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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mark A. Emmert, President

November 8, 2006

Dean Ron Irving
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Dear Ron:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the revised requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Ethnic Studies. A copy of the changes is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Department of American Ethnic Studies is authorized to specify these requirements beginning autumn quarter 2006.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

Mark A. Emmert
President

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Tetsuden Kashima (with enclosure)
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Creating & Changing Undergraduate Academic Programs

College: A&S Department or Unit: American Ethnic Studies Date: 4/25/06

New Programs

- Leading to a Bachelor of _____ *in* _____
- Leading to a Bachelor of _____ *degree with a major in* _____
- Leading to a _____ *Option within the existing major in* _____
- Leading to a Minor *in* _____

Changes to existing programs

- New Admission Requirements for the Major *in* _____ *within the Bachelor of* _____
- Revised Admission Requirements for the Major *in* _____ *within the Bachelor of* _____
- Revised Program Requirements for the Major *in* American Ethnic Studies *within the Bachelor of* Arts
- Revised Requirements for the Option *in* _____ *within the major in* _____
- Revised Requirements for the Minor *in* _____

Other Changes

- Change name of program *from* _____ *to* _____
- New or Revised Continuation Policy *for* _____
- Eliminate program *in* _____

Proposed Effective Date: (quarter/year) Fall, 2006

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1. **Explanation of and Rationale for Proposed Change:** (Please use additional pages if necessary. For new programs, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support, and departmental handouts.)

Proposed Changes:

The American Ethnic Studies faculty proposes several changes to the AES major.

1. CORE COURSES

The first change is to the Core Courses. Under the present language, majors must complete 35 credits from this category of courses. Ten credits must come from core courses, AAS 101 Introduction to Asian/Pacific American Cultures, AFRAM 101 Introduction to African American Studies, AIS 201 Introduction to Ethno-history of Native North America, AIS 203 Introduction to Conceptual Universe of Native North America, and CHSTU 101 Introduction to Chicano Studies.

Under the proposed change students must complete fifteen (15) credits from core courses, AFRAM101, AAS101, and CHSTU101. AIS201 and AIS203 will be dropped from the Core Courses and added to the list of Related Courses.

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2. ADVANCED CORE CORES

The second change is to the Advanced Core Courses. The existing major requires students to complete 10 credits by enrolling in AES 495 Senior Seminar and AES 496 Senior Seminar II.

Under the proposed change, AES majors will only be required to complete 5 credits by enrolling in AES 495 or AES496.

The changes noted above will not affect the total number of credits required for graduation. AES majors will still have to complete 60 credits for graduation.

Rationale:

1. CORE COURSES

AES wants each AES major to acquire a solid foundation by enrolling in the introductory courses from the department's three primary concentrations in African American Studies, Asian/Pacific American Studies, and Chicano Studies. Under the present configuration, majors select 10 credits from 5 different 5 credit courses. Two of these courses are in American Indian Studies and outside the department's primary concentrations. By moving AIS201 and AIS203 to the related courses category, AES expects to give greater emphasis to the department's own introductory courses. AES majors may continue to enroll in AIS101 and AIS203 as electives.

2. ADVANCED CORE COURSES

AES is a small department comprised of 12 permanent faculty members. As the number of AES majors has increased over the past several years, the department had to evaluate how to continue to maintain the linked AES495 and AES 496 Senior Seminars. Presently, the department had to schedule 1 section of AES495 and 1 section of AES496 plus devote 1.5 faculty positions annually so the increasing number of majors could complete this graduation requirement.

Our experience in AES shows that by the time students enter their senior year they may not require both AES495 and AES496. Allowing AES majors to choose between AES495 and AES496 will give our majors greater flexibility in fulfilling the senior thesis and capstone course plus complete the other requirements of the major.

This change will help to alleviate the pressure placed on the faculty by the linked AES495-AES496 sequence and permit greater student emphasis on other areas of the curriculum.

Separately, AES is submitting a course change for AES496. This will entail framing AES496 as an independent senior thesis course where students research and write or develop an outside the classroom learning project under faculty supervision. In doing so, AES expects to enhance the opportunity for graduating students to research and write independently under close direction of any AES faculty and our expanding number of adjunct faculty.

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2. Catalog Copy

A. Catalog Copy as Currently Written *(Include only sections/paragraphs that would be changed if your request is approved. Please cross out or otherwise highlight any deletions.)*

Major requirements

60 credits as follows:

1. Cores Courses (35 credits):
 - a. (no change)
 - b. 10 credits from AFRAM 101, AIS 201 or AIS 203, AAS 101, and CHSTU 101, to include one in the concentration and one outside the concentration; (for Comparative American Ethnic Studies concentration choose any two).
 - c. 10 credits (5 credits each) of AES 495 and AES 496
2. Concentration: 25 credits in one of the following: African American Studies, Asian/Pacific American Studies, Chicano Studies, Comparative American Ethnic Studies. See department for list of concentration courses.

B. Proposed Catalog Copy, Reflecting Requested Changes *(Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications.)*

Major requirements

60 credits as follows:

1. Cores Courses (35 credits):
 - a. (no change)
 - b. 15 credits from AFRAM 101, AAS101, and CHSTU101
 - c. 5 credits from AES495 or AES496

See attached

Related Courses
 AIS 201 (add)
 AIS 203 (add)

3. Signatures (required)

Chair/Program Director <i>Carina D'Amico</i>	Date 5-5-06	Dean <i>David A. [unclear]</i>	Date MAY 09 2006
College Committee <i>[Signature]</i>	Date MAY 09 2006	Faculty Council on Academic Standards <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 5/03/2006

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Major requirements:

60 credits, as follows:

1. Core courses (35 credits):

- a. 15 credits of AES 150, AES 151, AES 212
- b. 15 credits of AFRAM 101, AAS 101, CHSTU 101
- c. 5 credits from AES 495 or AES 496

2. Concentration: 25 credits in one of the following areas: African American Studies, Asian/Pacific American Studies, Chicano Studies, Comparative American Ethnic Studies. See department for list of concentration courses. Note: Some concentration requirements may be met while fulfilling the core courses requirement (above).

3. Electives: Sufficient electives must be taken to reach 60 credits of approved courses applied to the major.