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January 30, 2002

Chair of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Office of the Senate
228 English Building
MC-461

Dear Chair:

Enclosed are copies of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for an Interdisciplinary Minor in Asian American Studies.

This proposal has been approved by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; it now requires Senate review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith A. Marshall".

Keith A. Marshall
Assistant Provost

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c: C. Livingstone
G. Yu
T. Kaufman
D. Baron
J. Rosenblatt

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January 14, 2002

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Keith Marshall
Assistant Provost
Swanlund Administration Building
MC-304

Dear Keith:

The Committee on Courses and Curricula, Academic Affairs Committee, Executive Committee and the Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has voted to approve the following proposals:

Revision to the Mathematics Major in Sciences and Letters Curriculum: Applied and Operations
Research options
Revision of the English Minor
Proposal for Interdisciplinary Minor in Asian American Studies

These proposals are now ready for review by the Senate Educational Policy Committee for proposed implementation August 2002.

Sincerely,

Ann M. Mester
Assistant Dean

C: Prof. George Yu
Prof. Tony Kaufman
Prof. Dennis Baron
Prof. Joseph Rosenblatt

Asian American Studies Program Proposal

An Interdisciplinary Minor in Asian American Studies

Sponsor

The proposer of this Interdisciplinary Minor is the Asian American Studies Program of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The sponsor is George Yu, Acting Director, Asian American Studies Program, 84 Bevier Hall MC 142,, 244-9530; gyu@staff.uiuc.edu. (temporary address until December 2001- permanent address will be: 1208 W. Nevada MC-142.)

Brief Description

An Interdisciplinary Minor will represent a coherent program for students who wish to deepen their study of Asian American experiences and issues as a complement to their majors in liberal arts and other curricula such as education, economics, urban and regional planning, social work, health education, and business. The minor curriculum will consist of 21 hours of courses in five categories. (See Statement for the Bulletin below.)

Justification

In Spring 1997 the Provost established a campus-level Asian American Studies Committee with a three-year mandate to hire six faculty members in Asian American studies and develop a leading program in this new but rapidly growing multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary field of study. The state of Illinois has the largest number of Asian Americans in the Middle West, and ranks fifth in total population of Asian Americans. The Urbana-Champaign campus undergraduate student body consists of 13% Asian American students, and Asian/Asian Americans are numerous and prominent on the faculty and staff. During the past three years, six faculty members were hired through joint efforts by the committee and the following departments ---Anthropology, Educational Policy Studies, English, History, Sociology, and Theatre--- while departments hired Asian American studies specialists in Political Science, Psychology, and Social Work. In addition there are five previously appointed faculty members in Anthropology, Cinema Studies, Ethnomusicology, Religious Studies, and Social Work who teach regular or sometime courses about Asian American experiences. The Committee aimed to build the strongest program of Asian American Studies in the Middle West, if not East of California, and it has completed the foundation. A range of courses are now offered and the next step is approval of an Interdisciplinary Minor. It will contribute significantly to the growing programs in Women's and Minority studies and will complement those in Women's Studies, Afro-American Studies, Latina/Latino Studies, and Jewish Studies.

Requirements

The Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will certify that a student has completed the program for the Minor upon recommendation by the Director of the Asian American Studies Program. An advisor will approve a student's course program and monitor the student's progress in meeting course requirements. A student's plan of courses for the minor must be approved by the Asian American Studies Program. A minimum grade point average of 2.75 is required for completion of courses taken in this program.

The minor requires 21 hours of courses selected from each of the following categories. No course may be used to satisfy more than one requirement. Only two courses at the 100-level may be credited for the minor.

- (a) Asian American Studies 100 (Introduction to Asian American Studies) (3 hours)

One course in the Humanities (100- or 200-level) from the approved course list (see appendix). (3 hours)

One course in the Social Sciences (100- or 200-level) from the approved course list (see appendix). (3 hours)

Two courses at an Advanced Level (300-level) from the approved course list (see appendix). (6 hours)

Two courses from the following three groups. (6 hours)
The two courses may not be selected from the same group.

(1) One Additional Asian American Course at the 200- or 300-level from categories (b), (c) or (d) above.

(2) One approved Comparative Course in Ethnic or Women's Studies from the approved course list (see appendix).

(3) One approved 200- or 300-level seminar (offered by a department on a one-time basis) or a 300- level Readings, Special Topics, or Internship course.

Total 21 hours

Budgetary and Staff Implications

The six departments which collaborated with the Asian American Studies Program in hiring core faculty are obligated to provide a minimum of two courses per year in Asian American studies, which in most cases will be taught by these faculty members. Salaries for these hires were provided by the campus to the Program, but these hires are full-time faculty members in the departments which agreed to be responsible for any future budget implications of their courses (such as providing teaching assistants, providing space, use of departmental office staff, equipment, etc.). The Program will have a staff which is already budgeted and no additional faculty or staff dollars are required.



