PROPOSAL TITLE: INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION

Sponsor(s): Lorin Basden Arnold  E-Mail: Arnold@rowan.edu  Ext: 4293

DEPARTMENT: Communication Studies

COLLEGE: College of Communication

If Liberal Arts & Sciences CHECK: ___ History/Humanities ___ Math/Sciences ___ Social/Behavioral Science

X UNDERGRADUATE ___ GRADUATE

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

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___ Non gen-ed degree requirements ___ Major

___ Minor, specialization, concentration, track, certificate program

THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURES REPRESENT APPROVAL

Department Chair: Cynthia Vornan  Date: 1/20/05

Department Curriculum Chair:  Date: 1/20/05

Academic Dean:  Date: 1/31/05

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

OPEN HEARING  Date: 3/2/05  Approved X Not Approved ___

College Curriculum Chair  Date: 3/4/05

Senate Curriculum Chair Signature:  Date: Senate Announcement: 3/23/05

Comments: 

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/PROVOST Signature:  Date: 4/14/05

___ Approved ___ Not Approved

REGISTRAR

Date: 4/22/05  Course Description Received & Approved ~ Hegis Taxonomy & Course #: 001319

Registrar Signature: 

NOTIFICATION FORWARD

___ SCC Chair ___ Academic Dean ___ Department Chair ___ Registrar ___ IR

___ CAP ___ VP Student Affairs ___ Others

D/18/05
Details

a. Course Title: Intercultural Communication
b. Sponsor(s): Lorin Basden Arnold, Communication Studies
c. Credit Hours: 3 credit hours
d. Course Level: Undergraduate Junior level Junior (300 level), Senior (400 level) or Graduate. Indicate whether General Education designation is sought, and if so, which type of designation (e.g., inclusion in Gen Ed Bank, WI, LIT, M/G)
e. Prerequisites: College Composition II (1501.112)
f. Suggested time and scale of implementation. Course will be offered beginning in Spring 2006 and offered a minimum of once every academic year thereafter.

Curricular Effect

Intercultural Communication will not be a duplication of other courses offered in the College of Communication. Intercultural Communication has been a part of the Department of Communication Studies approved curriculum for several years, but the course has not yet been approved and has only been offered as a special topic. This situation has made it more difficult for students to complete the Interpersonal/Organizational track. This proposal is an attempt to rectify this situation and add this needed course to the permanent offerings. No other courses will be dropped due to implementation of this course. With expected new hires in the upcoming years, and some expected reduction in General Education sections with the new Gen Ed plan, this course should not adversely affect staffing, resource, or space issues. Library holdings are also sufficient for the course.

Rationale

The Department of Communication Studies curriculum consists of two “tracks” or areas of emphasis that students may pursue. One of these tracks is a focus on interpersonal and organizational communication. In addition to basic courses in interpersonal and organizational communication, this track also needs courses that deal more specifically with particular interpersonal/organizational settings and issues. Intercultural communication is such a class.

As noted above, the course has been listed as one of the track courses (students must take 4 courses from the track) since the inception of the new curriculum; however it has only been offered as a special topics course. Students have responded well to this course and have indicated its utility in their understanding of the field of communication studies, as well as their own lives. Providing the class at the 300 level would allow other students, in addition to Communication Studies students, to get a grounding in the basics of intercultural communication theory and research.

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A dedicated course is needed for our students to have the opportunity to more deeply delve into the intertwining nature of culture and communication, and the complexities of the intercultural communication process. In addition to having a strong academic and scholarly position in the field, the study of intercultural communication offers pragmatic value to students. Every day, our students engage in intercultural communication in the workplace, in the classroom, in their relationships, and in public settings. A deeper understanding of the nature of culture, its relationship to communication, and the impact of cultural difference on communication processes is vitally important for our students. The study of research and theory regarding intercultural communication will allow students to assess the field, select information that has pragmatic utility for them in regard to understanding or improving their communication with others, and utilize that material in their own lives.

Thus, for reasons both scholarly and pragmatic, an intercultural communication course is a good addition to the offerings in the Communication Studies department and the College of Communication. Due to our focus on interpersonal, organizational, and relational communication research and theory, the Department of Communication Studies, within the College of Communication, offers the best resources for this course and this track. The department possesses the faculty needed to teach this course and anticipates further strengthening of this aspect of the faculty. Although this course is best served by positioning within the Department of Communication Studies, we are excited about the potential of discussion and exchange of ideas with other programs (such as Sociology, Psychology, Women’s Studies, etc.) as we teach this course.

**Essence of the Course**

a) Objectives

The proposed course has three primary objectives

(i) To facilitate an in-depth discussion of the various approaches to research and theory in the field of intercultural communication.

(ii) To engage students in the process of reading, understanding, synthesizing, and applying intercultural communication theory and research.

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b) Topical Outline

This course offers the following components:

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(v) Seeking Change in Intercultural Communication: The class will discuss some theoretical perspectives on intercultural communication competence and improvement with an eye toward the ethical issues of intercultural communication processes.

c) Course Assignments

Course assignments will reflect the Department of Communication Studies’ focus on critical thinking, research, and writing. As such, students will be asked to complete various assignments including, but not limited to:

(i) Examinations that test students’ understanding of the theories and their ability to synthesize, critically analyze, and utilize the information.

