

**CURRICULUM PROPOSAL  
APPROVAL PAGE**

**Proposal Title: ADDITION OF COURSES AND REMOVAL OF RESTRICTION**

**College: LIBERAL ARTS      Department: ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR- Selfa A. Chew-Melendez**

**I have read the enclosed proposal and approve this proposal on behalf of the department.**

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**Signature**

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**Date**

**COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR – Selfa A. Chew-Melendez**

**I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college curriculum committee.**

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**Signature**

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**Date**

**COLLEGE DEAN – Dr. Anadeli Bencomo**

**I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college. I certify that the necessary funds will be allocated by the college in support of this proposal.**

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**Signature**

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**Date**

## CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

**Date:** 10/20/2025

**From:** SELFA A. CHEW-MELENDEZ, DIRECTOR, ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

**Through:** ANADELI BENCOMO, DEAN, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

**To:** SELFA A. CHEW-MELENDEZ, CHAIR, LIBERAL ARTS CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

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Select the proposal content (select as many as apply) and provide the rationale.

### Content

☐ New program or ☒ Program Change

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- ☐ Master's
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- ☐ Certificate
- ☐ Fast Track
- ☒ Minor
- ☐ Concentration/Track

☐ New Course

☐ Closure (program, certificate, minor, concentration)

☐ Change

- ☐ CIP Code
- ☐ Program/certificate SCH
- ☐ Course Title
- ☐ Course Description
- ☐ Graduate Program Admission Requirements

**Rationale:****Addition of courses to the electives field:**

The Asian Studies Program proposes to expand its list of approved electives by formally including the following existing courses: ASIA 3314, ASIA 3316, ASIA 3326, ASIA 3334, ASIA 3335, ASIA 3338, ASIA 3339, ASIA 3340, ASIA 3353, ASIA 4328, POLS 3326, and POLS 4328. The following courses will also be listed as approved electives: CHIN 1301, CHIN 1302, ARAB 1301-2402. Including Arabic within the Asian Studies curriculum reflects a necessary and forward-looking expansion of the program. The intent is to move beyond an exclusive focus on East Asia to encompass the full geographic and cultural breadth of the continent, including Southwest and Central Asia. This direction acknowledges the profound role that all regions of Asia—and their diasporas—play in today's global society and economy. Most importantly, as the program bears the title *Asian Studies*, it must live up to that name by representing Asia in its full historical, linguistic, and cultural complexity, for which any Asian language course may be applied toward the required credit hours for this minor. Most courses listed here already carry the ASIA prefix and are regularly offered by faculty in various departments. Incorporating them into the elective list will strengthen the program's curricular coherence and better represent the interdisciplinary scope of Asian Studies.

This proposal does not involve the creation of new courses or require additional instructional resources. It simply ensures that students have access to a broader and more accurate range of electives already available in the catalog. The inclusion of these courses will enhance student flexibility in completing the minor and facilitate course equivalencies for study abroad programs or transfer credits from other institutions. Departments and programs already offering mirrored courses will retain control over their instruction and determine the number of seats available to students in the Asian Studies Minor Program.

This adjustment will not affect the enrollment or course rotation of other programs, since all the courses listed are already part of regular departmental offerings. Instead, it will promote cross-departmental collaboration and increase the visibility of existing faculty expertise related to Asia.

**Eliminating the requirement to select no more than nine hours from a specific field:**

The requirement to select no more than nine hours from a specific list of elective courses is unnecessary, as the structure of the minor already ensures sufficient breadth and interdisciplinarity. The existing course menus offer a wide range of options across multiple disciplines, allowing students to design an academically diverse plan of study.

Removing the restriction will also increase scheduling flexibility. Because certain courses are offered irregularly or may not be available for extended periods, expanding the pool of eligible electives will allow students to complete the minor more efficiently and in a timely manner. This adjustment maintains academic rigor while supporting student progress and graduation goals.

**Non-repetition of Cross-Listed Courses:**

Students may earn credit for only one section of a cross-listed course. Once a cross-listed course has been successfully completed with a grade of D or higher, it may not be repeated under a different course prefix.

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## Degree Plan

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
Select three courses of the following:		9
<a href="#">ASIA 3300</a>	Intro to Asian Studies	
<a href="#">ASIA 2300</a>	Asian American Studies	
<a href="#">POLS 3339</a>	Comparative Political Systems	
<a href="#">RS 3310</a>	Major World Religions	
<b>Optional Courses</b>		
Select three courses of the following: <sup>1</sup>		9
<a href="#">ANTH 3306</a>	Cultural Diversity	
<a href="#">ASIA 3300</a>	Intro to Asian Studies	
ASIA 3314/RS 3314	Buddhism	
ASIA 3316/RS 3316	Confucianism and Daoism	
ASIA 3326/POLS 3326	Politics of East Asia	
ASIA 3334/HIST 3334	History of Premodern East Asia	
ASIA 3335/HIST 3334	History of Modern East Asia	
ASIA 3338/HIST 3338	History of Modern China	
ASIA 3339/HIST 3339	Pyramids & Prophets	
ASIA 3340/PHIL 3340	Asian Philosophies	
<a href="#">ASIA 2300</a>	Asian American Studies	
<a href="#">ASIA 3350</a>	Special Topics-Asian Studies	
ASIA 3353/HIST 3353	Asian Diasporas in-Latin America	
ASIA 4328/POLS 4328	Politics of China	
ARAB 1301	Arabic One	
ARAB 1302	Arabic Two	
CHIN 1301	Elementary Chinese	
CHIN 1302	Intermediate Chinese	
<a href="#">ECON 4325</a>	International Economics	
<a href="#">ENGL 3317</a>	Postcolonial Literature	
<a href="#">ENGL 3331</a>	World Literature	
<a href="#">HIST 2301</a>	World History to 1500	
<a href="#">HIST 2302</a>	World History Since 1500	
<a href="#">HIST 3338</a>	History of Modern China	

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Code	Title	Hours
<a href="#">HIST 3339</a>	Pyramids & Prophets	
<a href="#">HIST 3390</a>	History, Special Topics	
<a href="#">MGMT 4325</a>	International Management	
<a href="#">POLS 3326/ASIA 3326</a>	Politics of East Asia.	
<a href="#">POLS 3332/ASIA 3332</a>	Political Geography.	
<a href="#">POLS 3334</a>	Politics in World Regions	
<a href="#">POLS 3339</a>	Comparative Political Systems	
<a href="#">POLS 3360</a>	International Relations	
<a href="#">POLS 4314</a>	Women, Power and Politics	
<a href="#">POLS 4328/ASIA 3328</a>	Politics of China	
<a href="#">POLS 4348</a>	Politics/Developing Countries	
<a href="#">POLS 4364</a>	Internat'l Political Economy	
<a href="#">POLS 4365</a>	International Organizations	
<a href="#">RS 3310</a>	Major World Religions	
<a href="#">RS 3350</a>	Spec Topics-Religious Studies	

**Total Hours**

**18**

Course List

**Other applicable credit hours toward this minor include courses focused on Asia, among them those in Asian languages.**

**Students may earn credit for only one section of a cross-listed course. Once a cross-listed course has been successfully completed with a grade of D or higher, it may not be repeated under a different course prefix.**

**No more than nine hours from any one subject may be applied towards this minor.**

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