



Associate Professor Brad Steinmetz
Chair, Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

Dear Professor Steinmetz and Members of the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee,

On September 15, 2022, the ASCC's Social and Behavioral Sciences Panel reviewed and approved a proposal from the Undergraduate International Studies Program for a revision to the Bachelor of Arts in International Studies. The rationale for the revision was based on 1) the fact that a review of the program had not occurred in many years; 2) the program had evolved to include new options for students leading to a lack of coherence to the program; and 3) several core courses were no longer offered. Therefore, the purpose of this program revision was to create a coherent and up-to-date curriculum for the BA in International Studies which incorporated recommendations from an external review.

The program revision to the International Studies program creates a 9-credit core curriculum that all students will complete. The revision also includes the requirement that students complete at least two thematic tracks – a 15-credit hour primary concentration in one of 14 tracks, and a 9-credit hour secondary concentration in a different track. The language requirement for the major remains unchanged (i.e., equivalent of four semesters of a world language).

The revision to the International Studies program includes clearly articulated goals, an administrative plan, and an assessment plan. All panel contingencies were met. The panel offered two recommendations related to the management and inclusion of course offerings.

We advance the proposal for the revised Undergraduate International Studies Program to the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee with a motion to approve.

Sincerely,

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