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**DEGREE PROGRAMS/CBM003 SUBCOMMITTEE 2 REPORT**

**TO:** Simon Bott, Undergraduate Committee Chair

**FROM:** Luke Faulkenberry, Chair, Degree Programs/CBM003 Subcommittee 2

**DATE:** April 2, 2012

The subcommittee met on March 28, 2012 at 3:00pm in room 200, T2.

Members present: Luke Faulkenberry, Reagan Herman, Melissa Pierson, Shishir Shah, Ron Singer

Guest(s): Hildegard Glass (MCL/CLASS), Marie-Theresa Hernández (MCL/CLASS), Rey Trevino (HHP/CLASS), Julie B. Fix (COMM/CLASS)

**Degree Plans**

**UC 11742 12S: Minor in Jewish Studies**

The 18 semester hour Minor in Jewish Studies will offer students the opportunity to study key elements which are shaping the Jewish experience such as religion, ethnicity, history Culture, nationality, art, and literature. Jewish Studies will introduce the students to both the theory behind the concepts and how they shape everyday lives.

The minor in Jewish Studies requires 18 semester hours consisting of:

1. Six hours of required courses:

WCL 2380: Introduction to Jewish Studies  
WCL 3380: American Jewish Culture

2. Twelve semester hours taken from:

CLAS 3375, ENG 3366, GERM 3364, RELS 2330, HIST 3358, HIST 3397, WCL 3383, WCL 3384, WCL 4380

At least 12 of the 18 semester hours must be taken in residence

Nine of the hours must be advanced

The Subcommittee recommends approval of the Jewish Studies minor.

**UC 11743 12S: Amending the Health Communication Minor Approved Courses**

A review by the Valenti School of Communications Undergraduate Committee revealed changes that need to be made in the approved courses listed in the catalog for the Health Communication minor.

Requested action:

Delete COMM 3305, Communications and Catastrophic Illnesses, and COMM 3375, International Communications, from the group 3 list of electives for the minor. Neither course is being taught regularly. Additionally COMM 3375 is a course designed for the Journalism Concentration.

Catalog language has been supplied.

The Subcommittee recommends approval of the requested amendments to the Health Communication Minor approved electives.

**UC 11744 12S: Amending the Journalism Concentration Approved Electives**

The Valenti School of Communications has learned that courses are missing from the approved elective list of both the Broadcast and Print sequences in the Journalism Concentration.

The following courses should be added:

- COMM 3372 Gender and Media
- COMM 3373 Television: History and Culture (formerly COMM 4379 Television and Culture)
- COMM 3376 Media Effects
- COMM 3379 Popular Culture and the Mass media
- COMM 4314 Social Issues in Journalism
- COMM 4337 Television and the Family
- COMM 4374 News media in Contemporary Society
- COMM 4375 Propaganda and Mass Communication

Catalog language has been supplied.

The Subcommittee recommends approval of the requested amendments to the Health Communication Journalism Concentration approved electives.

**UC 11745 12S: Amending the Corporate Communication Concentration Approved Courses**

A Valenti School of Communications advisor discovered that COMM 1332, Public Speaking, had been accidentally been omitted from the list of approved electives for the Corporate Communication Concentration.

The requested action is to add COMM 1332 to the Group 2 list of approved courses for the Corporate Communications Concentration.

Catalog language has been supplied.

The Subcommittee recommends approval of the requested amendments to the Corporate Communications Concentration approved electives.

**UC 11746 12S: Proposed Health & Human Performance Degree Plan Changes**

Tabled

**UC 11747 12S: Proposal for a B.A. in World Cultures and Literatures**

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages proposes to establish a B.A. in World Cultures and Literatures, to be effective in fall 2012.

The B. A. in World Cultures and Literatures is designed to be an interdisciplinary major building on specific languages in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages. “The students will acquire expertise in foreign language and cross-cultural communications skills through advanced coursework in foreign languages and world or area literary and cultural studies.”

In addition to other requirement for the Bachelor of Arts, student will complete 27 semesters in the specific track they select.

The tracks are:

1. Ancient studies
2. German Studies
3. Global Cinema Studies
4. Francophone Cultures Studies
5. Middle Eastern Studies
6. Studies in Global Modernity

Majors are required to complete the sophomore level of a second foreign language (freshman level plus 2301 of a classical language for the Ancient Studies track).

Majors must earn at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average in all courses counting toward the major track requirements.

Catalog language was provided that provides detailed requirements for each track.

The Subcommittee recommends approval of the B. A. in World Cultures and Literatures.

**CMB003 Forms**

The Degree Programs/CBM003 Subcommittee 2 members reviewed and approved the following items. Our review led to minor changes including corrections of typographical errors and formatting, addition or deletion of information, and editing of catalog language.

- UC 11481 11F: ARAB 3313: Qur’an as Literature (New Course)
- UC 11625 11F: PORT 1505: Intensive Elementary Portuguese (New Course)
- UC 11627 11F: PORT 2305: Intermediate Portuguese (New Course)