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To: The College Undergraduate Studies Committee
Dr. Sarah Fishman, Associate Dean of CLASS

Fr: X. Sharon Wen, Director of the Chinese Program, MCL

Re: A course change in the Chinese Major requirement

Date: Oct. 29, 2009

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We would like to change one course in the requirement of the Major in Chinese Studies, that is, to replace CHNS 4364: Issues in Chinese Language and Linguistics with CHNS 4301: Public Speaking in Chinese. The Coordinating Board has approved the program with this change.

Proposed Catalog Description

Bachelor of Arts in Chinese Studies

Director: X. Sharon Wen

The department offers an interdisciplinary program in Chinese Studies leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree. The program allows students to major in a broad area, rather than in one specific program.

In addition to completing the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Arts, students majoring in Chinese Studies must complete a minimum of 30 semester hours in areas listed as follows:

1. Nine semester hours: CHNS 2302, 4301, 4302.
2. Nine semester hours chosen from CHNS 3301, 3302, 3303, 3304, 4304.
3. Twelve semester hours in the courses taught in English chosen from CHNS 3350, 3352, 3354, 3360, 3398, 4364; HIST 3385, 3386, 4395; CUST 4300; RELS 3396; POLS 4321; ECON 3355.

CHNS 3301, 3302 are restricted to non-heritage learners of Chinese only. CHNS 3303 and 4304 are designed for heritage learners (Heritage learners are students who grow up speaking Chinese at home). Students who have not taken their first three semesters of Chinese at the University of Houston (including those with two or more years of high school Chinese) must take a placement examination and see a department advisor before enrolling in Chinese courses. Credit may be awarded by examination for courses at the 2000- and 3000- level.

Chinese studies majors must earn at least a 2.00 grade point average in all Chinese courses counting toward the major and attempted at the University of Houston. A minimum of 12 semester hours of advanced Chinese courses must be taken in residence. Some of the above requirements may be satisfied by courses from the department's program in Beijing. Students majoring in Chinese Studies are encouraged to seek advice concerning their degree objectives from the department's undergraduate advisor.