

PROCESS A

NON-GEN-ED CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

SCC #02-03- 403

Deadlines:

Regular proposals: October 18, 2002 to be implemented Fall 2003; Short-Term proposals: December 6, 2002 to be implemented Fall 2003
Regular proposals: February 14, 2003 to be implemented Spring 2004; March 21, 2003 short-term courses to be implemented Spring 2004

PROPOSAL TITLE: African American Studies Concentration Minor Curric. Change Proposal

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DEPARTMENT: African American Studies

COLLEGE: Liberal Arts & Sciences

If Liberal Arts & Sciences CHECK: History/Humanities Behavioral Sciences Inter-discip.
 UNDERGRADUATE

THE ATTACHED NON-GEN-ED PROPOSAL IS BEST DESCRIBED BY THE ITEM(S) CHECKED.

- New non-gen-ed course
- Short-term non-gen-ed course
- Minor curricular changes (fewer than three)
- Existing non-gen-ed course
- Non-gen-ed degree requirements
- Major
- Minor, specialization concentration track, certificate program

The following signatures REPRESENT APPROVAL

Program Coord. Department Chair: Corann Okorodudu Date: 10/22/02

Department Curriculum Chair: (not applicable) Date: _____

Academic Dean: Joy King Date: 10-31-02

College Curriculum Chair: Joy King Date: 2/4/03

College Curriculum Committee OPEN HEARING Date: 2/18/03 Approved Not Approved _____

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
Senate Curriculum Chair Signature: Philip A. Rivers Date: Senate Announcement Note: _____

Comments: _____
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/PROVOST Signature: Nelson Fuller Date: 4/25/03

Approved ~ Not Approved due to the following: _____ Student Cr Hrs _____ Faculty Load Hrs _____ Equalized Cr Hrs

REGISTRAR
Date: 4/30/03 Course Description Received & Approved ~ Hegis Taxonomy & Course #: _____
Registrar Signature: E.C. Ely

NOTIFICATION FORWARD
 SCC Chair Academic Dean Department Chair Registrar _____ Sponsor(s) _____
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**AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES CONCENTRATION
MINOR CURRICULUM CHANGE PROPOSAL**

October 18, 2002

1. Details

a. Changes Requested:

- (1) From: 21 semester hours of course work required to complete the concentration
To: 18 semester hours.
- (2) From: “Survey of African American Literature” and “African American History Since 1865” as required courses

To: “Introduction to African American Studies” **plus** either “Survey of African American Literature” or “African American History Since 1865” as two required courses.

b. Sponsor:

Corann Okorodudu, Professor of Psychology/Coordinator for the African American Studies Concentration

2. Rationale

a. Statement of Need:

Although the African American Studies Concentration has been fairly successful in attracting students who graduate each year as completers of the Concentration, our analysis suggests that access to and completion of the program would be significantly improved by the proposed one-course reduction. In addition, now that an introductory course is available, making it a requirement will enable students to achieve a sense of coherence and linkages among the separate courses they take for the concentration.

b. Statement of Curricular Effect:

- (1) The proposed change is consistent with the number of semester hours required in most of the other interdisciplinary concentrations (e.g. Honors Studies, International Studies, and Women’s Studies).
- (2) We expect that the change will enable more students to undertake and complete the concentration within the latitude provided by General Education and Free Electives allowed in the undergraduate curriculum.

3. Results of Consultation

- a. List of parties consulted: Since African American Studies is an interdisciplinary concentration and this is not a proposal for a new course which would require consultation with academic departments which offer courses cross listed with the interdisciplinary concentrations, consultations have focused on the following:
- (1) Former coordinators of the AAS Program, AAS faculty and current members of the AAS Executive Committee

Gary Hunter (first coordinator)
Herbert Douglas (second coordinator)
 - (2) Coordinators of other interdisciplinary concentrations

Janet Lindman, Women's Studies
Edward Smith, International Studies
Beena Sukumaran, Honors Studies
 - (3) Jay Harper, Dean of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- b. Attachments of Evidence of Consultation: ~~~~~~

Rowan University
African American Studies Advising Sheet (Revised Fall 2002)

AAS Concentration

Rowan University offers an eighteen (18)-semester hour multidisciplinary concentration designed to provide undergraduate students of all majors with a broad understanding of the development, experiences and contributions of Black people in the United States of America, including developments in Africa and the African Diaspora.

To complete the 18 semester hours of course work required for the concentration, students should take six semester hours of requirements and an additional 12 semester hours of electives selected from the core and related elective courses listed below. *At least two of the four electives should be selected from core courses listed in Group A.* Overall, the 18 hours of course work completed for the concentration must include offerings by at least three academic departments.

Required Courses 6 s.h.

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| Intr | | Introduction to African American Studies |
| | | Plus either |
| Eng | | Survey of African American Literature |
| | | Or |
| His | | African American History Since 1865 |

Electives 12 s.h.

Group A: Core Courses

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| His | African American History to 1865 |
| His | Civil War and Reconstruction |
| His | Comparative Race Relations |
| His | History of Feminisms |
| His | Women in American History |
| LJ | Minorities, Crime & Justice |
| Mus | Growth and Development of Jazz |
| PSc | Black Americans & Amer. Politics |
| PSc | Politics of Race, Poverty & Welfare |
| Psy | African American Psychology |
| Psy | Psy/ Ethnic Identity & Community |
| Psy | Psy. of Racism & Ethnocentrism |
| Psy | Psy/Women & Cultural Experience |
| Soc | Social Stratification |
| Soc | Sociology of Minority Groups |
| RTF: | African American Film (STopics) |
| RTF | Harlem Renaissance (STopics) |
| Th/D | African Influenc. in Amer. Dance |
| ThD | African/African Amer. Theatre |

Group B: Related Electives

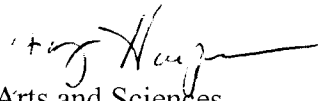
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| Econ | Economic Developments of Emerging Nations |
| Econ | International Economics |
| GeAn | Geography of Africa |
| GeAn | Introduction to Cultural Anthropology |
| GeAn | Peoples and Cultures of Africa |
| His | Contemporary Problems of Modern Africa |
| His | Imperialism and Colonialism |
| His | Islamic Civilization |
| His | Issues in American History |
| His | Sub-Saharan to 1800 |
| His | Sub-Saharan Africa Since 1800 |
| His | 20th Century African Nationalism |
| LJ | Law and Human Rights |
| PSc | Politics and Society of Africa |



*College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Office of the Dean*

MEMORANDUM

TO: Corann Okorodudu, Coordinator
African-American Studies Concentration

FROM: J.A. Harper, Dean 
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

DATE: October 21, 2002

SUBJECT: Memo of Support

I support the proposed minor curriculum change in the African American Studies Concentration. The three-credit reduction along with the new requirement of the introductory course in this area should make completing the concentration more attractive and sensible to many of our students.

JAH/jds



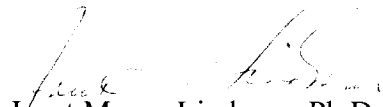
October 28, 2002

University Curriculum Committee
Rowan University
Glassboro, New Jersey

Dear Curriculum Committee:

I am writing in support of the minor curriculum change proposed by the African American Studies concentration. The reduction in hours of course work required for the program will enable more students to complete the concentration, and the addition of the new course, "Introduction to African American Studies," as a required component greatly enhances the breadth and depth of the concentration. I wholeheartedly support this change.

Sincerely,


Janet Moore Lindman, Ph.D.
Coordinator, Women's Studies



October 25, 2002

Dr. Okorodudu,
Coordinator of African American Studies
Psychology Department
Robinson Hall

Dear Dr. Okorodudu:

I have examined your proposal to change the current curriculum of the African American Studies Program in which you are proposing that the requirements for completing this minor be reduced from 21s.h. to 18s.h. of course work, and, additionally to require that students must complete "Introduction to African American Studies" and either "Survey of African American Literature" or "African American History since 1865" as the two required entry level courses. I support both of these minor curriculum changes in this academic program.

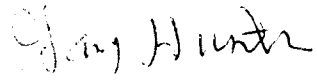
Sincerely,

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Herbert Douglas, Ph.D.
Professor
Law and Justice Studies Department
and member of the African American
Studies Faculty

I have looked over Dr. Okorodudu's revisions of the African American Studies

Concentration program and approve.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Hunter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "G" and "H".

Sincerely,
Dr. Hunter