December 17, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Donna Hamilton
    Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and Dean for Undergraduate Studies

FROM: Elizabeth Beise
    Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to Modify the Minor in Asian American Studies (PCC log no. 13021)

At its meeting on November 1, 2013, the Senate Committee on Programs, Curricula, and Courses approved your proposal to modify the Minor in Asian American Studies. A copy of the approved proposal is attached.

The change is effective Spring 2014. Please ensure that the change is fully described in the Undergraduate Catalog and in all relevant descriptive materials.

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Enclosure

cc: Marilee Lindemann, Chair, Senate PCC Committee
    Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid
    Reka Montfort, University Senate
    Erin Howard, Division of Information Technology
    Pam Phillips, Institutional Research, Planning & Assessment
    Anne Turkos, University Archives
    Linda Yokoi, Office of the Registrar
    Doug Roberts, Office of Undergraduate Studies
    Janelle Wong, Asian American Studies Program
THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
PROGRAM/CURRICULUM/UNIT PROPOSAL

- Please email the rest of the proposal as an MSWord attachment to pcc-submissions@umd.edu.
- Please submit the signed form to the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, 1119 Main Administration Building, Campus.

College/School: UGST – Asian American Studies Program
Please also add College/School Unit Code-First 8 digits: 01202100
Unit Codes can be found at: https://hypprod.umd.edu/Html_Reports/units.htm

Department/Program:
Please also add Department/Program Unit Code-Last 7 digits: 1210201

Type of Action (choose one):

☒ Curriculum change (including informal specializations) ☐ New academic degree/award program
☐ Renaming of program or formal Area of Concentration ☐ New Professional Studies award iteration
☐ Addition/deletion of formal Area of Concentration ☐ New Minor
☐ Suspend/delete program ☐ Other

 Italics indicate that the proposed program action must be presented to the fall University Senate for consideration.

Summary of Proposed Action:

The Asian American Studies Program (AAST) is requesting approval to modify its Minor in Asian American Studies. AAST requests PCC approval for changes to the minor

- to allow a broader and more appropriate range of AAST courses to fulfill the requirements of the minor
- update and strengthen the curriculum in ways that reflect developments in the field of Asian American Studies, including an emphasis on transnational themes, comparative ethnic studies, and theories of intersectional identity

APPROVAL SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date. Use additional lines for multi-unit programs.

1. Department Committee Chair
   Janelle Wong
   4/11/13

2. Department Chair
   Janelle Wong
   4/11/13

3. College/School PCC Chair
   Robert N. Gaines
   11/1/13

4. Dean
   5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)
   6. Chair, Senate PCC
   7. University Senate Chair (if required)
   8. Senior Vice President and Provost

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# Proposal to modify the curriculum of the Minor in Asian American Studies

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Proposed (New) Minor: Asian American Studies

Asian American Studies Program (AAST)

In the Asian American Studies Program (AAST) students undertake an interdisciplinary and critical study of race, immigration, and political and social representation through examination of the experiences of Asian Americans. Students study the experiences of Asian Americans compared to and connected with other groups in the United States, as well as situated within a global and transnational context. Through this approach, students examine the histories, communities and cultures of Asian Americans as both distinctive from and connected to the broader themes for diversity, ethnicity, race, gender, sexual orientation and migration in the Americas. AAST offers a 15 credit-hour minor. For the Minor, courses may be cross-listed in other departments and some may satisfy general education requirements.

Minor Requirements (15 credits):

Any course counts only once for the minor.

A. AAST FOUNDATIONAL COURSE (3 credits):

   AAST200/AMST 298C Introduction to Asian American Studies

   OR

   AAST 201/HIST 219M Asian American History
B. ELECTIVE COURSES (9 credits)
3 Additional AAST or other approved courses, of which 2 must be upper division and 1 must be comparative ethnic or global/transnational/international (see courses underlined below). Students may take a course not on this list with approval of AAST Director. The following list of regular and special topics courses include:

