29. Change in Curriculum

**College of Liberal Arts**
Department of International Studies
BA in International Studies
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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
BA IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
Texas A&M University
Request for a Change in Curriculum
Undergraduate ♦ Graduate ♦ Professional

1. Program request type: ☐ Undergraduate ☐ Graduate ☐ First Professional (e.g. DVM, JD, MD, etc.)

2. Request change for:
   ☐ Degree Program ☐ Minor ☐ Certificate

3. Request submitted by (Department or Program Name):
   International Studies

4. Program Designation and Name
   (e.g. B.A. in History, Minor in History, Certificate in European Union):
   B.A. in International Studies; International Geographic Information Systems Track

5. Brief description of change:
   Add new track in International Geographic Information Systems.

6. Rationale for change:
   The addition of the new track, "International Geographic Information Systems," has been made after extensive meetings between the department of International Studies and the department of Geography. The track addresses student interest and is the outgrowth of interdisciplinary work with the College of Geosciences.

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Use the checkboxes below to make sure that all information is included.

7. a. Proposed curriculum attached. ☐ Yes ☐ No
   b. Current catalog curriculum with handwritten edits attached. ☐ Yes ☐ No
   c. Current Howdy degree evaluation with handwritten edits attached. ☐ Yes ☐ No

   Please make sure the attached proposed curriculum, catalog and Howdy degree evaluation match.

8. a. Will degree program hours change (increase/decrease) due to the proposed curriculum changes? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   b. If yes, degree program hours will change from: _____ to: _____
   c. If yes, is the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board form attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   [http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/index.cfm?objectid=A0F9F7FA-9A92-4F11-2756AD3BB1F01D60]

9. If proposed changes affect other unit(s), are letters of support attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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IMPORTANT NOTE: Curriculum changes submitted through the approval process and fully approved by February (December-UCC, January-Faculty Senate, February-President) will be effective in the next academic year. Changes requiring approval beyond the University should complete the internal approval process early in the fall semester whenever possible in order to ensure timely implementation.

Approval recommended by:

Robert R. Shandley
Department Head or Program Chair (Type Name & Sign) Date 10/9/2014

Dean of College Date 11/18/2014

Chair, College Review Committee Date 10/20/14

Chair, GC or UCC Date

Questions regarding this form should be directed to Curricular Services at 845-2201 or sandra.williams@tamu.edu.
Curricular Services - 04/14
B.A. in International Studies: International Geographic Information Systems Track

Core Courses: 15 credits.

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<td>INTS 201 Introduction to Cultural Studies</td>
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<td>INTS 205 Current Issues in International Studies (1 hour course to be taken 3 times)</td>
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<td>INTS electives: select from INTS 400-480, INTS 485 (no more than 3 hours), INTS 489, INTS 497</td>
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<td>INTS 481 Senior Seminar</td>
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International Geographic Information Systems Track: 18 credits.

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Area Studies: 9 credits. Choose one area.

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Courses numbered 485 or 489 that contain significant international content can be taken in any department to meet part of the track or area requirement. Students must obtain International Studies advisor approval before taking the 485 or 489 course.

Foreign Language: 20 credits.

Placement exam to be taken upon entering program (students may place out of a maximum of 14 hours)

Students placed in 101 will take 101, 102, 201 and 202/203 and 6 hours at the 300- or 400-level.

Students placed in 102 will take 102, 201 and 202/203 and 6 hours at the 300- or 400-level.
Students placed in 201 will take 201 and 202/203 and 6 hours at the 300- or 400-level.
Students placed in 202 will take 202/203 and 6 hours at the 300- or 400-level.
Students placing out of 101, 102, 201 and 202 will take 6 hours at the 300- or 400-level.

**International Experience Requirement:** Must generate at least 3 hours of Texas A&M University credit; requires approval by Director of International Studies before travel.

1. Must be at least one long semester or one 10-week summer approved experience.
2. Must be taken after completion of 100- and 200-level language requirement and INTS 201.
3. Must be completed before student is eligible to enroll in INTS 481, INTS 491 or INTS 497.
4. Must be an immersion experience in the foreign culture and language.
The requirement can be satisfied by:
   a. An internship at a company, government agency or non-profit operation involving significant use of the foreign language. Three hours of INTS 484 elective credit can be given.
   b. Courses taken at a foreign university. Courses may count for Texas A&M University credit with approval of the advisor of the relevant department. These courses cannot apply to the International Studies core. One course must be taken in the foreign language at the 300- or 400-level.
   c. Selected Texas A&M University Study Abroad programs which involve intensive cultural and language immersion.
   d. A combination of the above to equal the requirement of a long semester or a 10-week summer-approved experience.
5. Must be taken outside of the student's country of origin.
6. Must be taken in one foreign country that matches with the foreign language and the area study requirement unless approved by the Director of International Studies before travel.

**College and University Requirements (including Texas A&M University Core Curriculum Requirements).**

Other courses may qualify for the following categories. Students should consult the approved list of courses available in the Undergraduate Student Services Office in the College of Liberal Arts or in the International Studies Degree Program Office. The following list incorporates University Core Curriculum requirements. No course can be counted in more than one category, except as allowed in the International and Cultural Diversity Graduation requirement.

