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SUBJECT: UC 10799 10S: Proposal to Create a Certificate in Global Studies and Research

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The Committee met on Wednesday, April 7 to consider a proposal from Ted Estess, Rob Zaretsky (chair), Tyler Priest, and Frank Kelley to create a certificate in Global Studies and Research. Participating in the discussion were committee members Betty Barr, Miranda Bennett, Roger Blakeney, Debbie Hermann, Iain Morrison, and Richard Scamell. Jeanette Morales and Tyler Priest attended the meeting as guests.

Background

A certificate in Global Studies and Research is designed to promote interdisciplinary study and research from a global perspective at the undergraduate level. Majors, minors, approved clusters of courses, or semester-long study abroad programs would be designed as foundation courses that lead to an interdisciplinary capstone course for all majors: HON 43xx: Global Studies and Research. This capstone course for the certificate would have a common set of readings on various aspects of globalization (i.e., definitions of globalization, periodization and boundaries of globalization, the economics of globalization, cultures of globalization, and metrics of globalization – what have been the effects of globalization on growth, poverty, and inequality), and also include group projects and individual research on topics from a global perspective. A syllabus for HON 43xx can be found on pages 1-6 of UC 10799 10S.

The following minors offered at the University of Houston have been approved for the certificate.

- African Studies, Business
- Asian Studies, Business
- European Studies, Business
- Latin American Studies, Business
- Chinese
- French
- French for Business-Related Professions
- German
- German Area Studies
- Italian
- Russian
- Spanish
- Spanish for the Business Professions
- Global Business
- Global Energy Management
- Interdisciplinary Arts
- Phronesis
- World Cultures and Literature

Other minors could also be approved depending upon specific courses taken in areas such as Anthropology, History, Political Science, or Economics that involve primarily an international emphasis. Corresponding majors would also be approved. All approvals for the certificate will be made by the Director of the Global Studies and Research Certificate Program who will be appointed by the Dean of the Honors College.

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Eligibility For the Certificate

Students must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in approved foundation courses for the certificate in Global Studies and Research, and have a cumulative 3.5 grade point average or instructor's approval to enroll in HON 43xx. Majors, minors, approved clusters of courses, or semester-long study abroad programs can be used, subject to approval by the Director of the Global Studies and Research Certificate Program, as foundation courses that lead to the capstone course. There are five routes to the certificate.

1. HON 43xx on top of an approved minor.
2. HON 43xx plus twelve semester hours of approved study abroad
3. HON 43xx, nine semester hours of approved study abroad and three semester hours of approved upper-level coursework with an international focus.
4. HON 43xx, six semester hours of approved study abroad and six semester hours of approved upper-level coursework with an international focus.
5. HON 43xx and fifteen semester hours of approved upper-level coursework with an international focus.

In an effort to encourage students to participate in study abroad programs, routes 2, 3 and 4 require a total of 15 semester hours to complete the certificate while routes 1 and 5 require a total of 18 semester hours.

Recommendation

The Committee supports the creation of a Certificate in Global Studies and Research.