

**The Ohio State University
Colleges of the Arts and Sciences Concurrence Form**

The purpose of this form is to provide a simple system of obtaining departmental reactions to course requests. A letter may be substituted for this form.

An academic unit initiating a request should complete Section A of this form and send a copy of the form, course request, and syllabus to each of the academic units that might have related interests in the course. Initiating units should be allowed two weeks for responses.

Academic units receiving this form should respond to Section B and return the form to the initiating unit. Overlap of course content and other problems should be resolved by the academic units before this form and all other accompanying documentation may be forwarded to the Office of Academic Affairs.

A. Information from the academic unit *initiating* the request

Korean
Initiating Academic Unit 01/17/07
Date

Korean
Book 3 Listing (e.g., Portuguese)

653	Interdisciplinary Topics in Korean History, Politics, & Society	UG	5
Course Number	Title	Level	Credit Hours

Type of Request (Circle): New Course Course Change Course Withdrawal Other

History
Academic unit asked to review the request

01/31/07
Date response is needed (within two weeks of above date)

B. Information from the academic unit *reviewing* the request should include a reaction to the proposal, including a statement of support or non-support (continued on the back of this form or a separate sheet, if necessary).


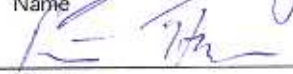
The History Department strongly agrees that there should be some course through which offerings in Korean Studies can be explored and tested with students. We applaud the effort to introduce more courses on Korea to the curriculum, for both the sake of the program and the competitiveness of OSU's Title VI application.

On the other hand, we have a number of concerns with the proposal as it currently stands:

- The proposed course plans to be both an undergraduate and graduate level course in history ("history" appears in both sample titles) being offered in a languages and literatures department. The description states that visiting professors from a wide range of fields (including history but also sociology, political science, ethnic studies, gender studies, etc.) will teach the course. We don't feel that history belongs in the title of a course that will only, intermittently, address historical topics.
- We also have a few comments on the syllabi, themselves. Neither syllabus contains a discussion of course objectives, and they seem to be lacking a number of the other elements recommended by the Arts & Sciences course submission page, <http://artsandsciences.osu.edu/currofc/submit.cfm>.
- We are concerned that, because the course will be staffed by visiting scholars, not regular OSU faculty, the course will not be offered on a regular basis. This is of particular concern because the Title VI funding for the visiting scholars in question is soft.

We would like to propose that, at the very least, the title be changed to a more generic one: "Topics in Korean Studies," for example. Then, if the visiting professor does happen to be a historian, the specific topic of the course could be one in history. It would seem that this would be the best solution all round, in that it would also give instructors in the other disciplines a chance to shape their own courses.

Signatures

1.		Undergraduate Studies Chair, Department of History	2/6/07
Name	Position	Unit	Date
2.		Chair	2/7/07
Name	Position	Unit	Date
3.			
Name	Position	Unit	Date

Please return this form to the ASC Curriculum Office, 105 Brown Hall, 190 W. 17th Avenue or fax to 688-5678.

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