

**CURRICULUM PROPOSAL  
APPROVAL PAGE**

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Proposal Title: ADDITION OF COURSES TO THE ASIAN STUDIES MINOR

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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**CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO**

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**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
- ☐ Bachelor's
  - ☐ Master's
  - ☐ Doctoral/Professional
  - ☐ 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:** 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, and ASIA 4328, POLS 3326 and POLS 4328. These courses 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

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in completing the minor and facilitate course equivalencies for study abroad programs or transfer credits from other institutions.

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.

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Copy and paste the degree plan from the catalog and use track changes to indicate the proposed changes.

Degree Plan

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
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	
Optional Courses		
Select three courses of the following: <sup>1</sup>		9
<a href="#">ANTH 3306</a>	Cultural Diversity	
<del><a href="#">ASIA 3300</a></del>	<del>Intro to Asian Studies</del>	
<del><a href="#">ASIA 3314</a></del>	<del>Buddhism</del>	
<del><a href="#">ASIA 3316</a></del>	<del>Confucianism and Daoism</del>	
<del><a href="#">ASIA 3326</a></del>	<del>Politics of East Asia</del>	
<del><a href="#">ASIA 3334</a></del>	<del>History of Premodern East Asia</del>	
<del><a href="#">ASIA 3335</a></del>	<del>History of Modern East Asia</del>	
<del><a href="#">ASIA 3338</a></del>	<del>History of Modern China</del>	
<del><a href="#">ASIA 3339</a></del>	<del>Pyramids &amp; Prophets</del>	
<del><a href="#">ASIA 3340</a></del>	<del>Asian Philosophies</del>	
<a href="#">ASIA 2300</a>	Asian American Studies	
<a href="#">ASIA 3350</a>	Special Topics-Asian Studies	
<del><a href="#">ASIA 3353</a></del>	<del>Asian Diasporas in Latin America</del>	
<del><a href="#">ASIA 4328</a></del>	<del>Politics of China</del>	
<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	
<a href="#">HIST 3339</a>	Pyramids & Prophets	
<a href="#">HIST 3390</a>	History, Special Topics	

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Code	Title	Hours
<a href="#">MGMT 4325</a>	International Management	
<del><a href="#">POLS 3326</a></del>	<del><a href="#">Politics of East Asia</a></del>	
<del><a href="#">POLS 3332</a></del>	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	
<del><a href="#">POLS 4314</a></del>	Women, Power and Politics	
<del><a href="#">POLS 4328</a></del>	<del><a href="#">Politics of China</a></del>	
<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	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

Course List

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