

University Curriculum Committee Report (Chair: Alistair Welchman)
Dec. Meeting of the Faculty Senate

There are three issues before the committee this month

1. A proposed minor in East Asian Studies from the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures (COLFA), in collaboration with East Asia Institute
2. A proposed minor in Nutrition from the Department of Kinesiology, Health and Nutrition (COEHD)
3. A revised proposal for the inclusion of SPN 1034 (Spanish for Heritage Learners) in the core

Minor in East Asian Studies

The minor allows students to combine language courses (min. two semesters' worth) with upper level area studies courses. This will benefit in particular students of the Chinese and Korean languages, because UTSA offers no upper division courses in these languages, and so these students cannot take a minor in the languages. Students of Japanese, who can take a minor in Japanese, may also be interested in broadening their studies from more narrowly linguistic to more widely cultural concerns. Students may also satisfy the language and upper division requirements using courses focused on different countries in the region.

Two new courses are proposed: an upper division Colloquium in East Asian Culture (CSH 4003) and an independent study type course, Special Projects in East Asian Studies (CSH 4953). No new faculty or resources will be required, and the Department of Modern Languages has 6 faculty members teaching in relevant areas.

The committee did note that none of the faculty in place is T/TT and we suggest that the Department of Modern Languages forge connections with departments in that do have T/TT faculty members with research and teaching specializations within the ambit of East Asian Studies, particularly the departments of History and Political Science & Geography. The committee also noted that HIS 3913 (Late Imperial China) ought to be on the list of electives.

The proposal has been recommended for approval at the department and college levels. The UCC voted unanimously (8 for, none against, no abstentions) to recommend that the Senate approve the proposal too.

Minor in Nutrition

The proposed minor in Nutrition simply requires students to take 18h of existing courses in Nutrition (NTD). Most of these are at the 3000 level, and many of them have prerequisites that students will also have to fulfill. The minor is open to Health, Kinesiology and Biology majors. South Texas is disproportionately burdened by diet-related illnesses like obesity, type 2 diabetes and heart diseases. While the

minor will not prepare students directly to pursue careers in Dietetics, it will give students from other majors a significant advantage in their careers, and enable those who work in e.g. exercise science to integrate an intelligent concern for nutrition diet into their regular jobs.

The proposal requires no new resources: existing courses will be taught by existing faculty.

The UCC voted 8/0 (with no abstentions) in favor of recommending that the Senate approve the minor in Nutrition.

SPN 1034 (Spanish for Heritage Learners)

After discussion with the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, the Core Curriculum Committee has withdrawn its request to add the caveat 'Credit cannot be earned for both SPN 1034 and SPN 1014' to the 2017-18 catalog wordage for these courses. The Department clarified that SPN 1034 is a second semester language course that students can substitute for SPN 1024 after taking SPN 1014. Both majors and minors can take both courses for credit. The CCC voted 7 in favor of rescinding the request, 1 against with no abstentions.

The UCC concurs, voting 8/0 (with no abstentions) in favor of recommending that the Senate approve SPN 1034 for inclusion in the core with no caveat.