

Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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Course Number _____ or Degree Plan(s) International
Cultures minor

State the requested change and reason. A memo may be attached if more space is necessary.

Several task forces have been appointed and charged to recommend the next steps in implementing the university's strategic plan. As a component of that implementation, an interdisciplinary faculty work group was formed to explore the possibility of developing an interdisciplinary International Cultures minor, with a focus on the in country experience at our Leipzig, Germany site. The work group considered the benefits of such a minor to our students and have developed the proposed plan.

Circle the number that corresponds to the requested change. Degree plan changes are on the second page.

		COUNCIL ³								
	Change to a Course	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	TEC	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD	Provost	President
1.	Title (description unchanged)	A	A	A	I				I	I
2.	Description (not affecting content)	A	A	A	I				I	I
3.	Course term(s)	A	I	A	I				I	I
4.	Content (substantive change)	A	A	A	I				A	A
5.	Number of hours (lecture, lab, contact)	A	A	A	A				A	A
6.	Course number within the hundred	A	A	I	I				I	I
7.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	A	A	A				A	A
8.	Prerequisites	A	A	A	I				I	I
9.	Course fee(s)	A	--	A	--				A	I
10.	From U to G <i>or</i> G to U	A	A	A	A				A	A
11.	Cross list with another department: U or G level	A	A	A	A				A	A
12.	Department of record	A	A	A	A				A	A
13.	Open or close a course	A	A	A	A				A	A
14.	New course — See website for application and process. This change includes combining or splitting a course(s).	A	A	A	A				A	A

Note: When an academic unit does not have a council, the UGEC and/or UUAC will serve as its academic council, depending on the nature of the issue.

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		COUNCIL ³										President	Faculty	Provost	GRAD	UAC	UGEC	TEC	Deans	College Academic	Dept./School	Change to a Degree Plan	
1.	University Requirements — Change in approved course content ⁶	A	A	A	A				A	--	A											--	
2.	University Requirements — Add or drop a required course from the University Requirements chart ⁶	A	A	A	A				A	A	A											--	
3.	University Requirements — Add or drop a course from a menu within the University Requirements ⁶	A	--	--	A				A	--	A											--	
4.	University Requirements — Change hours within a menu on the University Requirements chart ⁶	A	A	A	A				A	A	A											--	
5.	Major — Revision of major ^{4,5}	A	A	A	A				A	--	A											--	
6.	Major — Adopt or change admission requirements	A	A	A	A				A	--	A											--	
7.	Major — Add ^{4,5}	A	A	A	A				A	A	A											I	
8.	Major – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A	A				A	A	A											I	
9.	Major – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.																					
10.	GPA — Revise major or cumulative requirement	A	A	A	A				A	A	A											--	
11.	Minor — Revise course selection	A	A	A	I				I	--	I											--	
12.	Minor — Add	A	A	A	A				A	--	A											--	
13.	Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A	A				A	--	A											--	
14.	Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.																					
15.	Degree — Add	A	A	A	A				A	A	A											I	
16.	Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A	A				A	A	A											I	
17.	Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.																					
18.	Any change to a graduate degree program	A	A	A	A				A	--	A											--	

COUNCIL ³										
	Provost-Proposed Change	Provost	Department	Dean	TEC	UUAC	Graduate	Faculty	President	Board of Trustees
1.	Major/Graduate Program – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R	A			A	A	I
2.	Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R	A			--	A	--
3.	Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R	A			A	A	I

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	Change to the Catalog Information	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	UGEAC	UUAC	GRAD	Provost	President
1.	General requirements for graduation including course requirements that are common to all majors for all degrees ⁷	--	--	--		A		A	A
2.	Admission requirements	--	--	--		A		A	A
3.	Policies governing academic probation and suspension	--	--	--		A		A	A
4.	Requirements for graduating with honors	--	--	--		A		A	A
5.	Other academic policy changes	--	--	--		A		A	A

¹ Councils may request additional information about "Information" items. These items are approved as "Consent Agenda."

² The Dean and Department should respond to the Provost's recommendation to close a program in writing. Advise & Respond (R) requires that the voting body should receive the written responses at least one week prior to the vote.

