Academic Program Proposal
Provost Summary
University of Kansas - Lawrence

Date: 3-14-2014

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| 1. Program Identification | Contact: John Kennedy & Michael Wuthrich  
Type of Program: Certificate in South Asian Culture  
(e.g., New Degree, Joint Degree, Minor, Concentration, Certificate, Emphasis, Track, or Option)  
Degree Abbreviation, if applicable:  
(e.g., BA, BGS, BS, BME, BSB, BSE, MA, MS, MBA, MPA, JD, PhD, DMA, DE)  
CIP Code (to be completed by OIRP):  
Primary and Additional Location(s) of Instruction: Lawrence campus  
(e.g., Lawrence campus, Edwards campus, KUMC, Fort Leavenworth, JCCC, or KCK Community College, etc…) |
| 2. Academic Unit | School: CLAS  
Department: Ctr for Global & International Studies |
| 3. Program Description | This 12 credit hour certificate in “South Asian Culture” will provide undergraduate students from different programs with additional certified specialization in the South Asian region to add to their existing graduate diplomas.  
The program requires one core overview course, and three electives on South Asian countries and themes, one of which can be substituted for a Hindi language course at the 300 level or above. |
| 4. Demand/Need for the Program | There are a regular number of students who study Hindi to advanced levels and take accompanying culture courses (for the FLAS fellowship or voluntarily) who receive no official recognition of their accumulated knowledge in South Asia. These students have regularly asked for an opportunity, like a minor or certification to transcriptually recognize their knowledge investment. Currently, we do not have the faculty to provide the possibility of a minor, but we do have enough regularly occurring courses on South Asia to provide undergraduate certification. |
| 5. Comparative/Locational Advantage | Indiana University – major and minor in India Studies  
University of Missouri – minor in South Asian Studies  
Kansas State University – minor in South Asian Studies  
University of Colorado – certificate in South Asian Studies |
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| 6. Curriculum                      | **Certificate in South Asian Culture**  
12 credit hours – 9 of which must be at the 300 level or above.  
  
**Core Course (3 credit hours):**  
• GIST 325: Peoples and Cultures of South Asia  
  
**Electives (9 credit hours):** These courses allow students to deepen their knowledge of the countries and issues in the region. Offered and upcoming elective options are:  
• DANC 440: Introduction to East Indian Classical Dance  
• EVRN 420: Environmental Issues in India  
• GIST 325: Love, Sex & Marriage in India  
• GIST 502: Popular Cultures in India  
• GIST 530: Politics & Society in the Contemporary Persianate World  
• HA 505: Art & Politics in South Asia  
• HIST 603: History of Tibet  
• HNDI 301: Topics in Hindi Culture, Language & Lit.  
• REL 106: Living Religions of the East  
• REL 365: Hinduism  
• REL 404: Gods and Goddesses  
• REL 404: Gandhi and his Legacy  
• REL 502: Hindu Epics, Past and Present  
• REL 545: Yoga in Theory, Practice and History  
  
**Language Courses:** 3 credit hours of the following can count toward the 9 credit hours of electives requirement above.  
• HNDI 310: Advanced Hindi Language I  
• HNDI 320: Advanced Hindi Language II |
7. Faculty Profile

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<td>Hamsa Stainton - REL</td>
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<td>Geetanjali Tiwari - CGIS</td>
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Other faculty members who teach courses related to South Asia:

- Eric Rath – HIST
- Patrick Suzeau – DANC
- Kimberly Masteller – HA
- Farhan Karim – ARCH
- Kapila Silva – ARCH
- Razi Ahmad – CGIS

8. Student Profile

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Anticipated number of program graduates after 5 years; after 7 years – 30/50

9. Academic Support

NONE

10. Facilities and Equipment

NONE

11. Program Review, Assessment, Accreditation

Review and assessment would be conducted as part of the cyclical review of the Center for Global and International Studies.

12. Costs, Financing

When completed, this form is to be e-mailed by the College/School Dean to the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Lawrence Campus. A copy of the submitted form is to be e-mailed to Abby Coffin, Assistant to the Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs.