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From: Fink, Steven
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2014 9:52 AM
To: Newhouse, Melissa A.; Allen, Heather
Subject: FW: Human Rights minor
Attachments: Human RightsProposal_Nov14.docx

Melissa and Heather,

Here is the most recent and final revised Human Rights minor proposal that Tony sent me. Arts and Sciences is fine with these changes without having to send them back to our curriculum panels.

Thank you,

Steve

From: Mughan, Anthony
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2014 3:34 PM
To: Allen, Heather; Fink, Steven
Cc: Hesford, Wendy; Shuman, Amy
Subject: Human Rights minor

Dear Heather and Steve,

We have decided to resubmit the Human Rights minor as 15-hour minor. Steve, thanks for pointing out what I hadn't changed. Everything is ok now, I think.

I'm not sure that I'm doing the right thing by submitting the minor proposal to you directly. Please tell me what to do if some other action is required. Thanks to both of you for all your help with this.

Tony

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October 7, 2014

Professor Meg Daly
Chair, Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

Re: Approval of Minor in Human Rights

Dear Meg:

The SBS Panel on October 3, 2014 approved a proposal by the department of International Studies to establish an undergraduate minor program in Human Rights.

The proposal is motivated by the growing importance of human rights in the increasingly complex and diverse world. The minor provides students an opportunity to explore the issue from a multiplicity of perspectives. The disciplinary and inter-disciplinary perspectives include anthropology, childhood, culture, disability, economics, folklore, gender, law, literature, political science, public policy, sociology, and immigration studies. The methodological perspectives include comparative, ethnographic, rhetorical, historical and social scientific approaches. The strength of the program lies in its variety and flexibility.

The panel agreed with the proposal and recommended only a minor change to the wording of the advising sheet. The proposal was initially submitted in March 2014 and had received feedback from this panel. The panel noted that the concerns raised in the initial submission, including concurrences, have been addressed satisfactorily.

The panel's decision to approve the proposal was unanimous.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Lam".

Pok-sang Lam
Chair, ASCC SBS Panel

A PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR IN HUMAN RIGHTS

To: ASC Curriculum Committee

From: Anthony Mughan, Director, Undergraduate International Studies Program (UISP)

Background

As the world has become more complex and the inherent diversity of its constituent populations more salient and, often, controversial, academia, governments, national and international organizations, private foundations, and the like have increasingly focused their attention on the often-contested rights of individuals and groups, and especially of minorities whether they be defined by economics, politics, social or cultural circumstances, sexuality, or disability. What rights do these individuals and groups actually have, what rights should they enjoy, and how can the situation be remedied when there is a discrepancy between the two? These questions are usually addressed under the rubric of human rights, which are basically held by advocates to be freedoms to which individuals are entitled simply by virtue of being human. Their basis is respect for the principle of individual freedom and dignity and, as such, human rights are held to be universal. They are guaranteed freedoms to which everyone is entitled – no matter whom they are or where they live – simply because they are alive. This proposal envisages the creation of a Human Rights minor within the Undergraduate International Studies Program (UISP) whose focus will be the theory and practice of human rights on both a national and global scale. This minor will be independent of the Program's track structure.

Rationale

Human rights is not only a practice, but also an emergent and increasingly diverse field of academic study. What forms do human rights take? Which of them are widely accepted and which widely contested? What are the bases of advocacy and contestation for different kinds of rights? What are the implications for individuals and the community of the denial or granting of rights to individuals and groups? This minor provides students with the opportunity to explore such questions from a multiplicity of disciplinary, interdisciplinary and methodological perspectives. The disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives include anthropology, childhood, culture, disability, economics, folklore, gender, law, literature, political science, public policy, sociology, and refugee and migration studies. The methodological perspectives range widely and include comparative, ethnographic, historical, rhetorical and social scientific approaches, to name but a few.

Ohio State is well-placed to offer a first-class minor in human rights because of the breadth and depth of approaches to this topic that it boasts. Looking at curricula across its departments and colleges, one is struck by the pervasiveness of faculty interested in this topic and of courses dealing with it. In addition, the University has already hosted several interdisciplinary conferences, symposia, and lectures that have been sponsored by Arts and Sciences, the

Humanities Institute, the Mershon Center for International Security, and several other academic units. These events were widely attended by students and faculty, and spawned the conversations that led to the design of this minor. Currently lacking, however, is the opportunity to gain a coherent, interdisciplinary perspective on how human rights has shaped the cultural, economic, and political fabric of the modern and contemporary world. The minor intends to fill this void and offer the Ohio State student body the opportunity to engage in the academic study of the dynamic influence of human rights on international and national politics, policy, activism, and culture. It is anticipated that its audience will appeal to students in the various Colleges in the Arts and Sciences as well as in the Colleges of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences and Social Work.

Curriculum

The proposal is for a 15-hour interdisciplinary minor in human rights. All students will take the same introductory course, which must be passed with a grade of C-, or higher. The remaining 12 credit hours will be satisfied by choosing two courses from each of the Arts and Humanities and Social course groupings below. The first of them offers an essentially arts and humanities perspective on human rights, while the second offer a social science perspective. To be precise, the proposed curriculum is:

Required Course (3 hours)

IS 3450: Human Rights: An Introduction

Electives (12 hours: 2 courses from each of the two groupings below and at least 2 of the 4 chosen courses must be at 4000 level or above)

Arts and Humanities Courses

AAAS/History 3083: Civil Rights and Black Power Movements

Comparative Studies 4597.02: Global Culture

English 4573.02: Rhetoric and Social Action

English 4597.01: The Disability Experience in the Contemporary World

English 4554: English Studies and Global Human Rights

International Studies 4200: Living Jerusalem: Ethnography and Bridge Blogging in Disputed Territory

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 3370: Sexualities and Citizenship

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 3302: Engendering Peace and Conflict

Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies 4520: Women of Color and Social Activism

Social Sciences Courses

- City and Regional Planning 3500: The Socially Just City
- Communications 4853.02: Media and Social Movements
- International Studies 5801: Children and War
- International Studies 5800: International Law
- Political Science: 3460 Global Justice
- Political Science 4455: Human Rights
- Political Science 4940: The Politics of Immigration
- Sociology 3460: Environmental Justice
- Sociology: 5563: Global Inequality and Poverty

Experiential Learning Credit (3 hours: Students may choose to take this option in place of one of the four courses above). If this option is chosen, two of the remaining three courses must come from either the Arts and Humanities or Social Sciences course grouping and the remaining one course from the other grouping.

- International Studies 5191: Student Intern Program in International Studies
- Disability Studies 5191: Disability Studies Internship

Course Synopses

Introduction

<p>International Studies 3450: <i>Human Rights: An Introduction</i></p>	<p>Provides an interdisciplinary introduction to the conceptual history as well as the practice of human rights. It traces the evolution of the idea of human rights, its adoption in international and domestic covenants, its rise in domestic and international political disputes and its (non-)adoption by governments and civil society. Its essentially contested nature is also discussed.</p>	<p>Prerequisites: None</p>
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Arts and Humanities Courses

	<p>AAAS/History 3083: <i>Civil Rights and Black Power Movements</i></p>	<p>Examines the origins, evolution, and outcomes of the African American freedom struggle, focusing on the Civil Rights and Black Power movements. Sometimes this course is offered in a distance-only format.</p>	<p>Prereq: English 1110.xx and any History 2000-level course, or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for History 3083. GE historical</p>
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		study and diversity soc div in the US course. Cross-listed in History.
	Comparative Studies 4597.02 <i>Global Culture</i>	Examines contemporary global cultural flows, the concepts useful in analyzing them, and the questions they raise about power and cultural change.
	English 4573.02: <i>Rhetoric and Social Action</i>	Examination of persuasive strategies in social interaction, such as social movements, political protests, cultural trends, rituals and ceremonies, and everyday practices.
	English 4597.01: <i>The Disability Experience in the Contemporary World</i>	Global, national, and local issues of disability in the contemporary world; interdisciplinary approach combines historical, literary, philosophical, scientific, and service-oriented analysis of experience of disability.
	English 4554: <i>English Studies and Global Human Rights</i>	Covers key human rights concepts and the role that humanities-based methods of analysis can play in the study of human rights. Examines how human rights are described in legal texts, cultural narratives, public discourses, and artistic representations. Also considers conflicting and contested representations, how they work, and how they are used in particular contexts.
	International Studies 4200: <i>Living Jerusalem: Ethnography and Bridge Blogging in Disputed Territory</i>	In this experimental class, you will meet Israeli and Palestinian scholars and students in video conferences and blogs as you engage in ethnographic, historical, political & cultural analyses of historical and contemporary Jerusalem.
	Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 3370: <i>Sexualities and Citizenship</i>	A survey of cultural, social, and political issues related to historical and contemporary lesbian experience in the United States.

			the US course.
	Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 3302: <i>Engendering Peace and Conflict</i>	Analysis of the gendered dimensions of political, ethnic, and economic situations involving armed struggle, security issues, and peace-building worldwide. Topics include terrorism, militarization, refugees, diplomacy, truth commissions, etc.	Prereq: None
	Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 4520: <i>Women of Color and Social Activism</i>	Examination of multiple forms of social activism among women of color from various parts of the world concerning local, national, and international issues.	Prereq: Not open to students with credit for WGSS 520. GE diversity soc div in the US course.

