

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC document 65 (INTS): **Delete INTS 495;**
 Revise the description of INTS 494, incorporating a thesis option;
 Revise major and competency requirements for the International
 Studies concentration

Effective date: Fall 2016

1. Delete: On page 184, the entry for **INTS 495, Senior Colloquium:**

Senior Colloquium (1)

Students formally present and discuss their research findings and/or service learning projects. Students are required to demonstrate mastery in their work and its significance. Pre-or corequisite: INTS 494 or appropriate research course in another discipline approved by the program director. Fall and Spring.

2. Delete: On page 184, the description for **INTS 494, Capstone in International Studies:**

494 Capstone in International Studies (4)

This capstone course for the International Studies concentration offers students the opportunity to integrate learning from a variety of disciplines. The course will consist of research project, written paper and oral presentation. Students are expected to formulate a project that fulfills the major competency requirements. Fall and Spring.

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

494 Capstone in International Studies (4)

The capstone course for the International Studies concentration offers students the opportunity to integrate learning from a variety of disciplines. The capstone may either be in the form of a research project or thesis on a topic related to international studies. Major, oral, written and information literacy competencies are demonstrated through successful completion of INTS 494. A written paper and oral presentation are required. Fall and Spring.

Impact: The impact from this change should be positive. International Studies students currently take INTS 494, or both INTS 473, a special topics course in which they write a thesis, and INTS 495, Senior Colloquium, to fulfill their capstone requirements. Allowing for the thesis as an option within a single capstone course streamlines and simplifies the requirements. There will be no additional faculty resources needed. Two classes are currently offered—the capstone and the thesis. We anticipate offering two sections each semester as needed of INTS 494 in the future. One section will be for students completing

research, and the other will accommodate the thesis students, so there will be no net change in the course offerings.

Rationale: It has been confusing to offer INTS 494 for some students, and a separate special topics class and colloquium for others. When INTS 494 was added to the curriculum, the presentation and discussion aspects of the Senior Colloquium were incorporated into the new course. It was an oversight to retain INTS 495 as a requirement for those students taking 494. Because the students completing a thesis needed to orally present their work, INTS 495 was supposed to be required for those students only.

Rather than try to rework the requirements to adequately address this, we think the best option is to allow for different capstone experiences within a single course. All students will give a presentation as part of the requirements for the capstone course, so INTS 495 will no longer be needed.

3. Delete: On page 180, items I and III under **Requirements for Concentration in International Studies:**

- I. Required courses for the major—at least 25 hours including: INTS 494, 495; one course from AFST 130, ANTH 100, ASIA 100, ECON 250, ESI 101, HIST 152, INTS 201, IST 290, POLS 281 or RELS 280. Students must also complete at least 18 hours of international studies related coursework from the courses listed below, or other appropriate courses with an international focus approved by the program director. The courses must be chosen from a minimum of three disciplines, with at least 12 hours at the 300-level or above. The program director has the option to approve a course that produces original research on a topic related to international studies in lieu of INTS 494.
- III. Other concentration requirements—Major competency is demonstrated through successful completion of INTS 494. The program director has the option to approve a course that produces original research on a topic related to international studies in lieu of INTS 494. Oral competency is demonstrated through successful completion of INTS 495.

Add: On page 179, in place of deleted entry:

- I. Required courses for the major—at least 25 hours including an introductory course chosen from AFST 130, ANTH 100, ASIA 100, ECON 250, ESI 101, HIST 152, INTS 201, IST 290, POLS 281 or RELS 280; at least 18 hours of international studies related coursework from the courses listed below; and INTS 494. The 18 elective hours must be chosen from a minimum of three disciplines, with at least 12 hours at the 300-level or above. Other appropriate courses with an international focus may be approved by the program director.
- III. Other concentration requirements—Major, oral, written and information literacy competencies are demonstrated through successful completion of INTS 494.

Impact: No additional faculty resources will be required due to this change.

Rationale: Deleting INTS 495 and changing the capstone course to allow for a thesis option streamlines and simplifies the requirements for the concentration.