

TO: Simon Bott, Chair
Undergraduate Committee

FROM: Charles Peters, Chair
Degree Programs and CB03 - 1

SUBJECT: Subcommittee Report

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The Degree Programs and CB03 -1 subcommittee met on 3/7/2012. Committee members attending were Andrea Burrige, Carmen Carter, Richard Kasschau, Ruxandra Prodan-Boul, and Dale Rude. Our guests were Jon Lorence from Sociology and Melissa Pierson from the College of Education.

UC11569: Changes to National Security Studies Minor

There are no substantial changes to the minor requirements. New courses are being made available as electives and the catalog language is being changed accordingly. The committee recommends approval.

~~UC11570: Deletion of 19 POLS courses which are obsolete or untaught. The committee recommends approval.~~

UC11571 through UC11574, UC11576, and UC11577. These are new courses to be offered as electives for the National Security Studies minor and the major and minor in Political Science. The committee recommends approval.

UC11575: POLS 3372: Latino Politics. Title changed from "Chicano Politics". The committee recommends approval.

UC11578: SOC 3366: Sociology of Art. New course. The committee recommends approval.

UC11726: Catalog Changes to the Geophysics Major. GEOL 4355: Geophysical Field Camp is added as a required course. The number of advanced Geophysics elective hours is reduced by 3 hours to compensate. The committee recommends approval.

UC11735: India Studies Minor. This replaces UC11532 and incorporates minor changes suggested by the committee. Approval recommended.

UC11749: Proposal for COE pre-majors. Before declaring a major in Teaching, HDFS, or Health, students would have to complete benchmark courses with grades of C or better. This is similar in purpose and design to the pre-Engineering program Undergraduate Council approved last year. The committee recommends approval.

UC11750: Name Change for Majors in Interdisciplinary Studies.

“Interdisciplinary Studies” is vague and confusing. Current interpretation of state law allows circumspect use of the word “teaching”. Thus, the Interdisciplinary Studies majors are to be renamed Elementary Teaching and Curriculum and Middle School Teaching and Curriculum. The committee recommends approval.

UC11751: Degree Plan Changes for the Renamed COE Majors. By deleting redundant courses, introducing some new ones, and resequencing others, the major plans in the preceding paragraph have been brought closer to 120 hours. The committee recommends approval.

UC11752: Health Degree Plan Reorganization. For the B.S. in Health-Public Health Track, one course has been moved from the elective block of requirements to the Public Health Core block. The committee recommends approval.

UC11753: Modification of Existing Education Minor. This proposal is to create a distinct minor track for certification seeking students. It establishes a set of required courses for the certification track and eliminates the field experience requirements for non-certification students. The committee recommends approval.

UC11754: Changes to the Asian American Studies Minor. This reduces the number of hours for the minor from 18 to 15. The committee recommends approval.