FACULTY SENATE
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
Approval Form

Department: Political Science/Economics
Title: Middle East Area Studies

Sponsor(s): Bela Mukhoti and others
COURSE SPECIALIZATION CONCENTRATION X CERTIFICATION MAJOR PROGRAM
Approved by the department X
Graduate ( )
Not recommended by the department
Undergraduate ( )

Information copies forwarded: Academic Dean; Chairperson, Curriculum Committee

Signature: Department Chairperson Date: March 27, 1978

DIVISION

Consultation on proposal has been held

Comments:

Alan Donovan Date: 3/30/78
Signature: Academic Dean and/or Divisional Committee

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE 4-5-78
Proposal received
Open Hearing held
Returned to the department for the following reason(s):

Approved by the Curriculum Committee
Presented to Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate as information
Notifications forwarded: Vice President for Academic Affairs

Signature: Chairperson, Curriculum Committee Date: June 16, 1978
Academic Dean

I have reviewed the final documents as approved and concur with same. Budget, faculty, library allocations and Academic Support Services are adequate for immediate implementation.

I have reviewed the final documents as approved and concur with same. Budget, faculty, library allocations and Academic Support Services for the current academic year are inadequate for immediate implementation or implementation in the next fiscal year. The earliest that the proposal might be implemented would be

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HEGIS Taxonomy Number: __________________________

____________________________ Date __________________

Signature: Academic Dean

Copies forwarded: Chairperson, Curriculum Committee, Department Chairperson, Registrar

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REGISTRAR

Approved course description received

____________________________ Date __________________

Signature: Registrar

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Vice President for Academic Affairs

Approved and recommended

____________________________ Date 5/12/78

Signature: Vice President for Academic Affairs

Note 1) Course proposal format is attached

2) A copy of this approval form should accompany each proposal

3) A copy of a proposed catalogue description of the course must accompany the proposal as a separate page.
Proposal for a new concentration:

I. Title of the concentration: Middle East Area Studies

Sponsors:

Dr. Bela Mukhoti, Dept. of Political Science/Economics
Professor Wade Currier, Dept. of Geography
Professor James H. Grace, Dept. of Philosophy & Religion
Dr. Robert Hewson, Dept. of History
Professor John M. Jones, Dept. of Foreign Languages
Dr. Sidney Kessler, Dept. of History
Professor Barry Massuda, Dept. of Foreign Languages

Coordinator:

Dr. Bela Mukhoti, Dept. of Political Science/Economics

II. Essence of the concentration

A. An undergraduate, multi-disciplinary concentration

B. Semester Hour credits: 18. These 18 hours must be chosen from at least three of the following disciplines.

C. Required courses: None

1. Economics:
   2204.350 Economic Development of Emerging Nations

2. Geography:
   2206.207 Geography of the Middle East

3. History:
   2205.380 The Jewish People I
   2205.381 The Jewish People II
   2205.230 Middle East to 1453
   2205.231 Middle East since 1453
   2205.309 The Byzantine Empire
   2205.500 Topics in Ancient History

4. Political Science:
   2207.345 Government & Politics of the Middle East
5. Foreign Languages:
   (1106 Elementary Arabic I & II -- to be proposed)
   1111.101 Elementary Hebrew

6. Religion:
   1510.110 Introduction to the Bible
   1510.214 Religion of the Western World

D. Other Details:

1. Staff and Resources: present staff and resources are adequate.

2. Library facilities and needs: basic library holdings are already extensive. Routine acquisitions by various departments are recommended.

3. Space needs: no additional space needed.

4. Uniqueness of concentration: This concentration pulls various courses which are already offered, together in a unified focus.

5. Specific objectives:
   a. To enhance knowledge of the Middle East and stimulate interest in specific problems of this region, such as its history, geography, economic development etc.
   b. To provide training in specific areas of students' career or intellectual interests.
   c. To encourage student research on aspects of the Middle East in accordance with his intellectual inclinations and/or career aspirations.

III. Rationale:

This multi-disciplinary concentration will focus attention on one of the most important and sensitive areas of the world. The geography, oil resources, history, religion and political system of this region have important ramifications for the world, particularly for the West.

IV. Consultations:

1. Dean Donovan has supported the planning of this new concentration.

2. The chairperson of the various departments involved in this concentration have been informed, and have indicated their approval.

V. Advising:

An advisory committee will be formed consisting of the sponsors -- to provide guidance to students with both vocational and intellectual dimensions. Dr. Mukhoti will act as co-ordinator at least during the initial stage of implementation of the concentration.

VI. Implementation: Fall, 1978
Catalogue Description:

This multi-disciplinary concentration studies specific problems of the Middle East, such as its history, geography, languages, religion and economic development. It provides training in specific areas of student career or intellectual interests, and encourages student research on aspects of the Middle East in accordance with his intellectual inclinations and/or career aspirations.