Social Sciences Courses

	City & Regional Planning 3500: <i>The Socially Just City</i>	Too many cities are split between the haves and the have-nots. Explore how to reduce poverty, increase access to public services, and create a high quality of life for all residents.	GE social science orgs and politics and diversity soc div in the US course.
	Communication 4853.02 <i>Media and Social Movements</i>	Communication technology and its use in social movements.	Not open to students with credit for 653.
	International Studies 5800: <i>International Law</i>	Examination of the varied sources, traditions, functions and structures of international law and its significance in maintaining stability, continuity and communication in the international system.	Prereq: Soph standing or above, or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 650.
	International Studies 5801: <i>Children and War</i>	Explores how children are affected by war, as forced participants, orphans and refugees. Long-term effects on society will be studied.	Prereq: Soph standing or above, or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 615.
	Political Science 3460: <i>Global Justice</i>	Examines the idea of justice between states and among the people of the world. What would a just world look like? How should we live in our unjust world? Current debates about war, the environment, diversity and poverty will be considered.	Prereq: None
	Political Science 4455: <i>Human Rights</i>	Examines human rights, including the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights; coercive enforcement of rights; as well as hunger, violence, persecution,	Not open to students with credit for 564.

		and economic rights.	
	Political Science 4940: <i>The Politics of Immigration</i>	Provides an overview of international migration phenomenon: patterns of international migration, reasons for immigration, acceptance of immigrants by governments and public, dynamics of anti-immigrant sentiment.	Not open to students with credit for 543.
	Sociology 3460: <i>Environmental Justice</i>	Examines environmental issues from a sociological perspective, especially human causes of environmental change such as technology, population, and consumption, and social reactions.	Nor open to students with credit for 460. GE soc sci human, nat, and econ resources course.
	Sociology 5563: <i>Global Inequality and Poverty</i>	Focus on globalization, world-wide inequalities, and poverty in sociological perspective with particular attention to the causes, correlates, and consequences of global poverty and inequality.	Prereq: 3 cr hrs in Sociology at 2000-3000 level or above. Not open to students with credit for 618.

This minor will be open to International Studies (IS) majors, as well as to members of the undergraduate student body as a whole. No course will be allowed to count towards the IS major. In the event that a course were to be required on both this minor and the major, it will count towards the minor and students will be required to substitute for it on their major. All the courses counting towards this minor are approved and already on the books. They are also generally taught by faculty in the departments offering them. Students must maintain a C average in the minor, and no grade lower than C- will count towards the minor.

Administration

The minor will be listed in the OSU Bulletin as “an interdisciplinary minor offered by the Undergraduate International Studies Program.” Individual departments will not be listed so as to allow for the addition and subtraction of courses as circumstances in the contributing units change and/or as new units list courses in the minor. To declare a minor, students will meet with a UIISP advisor, with whom they will plan their minor program. Proposed changes to the course content of the minor will be discussed by the Steering Committee that created it (Drs. Wendy Hesford, Anthony Mughan and Amy Shuman) and referred to the UIISP Oversight Committee for approval.

Departments wishing to propose courses for the Human Rights minor should submit the following to the UIISP Director:

- A fully articulated syllabus for the course(s);
- A statement (two pages maximum) describing how the proposed course(s) would add to the Human Rights minor;
- A description of the history of the proposed course – i.e., is it new? How many times has it been offered before and how often will it be offered in the future?

- A short biography of the faculty member who will have primary responsibility for teaching the course

All the courses that figure, now or in the future, in the proposed minor will have to share the characteristics of being offered regularly, preferably once a year but no less than once every two years.

Competition

To the best we can establish from websites, the only competition for this program in the state of Ohio is the BA in Human Rights Studies at the University of Dayton. No similar programs could be located in surrounding states.

The other programs we have identified are:

University of Connecticut	Human Rights Institute Undergraduate Major and Minor in Human Rights
Columbia University	Institute for the Study of Human Rights Undergraduate Major and Concentration in Human Rights
Barnard College	Joint Major in Human Rights Studies
University of Minnesota	Undergraduate Concentration in Human Rights and Justice Offered through the Global Studies Program
Trinity College	Undergraduate Major and Minor in Human Rights
University of Washington	Undergraduate Minor in Human Rights
Macalester College	Human Rights and Humanitarianism Interdepartmental Concentration

Expected Student Enrollment

Year 1: 10 students

Year 2: 25 students

Year 3: 40 students

Implementation of Proposed Minor

Letters of concurrence from the heads of contributing departments are attached to this proposal (see Appendix A). It is hoped that the proposal will be approved by both ASC Curriculum Committee and CAA by the end of the 2014 Autumn semester so that implementation will be possible in Spring 2015.

Questions regarding this proposal should be addressed to Anthony Mughan, 33 Townshend Hall, 1885 Neil Avenue, CAMPUS; his telephone number is 292-9657 and his e-mail address is mughan.1@osu.edu.

