, ~~275~~, 283, 284, 340, 350, [475 \(renumbered from 275, pending Nov 2016 CC Report\)](#), 482, 485, 489; AMST/FOLK 375; AMST/JWST 486; AMST/JWST/WMST 253; FOLK ~~424~~, 476, ~~481~~, 490, ~~505~~, 550, 560, 690; FOLK ~~610~~/AAAD ~~480~~~~32~~ [\(pending Nov 2016 CC Report\)](#); FOLK/ANTH 334, 340, [424 \(pending approval\)](#), 675; FOLK/ANTH/LING 484; FOLK 537/ANTH 537/WMST 438; FOLK/COMM/HIST/WMST 562; FOLK/ENGL 310, 487; FOLK/HIST 571, 670; [FOLK/JWST 481 \(pending approval\)](#), [505 \(pending approval\)](#); ANTH 356, 454; HIST 671; MUSC 144, 291

- One ethnographic-intensive course from the following list (the same course may not be taken to satisfy two different minor requirements): AMST ~~427~~~~5~~ [\(pending Nov 2016 CC report\)](#), 482; FOLK ~~424~~, 476, ~~481~~, ~~505~~, 550; FOLK/~~610~~/AAAD ~~480~~~~32~~ [\(pending Nov 2016 CC report\)](#); FOLK/ANTH [424 \(pending approval\)](#), 675; FOLK/ANTH/LING 484; FOLK/ENGL 487; [FOLK/JWST 481 \(pending approval\)](#), [505 \(pending approval\)](#); ANTH 477, 625; WMST 230. (AMST 396, FOLK 490, or FOLK 690 may be counted if appropriate with permission of the director of undergraduate studies.) Many of these courses fulfill the experiential education component of the General Education requirements.

Global American Studies Minor

The undergraduate minor in global American studies consists of five courses. Courses listed more than once can be counted for only one category. At least one course must be at the 300 level or above.

- Introduction (one of the following): AMST 101, [102 \(renumbered from 384, pending Nov 2016 CC report\)](#), 201, 202, 334, 335

- America in the World (at least one of the following): AMST 259, 277, 378, 387; CMPL 379; GSSL 280; HIST 212, 213, 242, 281, 325, 373, 379, 570, 577, 578; HIST/PWAD 205, 206; [ITAL 339 \(pending Nov 2016 CC Report\)](#); POLI 231, 443

- The World in America (at least one of the following): AMST 258, 685; AAAD 278, 284, 286, 340, 385, 485; AAAD 486/ARTH 453; ARTH 487; ASIA 350; EDUC 510; ENGL 265, 361, 364, 365; GEOG 430, 452; HIST 271, 278, 574; HIST/WMST 389; PLCY 349, 455; POLI 450; RELI 345, 423, 445, 580; SLAV 469; WMST 211, 233

- Students may elect to complete up to two approved American culture courses taken at an American studies international partner institution or other UNC-approved study abroad program. These courses should deal primarily with the United States, or with the interaction between American culture and one or more other cultures, or with the impact within the United States of

other cultures. Courses must be approved by the director of undergraduate studies prior to beginning the study abroad experience.

- If fewer than two courses are taken abroad, the student should increase the number of courses from the America in the World and The World in America lists above, to reach a total of five courses in the minor.

Southern Studies Minor

Students may minor in Southern studies by completing five courses, including AMST 210 or 211 and four other courses from the core content and thematic offerings listed under the Southern studies concentration. Courses listed more than once can be counted for only one category. At least one course must be at the 300 level or above.