

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

**APC Document 102: Revisions to Asian Studies Minor description;
 Addition of courses to list of Asian Studies minor electives**

Effective Date: Fall 2012

1. Delete: On page 184, under **Minor in Asian Studies**, the first sentence:

The Asian Studies minor offers interdisciplinary courses which have a substantial Asian focus and/or content.

Add: On page 184, in place of deleted entry:

The Asian Studies minor offers students an opportunity to explore the dynamic transformations that are sweeping through Asia, while situating these processes within a historical, philosophical/ethical, political, economic, cultural, religious, and literary context. This interdisciplinary approach is designed to provide students with a broad foundation of ideas and perspectives with which to understand and explain the challenges and opportunities facing Asia within a global context.

2. Add: On page 184, to the list of elective courses, before the entry for HIST 380:

ASIA 100 Introduction to Asian Studies (4)
ASIA 101 Elementary Chinese I (4)
ASIA 102 Elementary Chinese II (4)
ASIA 201 Intermediate Chinese I (4)
ASIA 202 Intermediate Chinese II (4)
ASIA 301 Advanced Chinese I (4)
ASIA 302 Advanced Chinese II (4)
ASIA 303 Chinese Literature: Great Works (4)
ASIA 304 Chinese Cinema (4)

Impact Statement:

There will be no added faculty resources needed for this change. The changes are updates to the catalog courses in the IST program. The impact is in providing students in the Asian Studies Minor with more courses, thereby helping them to complete the minor in a timely manner.

Rationale:

The Asian Studies Minor (ASIA) in the Interdisciplinary Studies (IST) program has seen much growth. Students in the Asian Studies minor have expressed very strong interest in taking introductory and elective interdisciplinary courses in Asian Studies (ASIA). These courses will respond to this student demand. ASIA 100 will also help the IST program in its program assessment goals. By including courses that are already being offered in the fall and spring or have already been scheduled to be offered in coming semesters, the Asian Studies minor will deliver the curriculum more effectively and efficiently, while simultaneously helping students complete the requirements for this minor within four years.