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PROGRAM/DEGREE REQUIREMENT CHANGE (MAJOR/MINOR)

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PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:

DEGREE PROGRAM	Global Studies Minor
Degree Level: (i.e., Certificate, A.A., A.A.S., B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., Ph.D.)	B.A. (minor only)

A. CHANGE IN DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: (Brief statement of program/degree changes and objectives)

The degree requirements have been changed in two areas: 1) the description of the degree minor; and 2) the expansion of course electives. The program has been modified to be more inclusive of students' needs and interests and less prescriptive, allowing the program to be more flexible.

B. CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AS IT APPEARS IN THE CATALOG:

GLOBAL STUDIES MINOR

The minor is an interdisciplinary program to enhance students' understanding of issues resulting from an increasingly interdependent world. The minor provides students with an opportunity to broaden their horizons beyond their chosen majors and achieve a more integrated vision of contemporary global problems, alternative conceptions of global society, and relevant strategies of transition to a more just and humane world order.

Requirements:

1. One of the following entry level courses (3 credits):
ANTH245 Culture and Global Studies, GEOG203 World Economic Geography, ENG280 Colonial & Post-Colonial Literature, PS202 Democracy and Global Society

2. Four courses from one of the following tracks (12 credits):

Global Economic and Political Dynamics
ANTH466 Economic Anthropology, PS201 Comparative Politics, PS323 Int'l Political Economy, RD300w Rural Development in a Global Perspective, SOC460 Global Issues in Sociological Perspective

Culture and Global Society
ANS/RD315 Tribal People & Development, ANTH/WMS445 Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective, COMM 330 Intercultural Communication, ENGL360 Multi-ethnic Literatures of the US, LING216 Languages of the World

Science Policy and the Environment
ANTH428w Ecological Anthropology & Regional Sustainability, BIO476 Ecosystem Ecology, ANTH428/NRM338 Intro to GIS, HIST 411 Environmental History, NRM/NORS432 Literature & the Environment, PS454 Int'l Law & the Environment, PS455o Political Economy of the Global Environment, PS456o Science, Technology & Politics

Peace, Human Rights, and Global Society
ENGL380 Topics in Colonial & Post-Colonial Literature, HIST316 Europe Since 1945, PHIL/PS472 Ethics in Int'l Affairs, PS203 Peace, War, and Security, PS322 Int'l Law & Organizations, SOC405o Social Movements & Social Change

3. An internship or civic engagement project (1-3 credits)
Internship or civic engagement credits are specific to participating departments. For example, a student majoring in Communication Studies engaged in a 2 credit internship will register for COMM 469 Communication Internship (1-3 credits) to receive credit. A student majoring in Political Science will register for PS F475 Internship in Public Affairs (3 credits) to receive credit.

C. PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS AS IT WILL APPEAR IN THE CATALOG WITH THESE CHANGES:
(Underline new wording ~~strike through old wording~~ and use complete catalog format)

PROGRAM IN GLOBAL STUDIES
Minor Program

The minor in global studies is an interdisciplinary program whose purpose is to enhance students' understanding of issues resulting from an increasingly interdependent world. The global studies program provides students pursuing a bachelor's degree an opportunity to broaden their horizons beyond their chosen majors and achieve a more integrated vision of contemporary global problems, alternative conceptions of global society and relevant strategies for moving toward a more just and humane world order.

The program is designed to be flexible, allowing students, in consultation with their advisors, to select and an array of courses and co-curricular experiences that best complement their majors as well as their goals for their careers and/or post-baccalaureate education.

In addition, global studies students are encouraged to pursue opportunities for study abroad and foreign language acquisition as part of their minor requirements. Working with their advisors and the UAF Office of International Programs, global studies students may discover ways to build on their UAF coursework and satisfy a significant portion of their Global Studies Minor requirements at a foreign college or university.

