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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
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Introduced by: Undergraduate Academic Council

Date: April 9, 2008

DEACTIVATION OF ASIAN STUDIES MAJOR AND MINOR

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

1. That the deactivation of the Asian Studies Major and Minor be approved by the University Senate.

2. That this proposal be forwarded to the Interim President George M. Philip for approval.

3. That the deactivation of both programs become effective for students admitted to the University Fall 2008.

Rationale:

Both programs, the Asian Studies Major and the Asian Studies Minor have had no enrollment in the past two years. The department lost most of the faculty specializing in South Asia, Middle East and South East Asia through retirements. With the Asian Studies Program facing its scheduled review this year, it is recommended that the major and minor be deactivated.
College of Arts and Sciences  Course Action Form  Proposal No. 07-148

Please mark all that apply:

- [ ] New Course
- [ ] Revision of:
  - Number
  - Title
  - Prerequisites
  - Credits
- [x] Deactivate / Activate Course (boldface & underline as appropriate)
  - Other (specify): Major in Asian Studies

Department: College of Arts and Sciences/Economics  To be effective (semester/year): Spring 08

Course Number:

Course Title: Major Title: Asian Studies Major

Course Description to appear in Bulletin:
The College of Arts and Sciences and the current faculty member in charge of the major in Asian Studies (J. Uppal) seek to deactivate the major in Asian Studies.

Prerequisites statement to be appended to description in Bulletin:

If S/U is to be designated as the only grading system in the course, check here:

This course is (will be) cross listed with (i.e., CAS ###):

This course is (will be) a shared-resources course with (i.e., CAS ###):

Explanation of proposal:
For the past two years there have been no majors in this area. For additional rationale, please see the accompanying letter from Professor Uppal. The minor in Asian Studies can remain: the new advisement policies do not require that there be an advisor for the minor since advisement for minors takes place with advisement in the student's major area.

Other departments or schools which offer similar or related courses and which have certified that this proposal does not overlap their offering:

Chair of Proposing Department (TYPE NAME/SIGN)  Date
College of Arts and Sciences  4-8-08

Approved by Chair(s) of Departments having cross-listed course(s) (PRINT NAME/SIGN) (PRINT NAME/SIGN)  Date
Jogindar Uppal, Director  4-18-07
Gregory I. Stevens  11-2-07

Chair of Academic Programs Committee (PRINT NAME/SIGN)  Date
Dean of Graduate (Undergraduate) Studies (PRINT NAME/SIGN)  Date
Nancy Denton  10-30-07
April 18, 07

Dr. Gregory Stearns,
Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
SUNY at Albany

Asian Studies Program

Dear Greg,

It was a pleasure to chat with you about the Asian Studies Program.

Although the Asian Studies Program is on the books as a required undergraduate major over time, particularly since the beginning of the East Asian Studies Department, it does not have enrollment. If we were to have or might have one or two majors during a semester, we have lost of most of the faculty specializing in South Asia, Middle East and South East Asia through retirements. We have listed some courses in the undergraduate bulletin, but most continue to be offered. The only difference between the Asian Studies major and East Asian Studies major is the requirement of language requirement. The former does not require any language while the latter requires a language.
2.

I received an announcement that Asian Studies Program is scheduled to be reviewed this year. Frankly, we do not have anything to review in this program.

I recommend that we should initiate the process of eliminating this major. Also we should not review this program.

I will be glad to explain further any aspect of the program.

Sincerely,

Ji'S Uppal
Director, Asian Studies Program
Professor of Economics
## Course Action Form

**Proposal No.** 08-078

### Please mark all that apply:

- [ ] New Course
- [ ] Revision of:
  - [ ] Number
  - [ ] Description
  - [ ] Title
  - [ ] Prerequisites
  - [ ] Credits
- [ ] Cross-Listing
- [ ] Shared-Resources Course
- [ ] Deactivate / Activate Course (boldface & underline as appropriate)
- [ ] Other: Minor in Asian Studies

### Department:
College of Arts and Sciences

### To be effective:
(semester/year): Summer 08

### Course Description to appear in Bulletin:

### Prerequisites statement to be appended to description in Bulletin:

### If S/U is to be designated as the only grading system in the course,

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### This course is (will be) cross listed with (i.e., CAS ###):

### This course is (will be) a shared-resources course with (i.e., CAS ###):

### Explanation of proposal:

There are not courses readily available to make the Minor viable. There is no faculty advising available to make the Minor viable.

### Other departments or schools which offer similar or related courses and which have certified that this proposal does not overlap their offering:

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**Chair of Proposing Department**

*TYPE NAME/SIGN*

College of Arts and Sciences

Date: 4-8-08

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**Approved by Chair(s) of Departments having cross-listed course(s)**

*PRINT NAME/SIGN*

Date: 4-8-08

**Dean of College**

*PRINT NAME/SIGN*

Date: 4-8-08

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**Chair of Academic Programs Committee**

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Date: 4-8-08

**Dean of Graduate (Undergraduate) Studies**

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Date: 4-8-08