AAST 200 Introduction to Asian American Studies
AAST 201 Asian American History
AAST 223 Introduction to Asian American Literature
AAST 222/HIST 222 Immigration and Ethnicity in the United States
AAST 498F Asian American Politics
AAST378 Experiential Learning
AAST 498M Asian American Public Policy
AAST 498I Asian American Leadership
AAST498G Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies: Asian American Women and Gender
AAST498O Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies: Asian American Health
THET 498D Special Topics in Theatre History from 1800 to Present: Asian American Theatre
AAST498B Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies: Confucius' Many Lives in East Asia and Asian America
AAST499T Advanced Topics in Public Policy and the Black Community: Race, Poverty, Violence, and the Juvenile Justice System: A Theoretical and Contextual Analysis of Social Capital
AASP202H Black Culture in the United States
USLT 498B Special Topics: Latinas/os and US Popular Culture
USLT 498B Special Topics: Latinas/os Racial Formation
EALL300 The Languages of East Asia
ARTH290 Art and Society in Asia
AAST 498W/AMST 498R Selected Topics in American Studies:
Transnational American Studies

ARTH489F Special Topics in Art History: Modern Chinese Film and Visual Culture

ENGL 428Y Seminar in Language and Literature: Postcolonial, Global, Transnational

USLT 202 Overview US Latino/a Studies

PSYCH 354 Cross-Cultural Psychology

300-Level Asian language course (only 1 language class can count toward AAST minor)

C. AAST 499 Special Topics: Advanced Colloquium in Asian American Studies – AAST 499 currently under development (3-credits)

Must be AAST Minor OR permission to enroll by instructor. This is a small seminar (cap enrollment at 10 students) designed as an intensive learning experience by the instructor. Capstone, applied research, sustained community experience, etc.

OR

One additional 400-level AAST course
Current (old) Minor: Asian American Studies

Asian American Studies Program (AAST)

In the Asian American Studies Program (AAST) students undertake a critical study of the experiences of Asian Americans. Through an interdisciplinary approach, students examine the histories, communities and cultures of Asian Americans as both distinctive from and connected to the broader themes for diversity, ethnicity, race, gender, and migration in the Americas. AAST offers a 15 credit-hour minor. For the Minor, courses may be cross-listed in other departments and some may satisfy general education requirements.

Minor Requirements:

A. AAST Courses (6 credits):

1. Introduction to Asian American Studies (AAST200/AMST298C)
2. Asian American History and Society (AAST201/HIST219M)

B. Upper-level Courses (6 credits): In addition to the two required foundational courses, students will also select two additional upper-level (300/400) courses, one of which would be at the 400 level. The following list of regular and special topics courses include: AAST222, AAST 233, AAST298, AAST 384, AAST 398, AAST 420, AAST 424, AAST 498, AAST 498

C. The final requirement for the Minor is the successful completion of AAST378 (Experiential Learning - 3 credits), a semester-long internship at an organization that centers its efforts on Asian American issues. Such organizations may include governmental units, non-profit agencies, and on-campus organizations. Alternately, students may opt for AAST388 (Independent Research - 3 credits), a semester-long research project that also centers around Asian American issues.
RATIONALE

The proposed modification to the Minor in Asian American Studies seeks to

- allow a broader and more appropriate range of AAST courses to fulfill the requirements of the minor, for example, popular 200-level courses offered by AAST, such as AAST 223 (Introduction to Asian American Literature) and AAST 222 (Immigration and Ethnicity in the United States), will now count towards the minor

- update and strengthen the curriculum in ways that reflect developments in the field of Asian American Studies, including an emphasis on transnational themes, comparative ethnic studies, and theories of intersectional identity

These changes are the result of 1) a curriculum revision workshop that included a panel of Directors of successful Asian American Studies Minor programs from around the country, as well as staff, students, and faculty; 2) a Student Town Hall and, 3) an Open Forum to allow for comment and feedback.