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<td>ENGL 104 Composition and Rhetoric.</td>
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<td>Communication (3 hours): To be selected from the approved list in the University Core Curriculum.</td>
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<td>Literature in English (6 hours): To be selected from approved college list.</td>
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<td>Mathematics: At least 3 hours must be in MATH. Three hours also may be in logic.</td>
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<td>Language, Philosophy and Culture and Creative Arts: To be selected from the approved list in the University Core Curriculum.</td>
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<td>Life and Physical Sciences.</td>
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<td>Social and Behavioral Sciences: To be selected from University Core Curriculum.</td>
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<td>American History: Two courses in American history</td>
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<td>Government/Poliical Science: POLS 206 and POLS 207.</td>
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<td>(3)</td>
<td>International and Cultural Diversity: To be selected from approved list. This course may also be used to satisfy any other requirement.</td>
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<td>General Electives</td>
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120 total hours
Curriculum in International Studies

The BA in International Studies is an interdisciplinary degree. Its principal objectives are: (1) to provide an international perspective on such issues as economics, political science and history to allow more concentrated coursework in subjects and geographical regions aligned with a student's interest; (2) to assure competency in a foreign language; (3) to offer an integrated study experience at an international site; and (4) to develop an understanding of the important and complex human, social, political and economic issues at work in international affairs.

The curriculum consists of the following requirements: (1) a minimum of 20 credit hours in a foreign language at the college level; (2) at least one long semester or one 10-week summer approved experience in a study abroad or other international program with an emphasis on cultural and language immersion; (3) the completion of 33 hours (at least 12 advanced) in the major, including 15 hours of core courses; (4) 18 hours in one of five tracks or topic areas: International Politics and Diplomacy, International Commerce, International Environmental Studies, International Communication and Media, and International Arts and Culture; and (5) 9 hours of area studies in courses related to Latin America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and North Africa and the Middle East.
Credit Course
ADTS 350 The Arts and Civilization
COMM 335 Intercultural Communication
COMM 340 Communication and Popular Culture
COMM 438 Global Media
ENGL 222 World Literature
GEOG 201 Introduction to Human Geography
GEOG 202 Geography of the Global Village
GEOG 311 Cultural Geography
HIST 104 World History Since 1500
INTS 484 Internship
LING 209 Introduction to Linguistics
MUSC 311 Music in Early Western Culture
MUSC 312 Music in Modern Western Culture
MUSC 324 Music in World Cultures
PSYC 346 Psychology of Language
RELS 403 Anthropology of Religion
THAR 201 Introduction to World Theatre
WGST 404 Women and Culture

International Environmental Studies Track
Credit Course
18 To be chosen from the following:
AGEC 105 Introduction to Agricultural Economics
AGEC 350 Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
AGEC 414 Agribusiness and Food Market Analysis
AGEC 452 International Trade and Agriculture
AGLS 101 Modern Agricultural Systems and Renewable Natural Resources
BESC 201 Introduction to Bioenvironmental Sciences
BIOL 328 Plants and People
BIOL 357 Ecology
FSTC 201 Food Science
GEOG 201 Introduction to Human Geography
GEOG 202 Geography of the Global Village
GEOG 203 Planet Earth
GEOG 304 Economic Geography
GEOG 311 Cultural Geography
GEOG 324 Global Climatic Regions
GEOG 330 Resources and the Environment
GEOG 401 Political Geography
GEOG 430 Environmental Justice
GEOL 101 Principles of Geology
GEOL 420 Environmental Geology
GEOS 410 Global Change
INTS 484 Internship
OCNG 251 Oceanography
PHIL 314 Environmental Ethics
POL S 347 Politics of Energy and the Environment
POL S 456 Environmental Political Theory (W)
RESNR 205 Fundamentals of Ecology
RESNR 375 Conservation of Natural Resources
SOCI 206 Global Social Trends
SOCI 328 Environmental Sociology

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<td><strong>Principles of Geographic Information Systems. Three required courses:</strong></td>
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<td>GEOG 361 Remote Sensing in Geosciences (4)</td>
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<td>GEOG 390 Principles of Geographic Information Systems (4)</td>
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<td>GEOG 475 Advanced Topics in GIS (Geographic Information Systems) (4)</td>
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Dear Sherry,

Here is the email I received from Chris Houser clarifying their support for the track (and not minor) in GIS in International Studies.

Thanks!

Best,
Stefanie

Stefanie Harris, Ph.D.
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From: Chris Houser <chouser@tamu.edu>
Reply-To: "chouser@tamu.edu" <chouser@tamu.edu>
Date: Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 1:55 PM
To: College of Liberal Arts <stefanieharris@tamu.edu>
Cc: "Stratta, Laura M" <l-stratta@tamu.edu>, Bob Shandley <r-shandley@tamu.edu>
Subject: Re: INTS track in Geographic Information Systems

Stephanie,

My apologies for referring to the program as a minor and not as a track in International Geographic Information Systems within the Department of International Studies. The Department of Geography and the College of Geosciences remains supportive of this proposal and look forward to working with INTS in the future to expand GIS on campus.

Regards,

Chris

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Dr. Chris Houser | Global Faculty Ambassador
Associate Dean for Undergraduate and Faculty Affairs
Associate Professor, Department of Geography
On Thu, Oct 23, 2014 at 1:08 PM, Stefanie Harris <stefanieharris@tamu.edu> wrote:

Dear Chris,

Your department recently approved your support of the development of a track in Geographic Information Systems in the Department of International Studies, and you confirmed your support in an email to our department back in June.

The new curriculum proposal, titled B.A. in International Studies: International Geographic Information Systems Track, finally came before the Undergraduate Instruction Committee in the College of Liberal Arts this past Monday. The new track was unanimously approved. There was, however, some concern voiced by committee members that your supporting email had inadvertently referred to the track as a “Minor in International GIS” and that this could potentially lead to delays at UCC or Faculty Senate seeking clarification.

In order to avoid that, could you please send me a new email confirming your department’s support for the new track in International Geographic Information Systems within the Department of International Studies. I hate to bother you with this small detail but I hope this will ensure smooth passage of this curriculum proposal from here on out.

Thanks!

Best,
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