³ All courses that meet University Requirements for general education must go through UGEAC. Courses or degrees offered only to students seeking teacher certification must go through the Teacher Education Council. All undergraduate changes must go before the UUAC. All graduate degree plan changes must go through the Graduate Council.

⁴ A minimum of 30 hours is required for a major. A maximum is specified for each degree (e.g., BA, BS). The university minimum for elective hours is 6, unless the requirements of external accrediting bodies make it impossible.

⁵ Program or course changes that apply to any major that includes Teacher Certification will be reviewed by the college, the Teacher Education Council (TEC), and then the UUAC.

⁶ Courses that satisfy ACU's University Requirements (General Education) will normally have lower-level numbering, be free of prerequisites and co-requisites, appeal to more than one or two majors, and "not narrowly focus on those skills, techniques, and procedures specific to a particular occupation or profession" (SACS 2.7.3). Departments may request exceptions to the first three criteria.

⁷ The UUAC approved the clarification that "general requirements for graduation" means the enumerated items in the "General Requirements for Bachelor's Degrees" section of the catalog.

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Curriculum/Catalog Changes Signature Page

Department/School Chair(s)	
_____ <i>Signature</i>	_____ <i>Approval date</i>
_____ <i>Signature</i>	_____ <i>Approval date</i>

College Academic Council(s)	
_____ <i>Signature</i>	_____ <i>Approval date</i>
_____ <i>Signature</i>	_____ <i>Approval date</i>

Dean(s)	
_____ <i>Signature</i>	_____ <i>Approval date</i>
_____ <i>Signature</i>	_____ <i>Approval date</i>

Teacher Education Council	
_____ <i>Chair's signature</i>	_____ <i>Approval date</i>

General Education Council	
_____ <i>Chair's signature</i>	_____ <i>Approval date</i>

Undergraduate Academic Council	
_____ <i>Chair's signature</i>	_____ <i>Approval date</i>

Graduate Council	
_____ <i>Chair's signature</i>	_____ <i>Approval date</i>

Provost	
_____ <i>Signature</i>	_____ <i>Approval date</i>

Faculty	
_____ <i>Chair of faculty senate</i>	_____ <i>Approval date</i>

President	
_____ <i>Signature</i>	_____ <i>Approval date</i>

Proposed International Cultures Minor Plan
18 hours

Director: Leslie Reed

Required

BIBT 342 - Christianity in Culture Credit Hours: 3

GLST 214 - A Mighty Fortress Credit Hours: 3

GER 111/112 or 221/222 Credit Hours: 6

Select two courses:

GEOG 354: Cultural Geography Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 451: Philosophy and Social Justice Credit Hours: 3

BUSA 419: International Business Credit Hours: 3

COMM 345: Intercultural Communication Credit Hours: 3

ECON 438: International Poverty and Development Credit Hours: 3

MGMT 419: Global Entrepreneur Credit Hours: 3

ENG 333: World Cinema Credit Hours: 3

GER 341: German Film Credit Hours: 3

HIST 418: Britain and Empire, 1689-present Credit Hours: 3

HIST 419: Revolution and Empire: Europe in the Long Nineteenth Century: Credit Hours: 3

HIST 472: Early Modern Europe: The Renaissance and Reformation Eras: Credit Hours: 3

HIST 474: Europe in Crisis: Dictatorship and Division since 1914: Credit Hours: 3



Jennifer Shewmaker <jws02b@acu.edu>

(no subject)

Ron Morgan <rxm03c@acu.edu>

Fri, Apr 13, 2018 at 11:06 AM

To: Jennifer Shewmaker <jws02b@acu.edu>

Dr. Shewmaker, I approve this plan and the courses that my dept. would contribute. May I encourage you to add to the upper-level selections two history courses: HIST 418 (Britain and Empire, 1689-present); HIST 419 (Revolution and Empire: Europe in the Long Nineteenth Century); HIST 472 (Early Modern Europe: The Renaissance and Reformation Eras); HIST 474 (Europe in Crisis: Dictatorship and Division since 1914).

Each of those will give good coverage of topics in European political, social, cultural and religious history.

