

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 35 (ETHN): Update the listing of courses for the US Ethnic Studies minor

Effective Date: Fall 2019

1. Delete: On page 200, under the heading for **Power and Institutions:**

HIST 388 / RELS 388 Introduction to Islam (4)

2. Add: On page 199, under the heading **Arts and Culture:**

AIIS 210 American Indian Film Studies (4)
ANTH 339 Intersections of Gender in the Americas (4)
ASTR 301 Indigenous Perspectives on the Sky (4)

3. Add: On page 199, under the heading **History and Politics:**

AIIS 205 Issues, Ideas and Identity in Contemporary Native America (4)
SOC 390 Queer Sociology (4)

Impact Statement: These changes will improve the US Ethnic Studies minor by ensuring that the courses that apply toward the minor are relevant and reflect the full range of current course offerings that students are able to select from. There will be little to no impact on resources or staffing because all courses are already in existence and are integrated into their home departments; the greatest potential impact would be in the form of student interest, meaning that some courses may experience greater-than-usual enrollment as the program grows. Department chairs and program directors who oversee faculty whose courses are listed above have indicated their support of the inclusion of those courses in the US Ethnic Studies minor in the form of concurrences with this proposal; those chairs and program directors are Agya Boakye-Boaten (Interdisciplinary Studies), Randy Booker (Physics), and Marcia Ghidina (Sociology and Anthropology).

Rationale: In the case of HIST 388, the instructor has requested the course be removed from the minor due to a misunderstanding about the focus of the minor; the instructor does not feel the course fulfills the requirements of the minor in that it does not focus on *U.S.* ethnic groups.

In the case of all other courses, which are additions to the minor, each instructor has requested that their course(s) be added to the minor and has indicated under which category (Arts and Culture, History and Politics, or Power and Institutions) their course would best be listed. With the exception of SOC 390, none of these courses were in existence when the minor was initially proposed/approved during the 2014-2015 academic year. In the case of SOC 390, the instructor requesting the course be added to the minor had not yet been hired at the time the minor was created.