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Results of Consultations

This course has the full support of the members of the Department of Communication Studies. The course does not overlap, nor reproduce any other courses in the university. However, given the possible interest of this course to students in the Sociology program, we asked for a consultation from that department. Please see attached.
Catalog Description

Intercultural Communication

Prerequisite: College Comp II (1501.112)

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To: Lorin Arnold, Communication Studies  
From: Jim Abbott, Sociology Chairperson  
Re: Proposal for Intercultural Communication  
Date: February, 2005

This course will be an excellent addition to Rowan’s curriculum. It is great news to hear that this course can now move from being a selected topics offering to a formal upper-division offering.

I agree with sponsors of this proposal that the course will stimulate intellectual exchange with other programs, in particular sociology. Sociology majors, whose curricular interests revolve around multiculturalism and stratification will find this course attractive as an upper-level free elective. Our majors who are interested in careers in the human and social services will likely find this course useful.

The Sociology Department is pleased to support this course proposal and look forward to the intellectual exchange it will most assuredly foster.
CURRICULUM PROPOSAL
LIBRARY RESOURCE FORM

The purpose of this form is to provide a channel of communication between the library and faculty changing and designing new courses/programs. The information will be used to assess the resources available in the library and to identify resources the library should acquire to support the course program. The information will also provide a rationale for institutional support for new programs.

This form should be completed in a coordinated effort between the course sponsors and the academic department. A copy of this form must be completed for all curriculum proposals.

- The sponsor completes parts A & B.
  If assistance is required to complete parts A & B, please note the reason.

- Forward this form to the librarian who will complete parts C, D & E.

This form must be completed and attached to the original curriculum proposal before being approved by the Senate Curriculum Committee.

A. College: COMMUNICATION  Department: COMMUNICATION STUDIES
Proposed by: LORIN ARNOLD  Date: 12/21/05
Course Title: INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION
Anticipated Date for Course/Program Offering: SPRING 2006

B. List specific resources that should be acquired to support this course:

   SCHOLARLY JOURNAL DATABASES
   + INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION
   + TEXTS

C. Describe the resources available in the library to support this course/program, including reference, monographic, electronic databases, audio-visual materials, etc. A summary statement is sufficient.

D. List key periodicals available in the library to support this course/program:

   MULTIPLE JOURNAL DATABASES IN THE COMMUNICATION STUDIES DEPARTMENT

   PERIODICALS (titles to be acquired):

   E. Librarian comments and recommendations:

   A proposal for an additional resource for the communication program is attached. The library can support this course.

Name: LIBRARIAN LIASON  Librarian Signature
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Hegis number to be assigned by the registrar at 300 level. Suggested hegis #0601319

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April 7, 2005

TO: Lorin Basden Arnold and the Department of Communication Studies
FROM: Janet Moore Lindman, Coordinator, Women’s Studies
SUBJECT: New Course Proposal: “Intercultural Communication”

I am writing in support of the new course, “Intercultural Communication,” proposed by Lorin Arnold and the Department of Communication Studies. This course deals the interchange of culture and communication and will examine the “complexities of the intercultural communication process.” Students will not only read scholarship on intercultural communication but also gain practical experience to become effective communicators. Learning to understand the role of race, ethnicity, sexuality and identity, and their relationships to the process of human communication, is particularly important in a multicultural society like the United States. This course not only serves the academic interests of undergraduates, it will also be useful in their public and private relationships. Designed with an inclusive focus, one that combines theory and praxis, this proposal demonstrates principles central to the discipline of Women’s Studies. I happily support this course proposal for approval by the University Curriculum Committee.
Mosto, Patricia

From: Lorin B. Arnold [arnold@rowan.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2005 10:18 AM
To: Mosto, Patricia
Subject: Re: Course Proposal - SCC 04-05-224

Pat,
I'm attaching a letter from Janet Lindman for Women's Studies. Psych doesn't have time right now to do a letter, so I've just omitted specific mention of them in the proposal. I've also made the other changes you requested. Let me know if I can/should do anything else!
Lorin

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>>> "Mosto, Patricia" <Mosto@rowan.edu> 04/02/05 11:15AM >>>
Hi Lorin,

I'm in the process of reviewing your proposal SCC 04-05-224, "Intercultural Communication" and there are a few areas that need clarification:

1) In the Course Details d.), it is not clear what level are you proposing this course to be. In the rationale you take about providing the class at a 300 level. Please specify in Course Details d.), the suggested level.

2) In the Rationale you mention that this course will potentially be used for other programs, i.e. Sociology, Psychology, Women's studies. You only have a letter of consultation from Sociology. It would be good to have letters of consultation also with Psychology and Women's Studies.

3) The Catalogue Description is missing the proposed HEGIS number that should match Course Details d.),

Thanks

Pat

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"You don't have to go looking for love when it is just in front of you"

4/13/2005