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Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 7, 2001

TO: Tim Washburn Executive Director
Admissions and Records

FROM: Bill Richardson 
Director, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences

SUBJECT: Major Codes for Revised IAS Concentrations

The IAS faculty have revised and changed the titles of several concentrations, effective Autumn 2001. We have also added a new Individually - Designed concentration and a description of the concentration is attached. I am requesting new major codes for the following concentrations:

Global Studies (formerly International Studies)
Politics and Values (formerly Politics, Values and Social Change)
Political Economy (formerly States, Markets and Global Systems)
Individually - Designed concentration

I will be out of town for about a week, so please contact Julie Buffington (253-692-4451 or jbuffing@u.washington.edu) if you have questions. Upon your approval, Julie and Bobbe Miller-Murray are ready to work with Randy Byers on the codes. Thanks for your help.

cc: Jack Nelson
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Approved

T. Washburn

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Individually-Designed Concentration

This concentration is an individually-designed option for students who wish to create a program of study by combining selected courses from a range of possibilities within IAS and, potentially, from other undergraduate programs at UWT. Students are required to identify a central organizing theme for their concentration and design it under the guidance and supervision of an IAS faculty member and an IAS advisor. Graduates in this concentration pursue careers in a wide variety of areas such as business, government, the nonprofit world, healthcare and education where skills in research and critical thinking, as well as written and oral communication are prized. Students also pursue graduate study leading to careers in teaching, administration, social work, and the law.

Concentration Graduation Requirements

Students must complete a total of 90 upper-division credits. The Individually-Designed Concentration consists of 55 credits. At least five credits of Senior Thesis must be included.

Of the 90 credits total, at least 5 credits must be taken from each of the following interdisciplinary areas:

- Cultural and Ideas (Fine Arts and the Humanities) includes Cultural Expression courses with a TCX prefix and Ideas, Beliefs, and Cultural Patterns courses with a TIBC prefix)
- Society and the Individual (Social Sciences) includes States and Markets courses with a TSM prefix and Communities and Social Institutions courses with a TCSI prefix)
- The Natural World - courses with a TESC prefix

In order to design their concentrations, students must do the following:

1. Identify the unifying interdisciplinary theme of your program.
2. Make a list of the courses you have taken or plan to take toward this goal. This list should comprise 55 credits, all of which are related to your area of concentration.
3. Draft a statement that describes your proposed concentration and discusses the interrelationships among the courses you have chosen. Propose a brief, descriptive title for your concentration.
4. Submit your proposal to the Individually-Designed Concentration Committee for their approval at least three quarters prior to graduation.
5. Identify at least two faculty sponsors for the concentration. The faculty sponsors attest to the intellectual soundness of your proposal and agree to provide whatever guidance you may jointly decide you need. They may also suggest changes in your previously approved written proposal or list of courses.
6. Obtain final approval from an Individually-Designed Concentration adviser.

General Studies: ~~Individualized~~ Individualized Concentration.