Human Rights Minor Concurrences

Original Request

Rick,

International Studies has collaborated with Professors Wendy Hesford and Amy Shuman of the Department of English to create an interdisciplinary minor in Human Rights. A first draft of our proposal is attached to give you a clear idea of its proposed structure. Comments and suggestions are welcome, but I also need written confirmation of your agreement to the inclusion of the two Political Science courses (4455 and 3460) in the minor. Thanks in advance.

Tony

Replies English

Wednesday, June 05, 2013 3:58 PM
Tony (and Clare)

I believe it is sufficient for me simply to express our concurrence in an email. So, having consulted with a number of our senior faculty, I am happy to agree to the inclusion of the three English courses (4573.02, 4595 and 4597) in the new interdisciplinary minor in Human Rights. As mentioned in an earlier message I do have to stress that this cannot commit us to running any particular course on a particular schedule.

Do let me know if you require this in hard format.

Richard

Richard Dutton,
Humanities Distinguished Professor and Chair,
Department of English,
Ohio State University

tel: 614 292 5802

Political Science

Friday, May 31, 2013 5:59 PM
Dear Tony,

I have looked at the proposed IS interdisciplinary minor in Human Rights. It looks attractive, timely, and rigorous. I confirm my agreement to include in this minor both PS 4455 Human Rights and PS 3460 Global Justice.

Sincerely,

Rick

Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Friday, May 31, 2013 2:25 PM

Hi, Tony,

The brief proposal looks fine except please make sure that our courses are listed as Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSST), not Women's Studies.

I agree to the inclusion of the four WGSST courses (2305, 3370, 3520 and 3302) in the minor.

My best,
Jill

Jill Bystydzienski
Professor and Chair
Department of Women's, Gender
and Sexuality Studies
The Ohio State University

AAAS/History

Friday, May 31, 2013 12:47 PM

Hello Tony,

Please feel free to include AAAS 3083 in the new interdisciplinary minor in Human Rights. Do you need a formal letter?

Ike

Friday, May 31, 2013 12:55 PM

Tony:

This would be fine with me.

Best,
Peter

Sociology

Hi Tony,

Sorry that I did not receive your email until the student forwarded your email to me.

This interdisciplinary minor is very timely. I strongly support your proposal and agree to include Sociology 3460 an5563 in the minor. Thanks,

Zhenchao

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The minor in Human Rights focuses on the theory and practice of human rights on both a national and global scale. Students will be exposed to a variety of disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives and methodological approaches.
12 Credit Hours.

NOTE: The Honors version of any course included here also is eligible to be counted toward the minor.

Required Foundational Course (3 Credit Hours)
INTSTDS 3450 – Human Rights: An Introduction (3)

Elective Courses (9 Credit Hours)

Choose 2 courses from one group and 1 course from the other. At least 2 of the 3 chosen courses must be at the 4000-level or above.

1. Arts and Humanities

AAAS/HISTORY 3083: Civil Rights and the Black Power Movement (3)
COMPSTD 4597.02: Global Culture (3)
ENGLISH 4573.02: Rhetorical Theory & the Analysis of Social Action (3)
ENGLISH 4597: The Disability Experience in the Contemporary World (3)
ENGLISH 4554: English Studies & Global Human Rights (3)
INTSTDS 4200: Living Jerusalem (3)
WGSST 3370: Sexualities and Citizenship (3)
WGGST 3520: Women of Color and Social Activism (3)
WGGST 3302: Engendering Peace and Conflict (3)

2. Social Sciences

CRPLAN 3500: The Socially Just City (3)
COMM 4853.02: Media and Social Movements (3)
INTSTDS 5800: International Law (3)
INTSTDS 5801: Children and War (3)
POLITSC: 3460 Global Justice (3)
POLITSC 4455: Human Rights (3)
POLITSC 4940: The Politics of Immigration (3)
SOCIOL 3460: Environmental Justice (3)
SOCIOL 5563: Global Inequality and Poverty (3)

Experiential Learning Credit

Students may choose to substitute 3 credit hours in either of the following to replace 1 of the courses above. If this option is chosen, one of the two remaining courses must come from the Arts and Humanities grouping and the other from the Social Sciences grouping.
INTSTDS 5191: Human Rights Internship
DSABLST 5191: Disability Studies Internship

Human Rights Minor Program Guidelines

Required for graduation No.

Credit hours required Minimum of 12. 1000 level courses shall not be counted toward the minor. All 12 credit hours must be upper-level courses.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minors

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s)

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be counted toward the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count toward the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of coursework graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

X193 credits No more than 3 credit hours.

Approval required Minor coursework must be approved by an International Studies advisor.

Filing the minor program form The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to the college.

Changing the minor Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by an International Studies advisor.

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