



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

Michael K. Young
President

April 30, 2014

Dean Bruce Burgett
School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
University of Washington, Bothell
Box 358530

Dear Bruce:

Based upon the recommendations of the Executive Council, the General Faculty Organization has recommended approval of renaming the Bachelor of Arts degree in American Studies to a Bachelor of Arts degree in American and Ethnic Studies; and the revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in American and Ethnic Studies. A copy of the changes is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences is authorized to specify these requirements beginning autumn quarter 2014.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael K. Young".

Michael K. Young
President

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Rachel Foote (with enclosure)
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)
Ms. Virjean Edwards (with enclosure)



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CREATING AND CHANGING UNDERGRADUATE
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After college/school/campus review, send a signed original and 1 copy to the Curriculum Office/FCAS, Box 355850.

For information about when and how to use this form: <http://depts.washington.edu/uwcr/1503instructions.pdf>

College/Campus	Bothell	Department/Unit	School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences	Date	6/7/13
New Programs					
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<input type="checkbox"/> New Admission Requirements for the Major in ____ within the Bachelor of ____.					
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revised Program Requirements for the Major in <u>American Studies</u> within the Bachelor of <u>Arts</u> .					
<input type="checkbox"/> Revised Requirements for the Option in ____ within the major in ____.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Revised Requirements for the Minor in ____.					
Other Changes					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change name of program from <u>American Studies</u> to <u>American and Ethnic Studies</u> .					
<input type="checkbox"/> Change delivery method or location of program.					
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Contact Person: Rachel Foote		Phone: 425-352-3280		Email: rfoote@uwb.edu	
				Box: 358530	
EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE					
For new program, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support and departmental handouts. (Use additional pages if necessary).					
See attached.					
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List all departments/units/ or co-accredited programs affected by your new program or changes to your existing program and acquire the signature of the chair/director of each department/unit listed. Attach additional page(s) if necessary. *See online instructions.					
Department/Unit:		Chair/Program Director:		Date:	
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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.

American Studies (AMS) Requirements:

BIS 300 Interdisciplinary Inquiry (5 credits)

AMS Core (5 credits)

BIS 312 Approaches to Social Research OR

BIS 340 Approaches to Cultural Research (5 credits)

AMS Courses (30 credits)

BIS 499 Portfolio Capstone (minimum grade of 2.5) (3 credits)

Additional IAS Coursework (20 credits)

General Electives (22 credits)

Completion of the IPR requirement and a minimum of 25 credits in each Area of Knowledge (with 10 credits in each Area completed at UW Bothell).

TOTAL= 90 credits

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).
Please note: all copy will be edited to reflect uniform style in the General Catalog.

American and Ethnic Studies (AES) Requirements:

BIS 300 Interdisciplinary Inquiry (5 credits)

BISAMS 3xx Power, Dissent and American Culture (5 credits)

BIS 312 Approaches to Social Research OR

BIS 340 Approaches to Cultural Research (minimum grade of 2.0) (5 credits)

AES Courses (30 credits) to include a minimum of 5 credits from each of the following areas:

- Historical Inquiry
- Textual Interpretation
- Critical Theory (*no more than 10 total credits from the Critical Theory area can apply to the 30 credits of AES Courses*)

BIS 499 Portfolio Capstone (minimum grade of 2.5) (3 credits)

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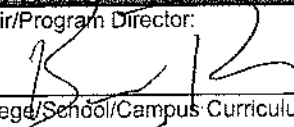
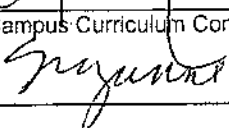
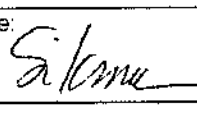
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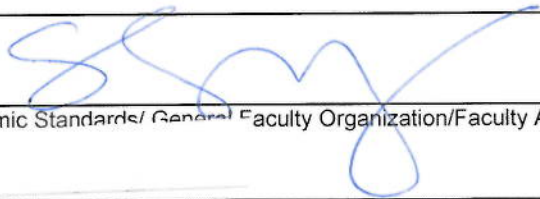
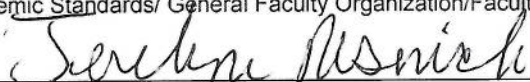
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Date:

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Dean/Vice Chancellor:		Date:
Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair:		Date:
POST TRI-CAMPUS APPROVAL (when needed)		
Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair:		Date: 3-13-'11

Proposed Changes to American Studies Degree Name and Requirements

Rationale

With the understanding that questions identity, difference and dissent are at the heart of what it means to study “America,” American Studies and Ethnic Studies have been increasingly linked fields of study that draw from across the humanities and social sciences (including history, literature, cultural studies, and political science). Changing the name of the degree from “American Studies” to “American and Ethnic Studies” will help communicate the nature of the field and our course offerings more accurately, draw on student engagement with campus diversity initiatives, recruit and retain faculty by highlighting key areas of scholarly engagement, and involve UWB faculty and students more directly in broader scholarly conversations about the current state and future directions of American Studies and Ethnic Studies. This name change is intended to highlight more clearly already existing strengths in the American Studies curriculum and provide pathways for future curricular development while maintaining the broader focus on the intersection of American cultures and political, economic and social power.

Currently, the requirements for students majoring in American Studies at UW-Bothell do not surface the foundational knowledge and analytical tools animating the field. In order to do so, we propose revisions to improve the focus and legibility of student pathways through the degree. We propose moving from seven possible core courses required of majors to a single core course. Additionally, we propose revising the curriculum of the degree to include three topic areas: Historical Inquiry, Textual Interpretation, and Critical Theory. These changes place the revised American and Ethnic Studies degree in line with similar degrees at other institutions in the region and around the country. The existence of a single core course, along with the addition of a minimum grade in the methods course, puts the American and Ethnic Studies major in line with other majors in the School of IAS.

Summary of Changes to the American Studies major requirements

	Current	Proposed
Skills and Methods Coursework	BIS 312 or BIS 340 <i>Total: 5 credits, no min. grade</i>	BIS 312 or BIS 340 <i>Total: 5 credits, with required 2.0 minimum grade</i>
AMS Core Course	BISAMS 363 or BISAMS 364 or BISAMS 365 or BISAMS 366 or BISAMS 367 or BISAMS 368 or BISAMS 369 <i>5 credits</i>	BISAMS 3XX: Power, Dissent, and American Culture <i>5 credits</i>
AMS Coursework	<i>30 credits</i>	5 credits: Historical Inquiry courses Sample courses: BIS 256; BIS 266/267; BIS 327; BIS 364
		5 credits: Textual Interpretation courses Sample courses: BIS 345, BIS 347, BIS 370/371, BIS 379
		5 credits: Critical Theory courses Sample courses: BIS 216, BIS 221, BIS 224, BIS 410, BISAMS 4XX Critical Race Theory
		Additional AES courses from the three categories above to reach a total of 30 credits. <i>(No more than 10 total credits from the Critical Theory category can apply to the 30 credits of AES coursework.)</i>
Additional IAS Coursework	<i>20 credits</i>	<i>20 credits</i>
General Electives	<i>22 credits</i>	<i>22 credits</i>



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Bothell: Change name of Bachelor of Arts degree in American Studies to Bachelor of Arts degree in American and Ethnic Studies (BISAES-20130607)

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Please review the attached 1503 pdf requesting to rename of the Bachelor of Arts degree in American Studies to a Bachelor of Arts degree in American and Ethnic Studies at the Bothell campus and post comments by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 7th.

If you have any problems viewing the attachment or need disability accommodations, please contact the University Curriculum Office at uwcr@uw.edu.

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Understanding the wide array of contributions to the American experience as a whole, including that of immigrant and ethnic contributions, I do not see a need or reason for the proposed title of this degree to reflect the "Ethnic Studies" as if that somehow stands alone from "American Studies," other than a desire on the part of one or more to be "politically correct." Just add the additional curriculum and leave the current title as is.