Sample program:
Year 2, Fall Semester
Foundational course (3 credits)

✓ AAST 200 Introduction to Asian American Studies will be offered both in the fall and spring each academic year

AAST 201 Asian American History will be offered at least once during each academic year

Year 2, Spring Semester
✓ AAST 201 Asian American History (3 credits)

Year 3, Fall Semester
✓ AAST 498I Asian American Leadership (3 credits)

Year 3, Spring Semester
✓ ARTH489F Special Topics in Art History: Modern Chinese Film and Visual Culture (3 credits)

At least 10 electives, a majority at the 400-level, will be offered each semester

Year 4, Spring Semester
✓ AAST 499 Special Topics: Advanced Colloquium in Asian American Studies (3 credits)

This course will be offered every spring semester, but the content will change based on the instructor’s expertise

Prerequisites
One elective, PSYCH 354 Cross-Cultural Psychology, requires a prerequisite. We will make students aware of this requirement through advising.
Courses no longer required
AAST 378 (Experiential Learning) and 388 (Directed Research) are no longer requirements for the minor, but will remain as electives. There are no courses that will be deleted as a result of this modification.

Impact on other departments/units
Courses outside of AAST count towards elective credit. Because the number of AAST minors currently ranges between 25-30 students and because AAST offers between 8-15 electives ("in-house," AAST prefix) each semester, the impact on other departments in terms of pressure on enrollment is expected to be minimal.

Permissions from other departments
See attached correspondence below
Dear Professor Ramsey,

The Asian American Studies Program (a Minor degree) is submitting a proposal to the PCC to modify the curriculum. In particular, we are hoping to add some electives that will help students to better understand the connections between Asian American communities in the U.S. and Asia.

Would you permit us to list the following courses as electives for the Asian American Studies Minor? I am meeting with Michele Mason next week to discuss placement tests and so she can give me a strong sense of how we can advise our students appropriately.

- EALL300 The Languages of East Asia
- 300-Level Asian language course (only 1 language class can count toward AAST minor)

The full-proposal is attached for your reference.

Thank you,

Janelle S. Wong, PhD
Director, Asian American Studies Program
Associate Professor, American Studies
University of Maryland
1145 Cole Student Activities Building
301-405-0879 (O)
Dear Janelle,

Thank you. I'd be happy to welcome your students into the course. (The course right now has a fairly long wait list for this fall, but in principle I certainly have no objections to it being added to your list of course offerings.)

Bob
Dear Professor Gill,

The Asian American Studies Program (a Minor degree) is submitting a proposal to the PCC to modify the curriculum. In particular, we are hoping to add some electives that will help students to better understand the connections between Asian American communities in the U.S. and Asia.

Would you permit us to list the following courses as electives for the Asian American Studies Minor?

- ARTH290 Art and Society in Asia
- ARTH489F Special Topics in Art History: Modern Chinese Film and Visual Culture (or other courses taught by Jason Kuo that include Asian/Asian American content?)

Our minor program includes about 30 students, and we offer approximately 8 electives through our own program each semester, so this should have a minimal impact on your course enrollments.

The full-proposal is attached for your reference.

Thank you, Janelle

Janelle S. Wong, PhD
Director, Asian American Studies Program
Associate Professor, American Studies
University of Maryland
1145 Cole Student Activities Building 301-405-0879 (o)
To: Janelle Wong <janellew@umd.edu>

Dear Janelle,

Thank-you for your message. Yes-this seems to be a very good idea from every perspective, so you would be welcome to go ahead.

Just a note: with two faculty leaves, we were not able to staff ARTH 290, so we will not be offering it in the coming Fall, 2013. I hope that this might be helpful to know ahead of time.

With very best wishes,

Meredith.

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Chair
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Janelle Wong <janellew@umd.edu>
To: mgill@umd.edu

Thank you so much, Meredith.
Janelle
RE: PSYCH 354 and Asian American Studies Program

Janelle Wong <janellew@umd.edu>  
Mon, May 20, 2013 at 2:39 PM

Dear Professor Blanchard,

The Asian American Studies Program (a Minor degree) is submitting a
proposal to the PCC to modify the curriculum. In particular, we are hoping to add some electives that will help students to better understand the Asian American experience in a comparative racial context.

Would you permit us to list the following course as an elective for the Asian American Studies Minor?

**PSYCH 354 Cross-Cultural Psychology**

Our minor program includes about 30 students, and we offer approximately 8 electives through our own program each semester, so this should have a minimal impact on your course enrollments.

The full-proposal is attached for your reference.