Ron Morgan

On Apr 4, 2018, at 4:02 PM, Jennifer Shewmaker <jws02b@acu.edu> wrote:

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Jennifer Shewmaker <jws02b@acu.edu>

Your feedback requested regarding proposed minor

Mark Phillips <mhp04a@acu.edu>

Wed, Apr 4, 2018 at 4:10 PM

To: Jennifer Shewmaker <jws02b@acu.edu>

Yes, I approve of these 3 from over here. I would note that MGMT 419 and BUSA 419 are, in practical terms, almost the same course. Or at least tend to overlap a lot. For our majors any one of several 419 courses meets their requirements in our degree. Having said that, we rarely offer any of the others. I think listing both of these will allow flexibility in booking faculty and for student scheduling.

yell if that makes no sense ;)

[Quoted text hidden]



Jennifer Shewmaker <jws02b@acu.edu>

Your feedback requested regarding proposed minor

Lynette Sharp Peña <penyal@acu.edu>
To: Jennifer Shewmaker <jws02b@acu.edu>

Tue, Apr 10, 2018 at 4:48 PM

Jennifer,

Thanks for your message. Yes, COMM 345, Intercultural Communication, would be an excellent fit for the proposed International Cultures minor. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Blessings,
Lynette

[Quoted text hidden]

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Your feedback requested regarding proposed minor

Jess Dowdy <jtd10a@acu.edu>

Thu, Apr 19, 2018 at 1:17 PM

To: Jennifer Shewmaker <jws02b@acu.edu>

E&P has no problem in supporting the minor.

I personally feel it sounds like a great idea.

I am sorry for my neglecting to say that earlier.

Jess

[Quoted text hidden]

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Jennifer Shewmaker <jws02b@acu.edu>

chair approval for addition of International Cultures minor

Mikee Delony <mxd06b@acu.edu>

Thu, Apr 26, 2018 at 3:57 PM

To: Jennifer Shewmaker <jws02b@acu.edu>

Cc: par08b@acu.edu, ler16a@acu.edu

Yes,

Language and Literature approves the International Cultures minor and will support it by offering required and optional courses that are from our department.

Dr. Mikee Delony
Associate Professor
Department of Languages and Literature
Abilene Christian University
[Quoted text hidden]

Jennifer Shewmaker <jws02b@acu.edu>

Tue, May 1, 2018 at 8:34 AM

To: Karen Witemeyer <kmw03d@acu.edu>, Leslie Reed <ler16a@acu.edu>

Here is one last letter of support for the International Cultures minor from Rodney Ashlock.

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From: **Rodney Ashlock** <ashlockr@acu.edu>

Date: Monday, April 30, 2018

Subject: Your feedback requested regarding proposed minor

To: Jennifer Shewmaker <jws02b@acu.edu>

We can and are happy to support this minor. We are developing an online version of BIBT 342 Christianity in Culture for study abroad and will have no problem supplying qualified faculty to teach it.

Rodney

On Wed, Apr 4, 2018 at 4:00 PM, Jennifer Shewmaker <jws02b@acu.edu> wrote:

Dear Rodney,

You are probably aware that several task forces have been appointed and charged to recommend the next steps in implementing the university's strategic plan. As a component of that implementation, a faculty work group was formed to explore the possibility of developing an interdisciplinary International Cultures minor, with a focus on the in country experience at our Leipzig, Germany site.

As we move forward to propose this minor to university councils, we are seeking a memo of support from those departments in which courses in the minor would be taught. Please look over the minor plan below. If you are comfortable having this course or courses from your department offered as an option in the degree plan, please send me a memo stating so. If you do not see the courses as a good fit for the minor, please let me know that as well.

Thank you,

Jennifer Shewmaker

Catalog Entry

Interdisciplinary Minor in International Cultures

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A true liberal arts education must include a study and analysis of the ideas of how our worldviews and ideas are formed in the context of culture. As citizens of the world and Christians, we have the responsibility to be aware of cultures other than our own and to understand how differences and similarities between cultures influence our own perspectives and the world around us.

The International Cultures minor is designed to prepare a student who wishes to broaden his/her understanding of world cultures, to supply knowledge for an international cultural perspective basis for other disciplines, or simply to satisfy the curious mind. The component of an international educational experience within this minor provides the opportunity for broadening worldviews and ways of thinking by experiencing different cultures firsthand.

International Cultures Minor work group:

Houston Heflin

Andy Little

Leslie Reed

Stephen Shewmaker

Jennifer Shewmaker