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Good afternoon,

On Friday, April 26th, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a proposal to revise the Bachelor of Science in International Studies.

I am pleased to report that the Subcommittee unanimously approved the proposal with **two contingencies**:

- **Contingency:** The Subcommittee appreciates the work that has gone into this proposal and is in full support of the revision. The Subcommittee requests that the following small errors be addressed to allow for a smooth and quick approval process:
 - The Subcommittee notes that the Substantive Concentration category under the Description of Proposed Curriculum should be marked III instead of II. [Proposal p. 4]
 - Page 1, footnote 1 and p. 9: There is a reference to “two general education pre-major courses.” This is confusing since, in actuality, all tracks require *three* courses: Stats 2450.xx and two other courses that vary by track. Furthermore, the Subcommittee asks that the unit remove the reference to the pre-major courses as *general education* pre-major courses throughout the proposal, as students’ choice of GE courses cannot be mandated by their major program.
 - Related to the point above, the Subcommittee notes that it would be helpful to the readers of the proposal that the unit include those pre-major courses in the current advising sheets included in the proposal (for the sake of comparison since the proposal speaks to the deletion of these courses). All the pre-major courses are listed on the advising sheets on the International Studies website (e.g., https://internationalstudies.osu.edu/sites/default/files/2023-04/ird-bs_au22.pdf); however, the current advising sheets inserted in the proposal do not mention the pre-major courses. Readers not intimately familiar with the current BS International Studies and readers who do not know where to find the advising sheets on the web may have difficulty understanding what the changes are.
 - The Subcommittee notes that the beginning of the second page of the proposal states “prior to Autumn 2024” and believes that this is meant to say “prior to Autumn 2025”.
 - The Subcommittee suggests that the unit use courses that will be taken by a more substantial number of students for the assessment of classes rather than electives INTSTDS 5701 & 3701, which will not necessarily be taken by a large portion of students. For example, INTSTDS 3703

- and 4701 would be appropriate courses since students will need to take one or the other to fulfill their E.L. Technology.
- The Subcommittee notes that the proposal mentions “three retained unit ELOs” and is unsure what this means, as units do not have ELOs. If the proposing faculty are avoiding referring to these as major ELOs because they are shared between the BA and the BS, the Subcommittee reassures them that they do in fact need to refer to them this way. [Proposal p. 8]
 - The Subcommittee notices that the figure on page 4 is labeled “Figure 2” but there is no figure 1. [Proposal p. 4]
 - **Contingency:** The Subcommittee has found errors in the course listings throughout the proposal (see Appendix attached and pasted at the bottom of this email) and requests that these be corrected.

When a revision of the proposal is ready that has addressed the Subcommittee’s feedback, please email a copy of the proposal to both me and Bernadette Vankeerbergen, Assistant Dean for Curriculum. We will work to ensure that the revision is reviewed.

Should you have any questions about the feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out to Amy Nathanson (faculty Chair of the SBS Subcommittee), or me.

Best,
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Appendix

Please note that many of these courses appear several times throughout the document and the Subcommittee asks that the department correct each listing of the course.

Comment: The Subcommittee would like to point out to the unit that as of Spring 2024, the Department of History and the Department of Near Eastern and South Asian Languages and Cultures offer a course (History/Jewish Studies 3480: Israel/Palestine History of the Present) that they might consider including in the program.

- INTSTDS 3400 is cross listed with Economics and should be listed as ECON/INTSTDS 3400.
- POLITSC 3780 is also offered as an honors version and should be listed as POLITSCI 3780(H).
- The correct titles of POLITSCI 4781 and 4782 are Data Analysis in Political Science I / Data Analysis in Political Science II, respectively.

- STAT 2450 should be listed as STAT 2450.xx.
- The correct title of INTSTDS 4701 is The Development and Control of Weapons of Mass Destruction (p. 12).
- AAAS 5485.01 and 5485.02 went into limbo as of May, 2023 and should be removed from the proposal.
- The full title of ANTHROP 3418 is Regional Survey of the Anthropology of Africa.
- The correct title of INTSTDS 3703 is Ethical Issues in the Information Age.
- INTSTDS 3905 is a 4-credit hour course.
- The correct title of INTSTDS 5191 is Student Intern Program in International Studies and can be taken for 3-9 credits.
 - Note: It is recommended that the proposal indicate if there is a limit to credits from this course that can be applied to the major given that 9 credit hours is 1/3 of the major.
- AEDECON/INTSTDS 4537 is also cross listed with Economics and should be listed as AEDECON/ECON/INTSTDS 4537.
- AGRCOMM 5150 went into limbo as of May, 2023 and should be removed from the proposal.
- GEOG 3900 should be listed as GEOG 3900.xx.
- HISTART/INTSTDS 3905 is a 4-credit hour course.
- The full title of INTSTDS 2500 is Introduction to Development Studies.
- The full title of CHINESE 4406 is China Pop: Contemporary Popular Culture and Media in Greater China.
- The correct title of HISTART 4825 is From Modernism to Manga: Modern and Contemporary Art in Japan.
- The full title of INTSTDS/NELC/SLAVIC 5020 is Oligarchs, Penthouses, Yachts: The Global Lives and Time of Eurasians Elites.
- JAPANESE 4401 went into limbo as of May, 2023 and should be removed from the proposal.
- The full title of JAPANESE 5455 is Japanese Literature: Medieval & Edo Periods.
- COMPSTD 3645 is also offered as an honors version and should be listed as COMPSTD 3645(H).
- The full title of HISTORY 3706 is Coca-Cola Globalization: The History of American Business and Global Environmental Change 1800-Today.
- The full title of INTSTDS 5640 is Globalization & Latin America: Multi-Disciplinary Approaches.
- SOCIOL 5563 went into limbo as of May, 2020 and should be removed from the proposal.
- The correct title of WGSST 3302 is Gender, War & Peacebuilding.
- CSE 2501 is a 1-credit hour course.
- The correct title of LING 3801 is Codes & Code Breaking.
- LING 3802 is also offered as an honors version and should be listed as LING 3802(H).
- The correct title of PUBAFRS 2150 is Nonprofit Organizing for Diversity and Justice.
- SOCIOL 3463 was changed to 2463 and is now titled Social Inequality: Race, Class & Gender.
- SOCIOL 4666 is in limbo as of May, 2020.
- The full title of HISTORY 3590 is Wars of Empire and Decolonization.
- The correct title of INTSTDS 4195 is Ethical Problems in International Studies.
- The full title of INTSDTS 4704 is A Global War on Terror? America's Response to the 9/11 Attacks.
- The Latin American Studies Specialization is missing the credit hours for each course. Since this is included for the other specializations, the Subcommittee recommends including this

