PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND GLOBAL STUDIES DEGREE PROGRAM IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS CHAPTER IN THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2016-2018

Dean Randy L. Diehl, in the College of Liberal Arts has filed with the secretary of the Faculty Council the following changes to the Undergraduate Catalog, 2016-2018. On February 26, 2015, Michael R. Anderson (director) approved the proposed changes. On June 4, 2015, the College of Liberal Arts Policy and Curriculum Committee approved them, and on September 21, 2015, the dean and the College of Liberal Arts faculty approved the legislation. The secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of exclusive interest to only one college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the minor on November 4, 2015, and forwarded the proposal to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by November 18, 2015.

Hillary Hart, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council

Posted on the Faculty Council website (http://www.utexas.edu/faculty/council/) on November 12, 2015.
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Type of Change  ☑ Academic Change  ☐ Degree Program Change (THECB form required)

Proposed classification  ☑ Exclusive  ☐ General  ☐ Major

1. IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IS YES, THE COLLEGE MUST CONSULT LINDA DICKENS, DIRECTOR OF ACCREDITATION AND ASSESSMENT, TO DETERMINE IF SACS-COC APPROVAL IS REQUIRED.
   • Is this a new degree program? ☐ Yes  ☑ No
   • Does the program offer courses that will be taught off campus? ☐ Yes  ☑ No
   • Will courses in this program be delivered electronically? ☐ Yes  ☑ No

2. EXPLAIN CHANGE TO DEGREE PROGRAM AND GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CHANGE:
   1) Minor requirement
      Proposed: Remove minor requirement (twelve hours in one regional field), and instead require nine hours in a single regional area (six hours upper-division), from Asian studies (ANS), European studies (EUS), Latin American studies (LAS), Middle Eastern studies (MES), Russian, Eurasian, and East European studies (REE), approved list of African studies, or other regional area approved by program director.
      Rationale: In 2016-18 catalog, majors no longer can set twelve-hour minors from other fields. International relations and global studies (IRG) wishes to maintain strong area-studies concentration through incorporation of nine hours of regional-specific courses into major requirement. IRG advising will alert students of ability to “double-dip” six hours of regional courses into possible transcriptable minors (TRMs) offered by area studies units.
   2) Grade requirements
      Proposed: A grade of at least C- is required for IRG 301, IRG 320F, and IRG 378.
      Rationale: No minimum grade requirements currently exist. Grades of D in IRG classes should not indicate satisfactory completion of major coursework.
   3) World History
      Proposed: Remove World history as a major requirement.
      Rationale: UT Austin currently does not have regularly offered world history courses. Current courses on list reflect a mixture of regional-focused content, which students already receive through the required regional concentration (see 1). IRG 301, required for all majors, emphasizes a global history perspective.
   4) ECO 304K
      Proposed: Remove ECO 304K as a course that can satisfy ECO requirement.
      Rationale: International relations and global studies majors should be required to have some macroeconomics coursework, via ECO 301 or ECO 304L.
   5) RTF 312C
      Proposed: Remove RTF 312C as a course that can satisfy social sciences requirement
      Rationale: ANT 302 and SOC 302 are core courses related to social sciences, with demonstrated sufficient capacity for IRG majors; RTF 312C has limited capacity and less central academic relevance for IRG majors.

3. THIS PROPOSAL INVOLVES (Please check all that apply)
   ☑ Courses in other colleges  ☐ Courses in proposer’s college that are frequently taken by students in other colleges  ☐ Flags
4. SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE
   a. Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? Yes □ No ☑
      If yes, then how?
   b. Do you anticipate a net change in the number of students in your college? Yes □ No ☑
      If yes, how many more (or fewer) students do you expect?
   c. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from outside of your college taking classes in your college? Yes □ No ☑
      If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.
   d. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from your college taking courses in other colleges? Yes □ No ☑
      If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.

If 4 a, b, c, or d was answered with yes, please answer the following questions. If the proposal has potential budgetary impacts for another college/school, such as requiring new sections or a non-negligible increase in the number of seats offered, at least one contact must be at the college-level.
   How many students do you expect to be impacted?
   Impacted schools must be contacted and their response(s) included:
       Person communicated with:
       Date of communication:
       Response:
   e. Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum or other basic education requirements (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? No. If yes, explain:

If yes, undergraduate studies must be informed of the proposed changes and their response included:
       Person communicated with:
       Date of communication:
       Response:
   f. Will this proposal change the number of hours required for degree completion? Yes If yes, explain:
      Proposed: Forty-five hours total required (previously thirty-nine hours, with twelve-hour minor requirement).
      Rationale: The elimination of the minor requirement (see first proposed change) meant that IRG needed to insert additional hours into its major requirements if it wished to preserve core area-studies coursework for students. The forty-five hours total (major only) represents a decrease from the fifty-one hours total (major + minor) in previous catalogs, but still considerably more than other COLA degree programs.

5. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS
   Department approval date: February 26, 2015 Approved by: Michael R. Anderson, director
   College approval date: June 4, 2015 Approved by: College of Liberal Arts Policy and Curriculum Committee
   Dean approval date: September 21, 2015 Approved by: College of Liberal Arts Faculty
PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND GLOBAL STUDIES

Major

Thirty-nine to Forty-Five semester hours of coursework, at least twenty-four of which must be upper-division, consisting of the following:

1. Fifteen Twelve hours in the following five core courses in the major:
   a. International Relations and Global Studies 301
   b. A three-semester-hour course chosen from the following: Economics 301, Introduction to Economics[; Economics 304K, Introduction to Microeconomics;] or Economics 304L, Introduction to Macroeconomics
   c. Geography 305, This Human World: An Introduction to Geography
   d. World history: A three-semester-hour course in world (non-United States) history, chosen from a list of approved courses available in the advising office
   e. A three-semester-hour course chosen from the following: Anthropology 302, Cultural Anthropology; Economics 304K, Introduction to Microeconomics; Economics 304L, Introduction to Macroeconomics; Radio Television Film 312C, Introduction to Global Media; Sociology 302, Introduction to the Study of Society

2. International Relations and Global Studies 320F, Foundations of International Relations and Global Studies

3. Nine hours, including six upper-division, in a single area: Asian Studies, European Studies, Latin American Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies, approved list of African studies, or another regional area approved by IRG director.

4. Twelve hours of upper-division coursework in one of the following tracks, chosen from a list of approved courses available in the advising office:
   a. Culture, media, and the arts
   b. International security
   c. Science, technology, and environment
   d. International political economy

5. Six hours of upper-division coursework in a single foreign language

6. International Relations and Global Studies 378, Capstone Research in International Relations and Global Studies; or, for students seeking special honors, International Relations and Global Studies 678H, Honors Tutorial Course

International relations and global studies majors must participate in an approved study abroad program. A list of approved programs is available from the faculty adviser. A student who graduated from an international high school may petition to be excused from this requirement. Documentation is required, and the petition must be approved by the faculty adviser and the associate dean for academic affairs. A grade of at least C is required for IRG 301, 320F, and 378.

Minor for International Relations and Global Studies Majors

Twelve semester hours, including at least six hours of upper division coursework, in one of the following fields: African and African Diaspora studies; Asian studies; European studies; Latin American studies; Middle Eastern studies; Russian, East European, and Eurasian studies; or a cultural area approved by the faculty adviser. Majors minoring in African and African Diaspora studies must choose courses from an approved list. Six of the required twelve semester hours must be completed in residence.