Requirements
Minor

1. Complete one of the following entry level course**s** (**3** credits):

ANTH F245 – Culture and Global Studies	3
ENGL F218 – Themes in Literature: Colonial and Post-Colonial Literature	3
ENGL F280 – Colonial and Post-Colonial Literature	3
GEOG F203 – World Economic Geography	3
JUST 201 – Dispute Resolution and Restorative Processes	3
LING F216 – Languages of the World	3
PS F202 – Democracy and Global Society	3

2. Complete four different courses from the following (12 credits) with no more than two courses (6 credits) from the same department:

ANS/RD 315 – Tribal People and Development	3
ANTH F428w – Ecological Anthropology and Regional Sustainability	3
ANTH/WMS F445 – Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective	3
ANTH F446 – Economic Anthropology	3
BIOL F476 – Ecosystem Ecology	3
COMM F330 – Intercultural Communication	3
COMM F353 – Conflict, Mediation and Communication	3
ENGL F380 – Topics in Colonial and Post-Colonial Literature	3
GEOG/NRM F338 – Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	3
HIST F316 – Europe Since 1945	3
HIST F411 – Environmental History	3
JUST 404 – Clinic in Mediation, Conferencing, and Circle Practices	3
JUST 401 – Cross Cultural Conflict Analysis & Intervention	3
PHIL/PS F472 – Ethics and International Affairs	3
PS F201 – Comparative Politics	3
PS F203 – Peace, War and Security	3
PS F322o – International Law and Organization	3
PS F323 – International Political Economy	3
PS F454o – International Law and the Environment	3
PS F455o – Political Economy of the Global Environment	3
PS F456o – Science, Technology and Politics	3
RD F300w – Rural Development in a Global Perspective	3
SOC F403o – Social Movements and Social Change	3
SOC F460 – Global Issues in Sociological Perspective	3

Complete a variable credit civic engagement/internship project working collaboratively with one of the faculty in the student's primary course interest. The number of credits will be determined by the student's advisor based on the number of hours worked and the nature of the academic component of the internship or project. 1 – 3

Minimum number of credits required 16-18

Note: The Program in Global Studies also strongly encourages students to study abroad for at least one semester, and to work toward fluency in a second language.

Because of the flexibility of the program and the internship requirement, it will be important for students to work closely with an advisor familiar with the program. Please contact the Program Coordinator with any questions you may have about the program.

For more information and advising:
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D. ESTIMATED IMPACT

WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WILL THIS HAVE ON BUDGET, FACILITIES/SPACE, FACULTY, ETC.

No impact, courses exist

E. IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS/DEPTS:

What programs/departments will be affected by this proposed action?
Include information on the Programs/Departments contacted (e.g., email, memo)

All course offerings were approved by each department chair

F. IF MAJOR CHANGE - ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAM:

Description of the student learning outcomes assessment process.)

Students will have the opportunity to pursue a wider variety of courses of interest, thus making the Global Studies Minor Program more appealing. In addition, students will have a better opportunity to complete a minor in one semester abroad.

JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED

The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize program/degree change applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. If you drop a course, is it because the material is covered elsewhere? Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed change and explain what has been done to ensure that the quality of the program is not compromised as a result.

As previously structured the minor proved to be difficult to complete without an advisor authorizing exceptions to the requirements for one of the four prescribed tracks. Problems included: unpredictable availability of classes resulting from schedule changes, course cancellations and restrictive course prerequisites. Furthermore, the system of four tracks limited students and put artificial limits on the intended breadth and cross-disciplinary nature of the minor. Global Studies advisors typically worked with students by approving petitions for numerous exceptions. The more flexible approach proposed above would make official what has been common practice within the program. The new lists of applicable classes also reflect the addition of new courses and faculty with relevant areas of specialization who have joined UAF since the program was originally designed. In addition, the stated encouragement of global studies students to pursue study abroad and foreign language acquisition are consistent with the intent of the minor and will better allow and motivate students to take advantage of existing and developing opportunities as UAF increases its contacts and agreements with foreign institutions.

APPROVALS:

[ORIGINAL SUBMISSION CONTAINS REQUIRED SIGNATURES]

	Date		
Signature, Chair, Program/Department of:			
	Date		
Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for:			
	Date		
Signature, Dean, College/School of:			

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	Date	
Signature, Chair, UAF Faculty Senate Curriculum Review Committee		