The Provost provided the university library with a budget for developing its Asian American collection, and the Committee and Library are seeking additional funds to hire a graduate assistant. A committee of the library is currently overseeing Asian American acquisitions, and the head of the Asian Library is specifically in charge of the acquisitions.

Guidelines for Undergraduate Education

The Program will encourage all of its participating faculty members to fully meet the basic guidelines for undergraduate education, such as seeing that students develop basic abilities to listen and read intelligently; to write and speak coherently; to observe and respond critically to various forms of communication; to think clearly, critically, and creatively; to develop attitudes of curiosity, a desire to continue to learn, respect for evidence, tolerance of disagreement, and positive acceptance of change.

Asian American studies courses which will be offered as part of this Program will contribute very significantly to providing undergraduates with an understanding of our heterogeneous American culture and in particular of the diverse histories, experiences, contributions, and problems of the immigrants from Asia.

Clearances

	3/10/01
Department/Unit Head	Date
	1/14/2002
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Date
Assoc. Provost	Date

Statement for the Bulletin

The Asian American Studies Program offers a campus-wide Interdisciplinary Minor. This minor represents a coherent program for students who wish to deepen their study of Asian American histories, experiences, contemporary issues and social problems as a part of their liberal education and understanding of multicultural America. It is relevant to curricula such as sciences and letters, business, economics, education, health studies, pre-law, social work, or urban and regional planning.

The minor will consist of 21 hours of approved courses from diverse departments and must include:

Asian American Studies 100

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| 3 hrs. | 100- or 200-level course in the Humanities from the approved course list |
| 3 hrs | 100- or 200-level course in the Social Sciences from the approved course list |
| | 300-level courses from the approved course list |
| 6 hrs. | 200- or 300-level courses. One course each from two of the following three groups: |
| | a. One additional Asian American Studies course from the approved course list |
| | b. One approved course in Women's or ethnic studies from the |

approved course list

c. One approved 200- or 300- level seminar, reading, special topics, or internship course

A student's plan of courses for the minor must be approved by the Asian American Studies Program. A minimum grade point average of 2.75 is required for completion of courses taken in the program. On recommendation of its Director, the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will verify that the student has completed the minor.

Effective Date: August 2002

Course List appendix

1. Approved course list for the 100-200 level course in Humanities (requirement b in minor):

English 280 (Women Writers: Asian Americans)
 English 286 (Asian American Literature)
 Music 132 (Varieties of Music: Music of Asian Americans)
 Religious Studies 294D (Hinduism in the United States)
 Theatre 128 (Asian American Theatre)

2. Approved course list for the 100-200 level course in Social Sciences (requirement c in minor):

Anthropology 184 (Asian American Cultures)
 Anthropology/Sociology 286 (Asian American Experiences)
 History 296 (Asian American History)
 Social Work 297 (Asian Families in America)
 Sociology 224 (Asian Americans of Hawaii, Past and Present)

3. Approved course list for the advanced 300 level course (requirement d in minor):

Anthropology 398 (Globalization and Asian Diasporas)
 Educational Policy Studies 300 (Asian American Education)
 Humanities 395 (Asian American Cinema)
 Political Science 324 (Asian American Politics)
 Psychology 336 (Asian American Psychology).

4. Approved course list for the Comparative course in Ethnic or Women's Studies (requirement e 2 in minor):

Anthropology 165 (Languages and Peoples of Native North America)
 Anthropology 190 (American Jewish Culture)
 History 254 (Afro American History since 1877)
 History 273 (Women, Men, and Gender in American Society since 1877)
 Political Science 327 (Black Political Participation)
 Latina/o Studies 202 (The Chicano Experience)
 Political Science 325 (Latina/Latino Politics)
 Women's Studies 250 (Black Women: Histories and Cultures)

Asian American Studies Course List

Anthropology 184 Asian American Cultures

Anthropology/ Sociology 286 Asian American Experiences

Anthropology 391 Globalization and Asian Diaspora

Educational Policy Studies 300 Asian American Education in Historical and Contemporary Contexts

Educational Policy Studies 399 Issues and Developments in Educational Policy Studies
Topic: Biography as History: Asian American Educational Experiences

English/ Women's Studies 280 Asian American Women Writers

English 286 Asian American Literature

English 360 The Literature of American Ethnic and Racial Minorities Topic: Asian American Literature: Fantasy, Desire, Trauma

History 296 Asian American History (pending routinization Fall 2001)

Humanities 395 Asian American Cinema (pending routinization Fall 2001)

Music 132 Varieties of Music: Music of Asian Americans

Political Science 324 Asian American Politics

Psychology 336 Topics in Clinical/ Community Psychology. Topic: Psychology of Asian Americans (pending routinization Fall 2001)

Religious Studies 294D Hinduism in the United States

Social Work 297 Asian Families in America

Sociology 224 Asian Americans of Hawai'i, Past and Present

Theatre 128 Asian American Theatre

Theatre 300 level Advanced Theatre course for AAS (pending routinization Fall 2001)