Janelle Wong, PhD
Director, Asian American Studies Program
Associate Professor, Department of American Studies
University of Maryland

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Scott P. Roberts <scott@umd.edu> Tue, May 21, 2013 at 9:31 AM
To: Janelle Wong <janellew@umd.edu>
Cc: "Jack J. Blanchard" <jblancha@umd.edu>

Janelle,

Thank you for sending along a copy of the proposal. As you know PSYC is an LEP major, but PSYC 353 has always been open to non-majors so we would be happy to have it listed as an elective for your minor. It may be important when advising students to let them know that their participation in the minor will not exempt them from the prerequisite of PSYC 100 and will not guarantee them a seat in either course.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do for you, and best of luck with the proposed changes.

Scott

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Janelle Wong <janellew@umd.edu> Tue, May 21, 2013 at 10:21 AM
To: "Scott P. Roberts" <scott@umd.edu>
Dear Scott,
Thank you very much. I will make a note that there is a pre-req for PSYC 353 in our advising notes. Janelle

6/3/13

Gmail USLT courses and AAST minor

USLT courses and AAST minor

Janelle Wong <janellew@umd.edu>
To: "Nancy L. Struna" <nlstruna@umd.edu>

Mon, May 20, 2013 at 2:42 PM

Hi Nancy,

The Asian American Studies Program (a Minor degree) is submitting a proposal to the PCC to modify the curriculum. In particular, we are hoping to add some electives that will help students to better understand the Asian American experience in a comparative racial context.

Would you permit us to list the following courses as electives for the Asian American Studies Minor?

USLT 202 Overview US Latino/a Studies
USLT 498B Special Topics: Latinas/as and US Popular Culture USLT

498B Special Topics: Latinas/os Racial Formation

Our minor program includes about 30 students, and we offer approximately 8 electives through our own program each semester, so this should have a minimal impact on USLT course enrollments.

The full-proposal is attached for your reference.

Thank you! Janelle

Janelle S. Wong, PhD
Hi, Janelle – of course you’re welcome to use whatever Arnst or Usit courses you think appropriate for the AAST minor. For both, the topics of 498s will likely vary. Also, I use a 328 number in Arnst when an advanced grad students teaches a special topics, and they put out some good courses. This number still counts as an upper level but the grad student instructor wouldn’t likely face other graduate students in the course since 3XX courses don’t count in grad student programs.

Nancy

From: janelle.aast@gmail.com [janelle.aast@gmail.com] on behalf of Janelle Wong [janellew@umd.edu]
Sent Monday, May 20, 2013 2:42 PM
To: Nancy L. Struna
Subject: USLT courses and AAST minor

Attachment: AASP courses for Asian American Studies Minor

----- Forwarded message -----
From: Janelle Wong <janetlew@umd.edu>
Date: Wed, May 15, 2013 at 2:51 PM
Subject: AASP courses for Asian American Studies Minor
To: Sangeetha Madhavan <smadhava@umd.edu>

Dear Sangeetha,
Thank you again to you and AASP for co-sponsoring the Race and the Census Brown Bag.

The Asian American Studies Program is in the process of updating our minor program. One major change is that we are requiring students to take one course that falls under either "comparative ethnic studies" or "global/transnational studies". We are hoping that some our students might take an AASP course to fulfill this requirement. There are currently about 30 students in our Minor program at various stages of completion and we offer at least 10 electives a year, so this would mean about 1-4 additional students in your non-restricted courses per year.

Please let me know AASP has any would approve of this modification to our minor as it will have a small impact on your program.

Thank you for your consideration, Janelle

Janelle S. Wong, PhD
Director, Asian American Studies Program
Associate Professor, American Studies
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301-405-0879 (o)
Hi Janelle:

From what I can see in your proposal, you have one lower level and one upper level course from us. I think it would be fine to include these on the Minor proposal. However you might want to consider some of our other course as well including AASP 468A (Social Inequalities and Health) and AASP 400 (Gender and Family in African-American and African Contexts).

I am CCing Val Skeeter on this as she may have some useful input and other suggestions for courses.

Do you need me to sign off on anything?

Thanks, Sangeetha