

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.71-89

MEMORANDUM

To..... SENATE

From..... R. C. BROWN

..... ACTING DEAN/GENERAL STUDIES

Subject..... REVISIONS TO THE AFRICAN/MIDDLE
..... EAST STUDIES PROGRAM, S.71-89

Date..... JULY 14, 1971

MOTION:

1. "That the new course proposals for African/Middle East Studies 401-5 and 402-5 as outlined in Paper S.71-89 be approved."

If approved, the following motion will be made:

"That Senate suspend its rules with regard to the two semester time lag requirement for the offering of new courses in order that African/Middle East Studies 402-5 may be first offered in the Spring semester, 1972."

2. "That the requirements for the minor degree in African/Middle East Studies be changed from 15 hours to 14-18 hours at the 300 and 400 level, and from 18 hours to 9 hours at the 100 and 200 level; and that the 9 hour requirement in French, German, or Russian at the 100 and 200 level be dropped from the program."

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To	Mr. H. Evans	From	R.C. Brown
	Secretary of Senate		Acting Dean/General Studies
Subject	Revisions to the African/Middle East Studies Program	Date	July 14, 1971.

The enclosed revisions and new course proposals for the African/Middle East Studies Program have been recommended by the Program Steering Committee and have been approved by me. They are submitted to Senate for its consideration.

RCB/lbs

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1. That the requirements for the minor degree in African/Middle East Studies be changed from 15 hours to 14-18 hours at the 300 and 400 level, and from 18 hours to 9 hours at the 100 and 200 level.
2. That the 9 hour requirement in French, German, or Russian at the 100 and 200 level be dropped from the program.
3. That Senate approve: (a) A./M.E. 401-5 (Appendix 1)
(b) A./M.E. 402-5 (Appendix 2)
4. That if (3) above is approved the following motion is required:
That Senate suspend its rules to permit the offering of the new African/Middle East Studies courses earlier than the normal two semester delay following approval.

JUSTIFICATION:

1. The African/Middle East Studies Steering Committee recommends changing the 15 hour requirement at the 300 and 400 level to 14-18 hours in order to provide students more flexibility in scheduling existing 3 and 5 hour courses without substantially altering the depth of the program.
2. Since they are not the spoken languages of areas concerned, the 9 hour requirement in French, German or Russian is thought to be overly stringent within the limitations of the program. Thus while they should be "recommended" to students engaged in study within the areas, they should not be required.

DIVISION OF GENERAL STUDIES

NEW COURSE PROPOSAL

1. CALENDAR INFORMATION

Program. African/Middle East Course Number: 401 Title: Studies in Africa
Studies

Sub-title or Description:

An interdisciplinary upper levels seminar taught cooperatively by African/
Middle East Studies faculty and visiting scholars on selected themes pertinent
to the area.

Credit Hours: 5

Vector Description: 3-2-0

Pre-Requisite(s):

None

2. ENROLMENT AND SCHEDULING

Estimated Enrolment: 15

Semester Offered (e.g. yearly, every Spring, twice yearly, Fall and
Spring):

Once yearly

When will course first be offered?
Fall 1972

3. JUSTIFICATION

A. What is the detailed description of the course including
differentiation from lower level courses, from similar courses
in the same department, and from courses in other departments
in the University?

An interdisciplinary approach to the area, designed to take advantage of faculty specialization in several departments simultaneously and to have faculty as well as students participate in weekly discussion. It is envisioned that faculty from at least 2 of the departments concerned in the African/Middle East Studies Program will anchor the course. It is also designed to take advantage of the presence on campus of distinguished visitors and scholars who might be persuaded to address or at least participate in the seminar.

B. What is the range of topics that may be dealt with in the course?
Economics, sociology, literature, history, etc., according to
the faculty involved.

2.

C. How does this course fit the goals of the program?

It is in fact an exercise in general studies. It is designed to bring together experts from various disciplines into general discussion on particular themes, areas, and eras.

D. How does this course affect degree requirements?

An optional 5-credit upper level course in the African/Middle East Studies Program of General Studies. Open to all students.

E. What are the calendar changes necessary to reflect the addition of this course?

Not as yet in the calendar.

F. What course, if any, is being dropped from the calendar if this course is approved?

None

G. What is the nature of student demand for this course?

As for General Studies

H. Other reasons for introducing the course.

1) To encourage further truly interdisciplinary cooperation and teaching.

2) To complete the General Studies Program in African/Middle East Studies.

3.

4. BUDGETARY AND SPACE FACTORS

A. Which faculty will be available to teach this course?

Faculty from departments participating in the African/Middle East Studies Program.

B. What are the special space and/or equipment requirements for this course?

None

C. Any other budgetary implications of mounting this course:

Normal General Studies provisions.

Approval:

Dean of Division:

Robert C. Brown

Senate:

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NEW COURSE PROPOSAL

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Credit Hours: 5

Vector Description: 3-2-0

Pre-Requisite(s):

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2. ENROLMENT AND SCHEDULING

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Spring 1972

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