here as well. All of the courses in this specialization are 3-credit hours.

- The full title of INTSTDS/POLITSC 4242 is Incomplete Democracies: the (Un)Rule of Law in Latin America.
- The full title of ARABIC 3702 is Place, Space, & Migration in Arabic Literature and Film.
- HEBREW 3245 is cross listed with Jewish Studies and should be listed as HEBREW/JEWSHST 3245.
- The correct title of HEBREW 3703 is Prophecy in the Hebrew Bible. This course is also cross listed with Jewish Studies and should be listed as HEBREW/JEWSHST 3703.
- The correct title of HISTART 3211 is Art & Civilization in Mesopotamia.
- The full title of HISTORY 3450 is History of Ancient Israel to 300 B.C.E.
- The full title of INTSTDS 2200 is Introduction to the Modern Middle East. The course is also cross listed with Near Eastern and South Asian Languages and Cultures and should be listed as INTSTDS/NELC 2200.
- INTSTDS 4537 is cross listed with Economics and Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics and should be listed as AEDECON/ECON/INTSTDS 4537.
- INTSTDS 5645 is cross listed with Near Eastern and South Asian Languages and Cultures and should be listed as INTSTDS/NELC 5645.
- The correct title of ISLAM 3702 is Literatures & Cultures of the Islamic World.
- ISLAM 4597 is in limbo as of May, 2023 and should be removed from the proposal.
- The Near Eastern and South Asian Languages and Cultures offering of (NELC) 3702 does not exist and should be removed from the proposal.
- The correct course number for “The Middle East in the Media” is 3204 (currently listed in the proposal as 3704).
- NELC 3230 does not exist; it was offered as ISLAMIC 3230 but is in limbo as of May, 2023 and should be removed from the proposal.
- The full title of HISTORY 3561 is Citizenship & American Military History, 1902 to the Present.
- The full title of INTSTDS 4550 is Bioterrorism: An Overview.
- INTSTDS 4703 is in limbo as of May, 2023 and should be removed from the proposal.
- The full title of INTSTDS 4803 is Intervening for Peace: Peacekeeping & Collective Security.
- INTSTDS 5702 is in limbo as of May, 2023 and should be removed from the proposal.
- The listing of INTSTDS 4701 in the specialization Slavic and East European Studies does not indicate that it is an EL Technology course as is indicated in its listings in the other specializations. [Proposal p. 70]
- The full title of RUSSIAN 3355.99 is Vodka in Russian Society and Culture: Deconstructing Myths.
- The correct title of RUSSIAN 3480.xx is The Russian Spy: Cultures of Surveillance, Secret Agents, & Hacking from the Cold War through Today.
- SLAVIC 3333 should be listed as SLAVIC 3333.xx.
- ECON 5130 is a 4-credit hour course.
- As a note, the unit might want to consider including GERMAN 3254H—Representations and Memory of the Holocaust in Film, the honors version of GERMAN 3252.01/.02—to the West European Studies Specialization.
- The full title of HISTORY 3254 is Europe Since 1950: From the Iron Curtain to Fortress Europe.
- Please note that as of Autumn, 2024, HISTORY 3642 will be titled Women and Gender in Modern Europe (1750-1950): Diversity in Context.

The correct title of ECON 4597.01 is Issues of the Underground Economy.

- INTSTDS/AEDECON 4320 should be listed as INTSTDS/AEDECON 4320(E).
- INTSTDS/AEDECON 4535 is also cross listed with Public Affairs and should be listed as INTSTDS/AEDECON/PUBAFRS 4535.
- INTSTDS/AEDECON 4597.01 should be listed as INTSTDS/AEDECON 4597.01(H).
- INTSTDS 4537 is cross listed with Economics and Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics and should be listed as AEDECON/ECON/INTSTDS 4537.
- INTSTDS 4560 is cross listed with Economics and should be listed as ECON/INTSTDS 4560.