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Many American ethnic groups speak languages other than English. Could students in this renamed major be encouraged to study a non-English language? "American" studies is workable as an English-only major, but "ethnic" implies sensitivity to a multicultural world.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: 10 March 2014

To: Susan Jeffords, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, UW Bothell
Kari Lerum, Chair, General Faculty Organization, UW Bothell

From: Bruce Burgett, Dean, School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, UW Bothell

Re: Response to Tri-Campus Review Comments on American and Ethnic Studies Proposal

I am writing in response to the two brief comments received from Professors Smidchens and Hawkins during the tri-campus review period for our proposed revision of our existing major in American Studies (AMS) to a major in American and Ethnic Studies (AES). In crafting this response, I have consulted with Professor Dan Berger, the faculty member who coordinates that degree.

Professor Smidchens makes the useful suggestion that students in this major be encouraged to study a non-English language, arguing that a focus on "'ethnic' implies sensitivity to a multicultural world." We agree that students should be encouraged to study languages other than English and note that the same could be argued of a major in "American Studies." However, requiring them to do so beyond the current UW-wide graduation requirement exceeds our current resources and would require a significant campus-wide investment. We certainly understand the AES major as equipping students with deeper knowledge about the range of populations in the United States and around the world for whom English is not the primary language. Consequently, several classes within the major stress core issues of language and representation even where the curriculum is taught in English. In making this choice, we are in alignment with most AES majors nationally.

Professor Hawkins suggests that we ought to change the curriculum, but not the title. Our on-campus research indicates that the new title is an important part of the larger curriculum changes; they are not separate decisions. "American and Ethnic Studies" names the ways in which we have streamlined the curriculum. It signals for prospective students the kinds of curricular and co-curricular activities faculty members involved with the major have already been doing. It also identifies and aligns with larger trends within the relevant scholarship as witnessed in professional journals and associations.

UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM REVIEW PROCEDURES**

CHECKLIST

Title of Proposal: Rename major in American Studies to American and Ethnic Studies (BISAES-20130607)

Proposed by (unit name): School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences

Originating Campus:

☐ UW, Seattle

☒ UW, Bothell

☐ UW, Tacoma

I. Phase I. Developed Proposal Review (to be completed by Originating Campus' Academic Program Review body)

A. Review Completed by: (list name of program review body)

Chaired by:

11/22/13 Date proposal received by originating campus's review body

12/04/13 Date proposal sent to University Registrar

02/12/14 Date proposal posted & email sent to standard notification list (Waiting for Seattle

AES ok)

03/13/14 Date of originating campus's curriculum body approval

(Note: this date must be 15 business days or more following date of posting)

B. 2 Number of comments received. Attach the comments and a summary of the consideration and responses thereof : (1-2 paragraphs)

II. Phase II. Final Proposal Review (to be completed by FCTCP)

A. Review Completed by:

☒ FCTCP subcommittee

☐ FCTCP full council

Chaired by: William Erdly

4/4/14 Date request for review received from University Registrar

4/22/14 Date of FCTCP report

B. Review (attached)

YES NO

☒ Was notice of proposal posted on UW Website for 15 business days?

☒ Was notice of proposal sent to standard mailing list 15 business days in advance of academic program review?

☒ Were comments received by academic program review body?

☒ Was response to comments appropriate? (explain, if necessary)

☒ Was final proposal reviewed by FCTCP within 14 days of receipt?

☒ Was there adherence to the University Campuses Undergraduate Program Review Process? (explain, if necessary)

Note: Slight delay in FCTCP report due to meeting schedule and discussion of response to comments from a policy perspective.

C. Recommendation

☒ Forward for final approval

☐ Forward to Provost because of University issues (Explain)

☐ Return to campus council because of insufficient review (Explain).

**Endorsed by Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 1/10/05, modified 1/31/06; These procedures apply to new undergraduate degrees, majors, minors (and certificates) and substantive changes to same