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LIBERAL STUDIES
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SUBJECT: Proposals requiring action plus pieces of information
TO: Chair, University-wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
FROM: Darlene Richardson, Director, Liberal Studies 

Action:

1. Memorandum of Understanding between the Liberal Studies Committee and Laila Dahan, Director of International Services (changes in title and in programs listed under "IUP-sponsored group study in a non-Western country"). (attached)
2. The Liberal Studies Committee, at its July 12, 1993, meeting approved DA 101 Introduction to Dance as a Liberal Studies course in the Fine Arts Knowledge Area. (attached)

Information:

1. The Liberal Studies Committee, at its July 12, 1993, meeting approved the following sections of LS 499 Synthesis:
 - a. Kurt Dudt and Mary Beth Leidman-Golub: "Mass Media and American Society"
 - b. Dale Landon: "The Contemporary University: Its Place in Society"
 - c. change in title (not a new section): Stephen Sanderson: "Biology, Society, and Evolution"
2. The following /W/ courses/professors were also approved:
 - a. Type I (Professor commitment): Anthony DeFurio, Sandra Burwell, Frank Hall, and Joel Mlecko
 - b. Type III (specific course, specific professor): Timothy Austin, Sharon Montgomery

attachments (2)

LSC APPROVAL: July 12, 1993
 UWUCC APPROVAL:

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ^{by} between the Liberal Studies Committee and ^{the} ~~Laila~~
~~Dahan~~, Director of International Services.

SUBJECT: Applicability of International Exchange/Study Abroad to the Liberal Studies Non-Western Culture Requirement

According to Criteria for Liberal Studies Courses at IUP (May, 1988), "an approved exchange/study abroad program, which meets the general criteria of the non-Western requirements, may meet the requirement of the Liberal Studies Program." (p. 14)

For the purposes of this requirement. "non-Western cultures" are those differing substantially from the "prevailing cultures of the United States, Canada, Western Europe, New Zealand, and Australia."

Any of the following credit-bearing programs, administered by the Director of International Services, will satisfy the Liberal Studies Non-Western requirement:

(1) IUP-sponsored group study in a non-Western country. A list of established programs that have ongoing Liberal Studies approval will be maintained in both the Liberal Studies and International Services offices; this information will also be noted in the catalog and promotional brochures. As additional international programs are established, they will be submitted to the LSC for approval. As of July 1993, the following programs are approved:

Pecs, Hungary (semester or summer)
 Puebla, Mxico (semester or summer)
 Cuernavaca, Mexico (summer)
 Kansai Gaidai, Japan (semester)

(2) Study abroad in a non-Western culture through the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP). At the time the student arranges such an exchange, the Director of International Services, with the concurrence of the Director of Liberal Studies, will indicate whether it falls into within the Liberal Studies definition of "non-Western." [IUP is the SSHE coordinator for ISEP and under its auspices offers exchange opportunities in approximately 100 locations, many of which are non-Western.]

(3) Other individually arranged plans, made in advance with the Director of International Services, for credit-bearing study in a non-Western culture. These might include, but not be limited to, formal, resident study (minimum 3wks/3sh) or less formal, individualized study-travel (average 6wks/3sh). Non-Western approval will be given in advance on a one-by-one basis by the Director of International Services and the Director of Liberal Studies on the basis of the following written information: (1) objectives of the study; (2) activities; (3) location; (4) duration; (5) number of credits; (6) basis for evaluation; and (7) name of faculty member responsible for monitoring and assigning grade. Copies of this information will be sent to the student's adviser, department chairperson, and dean.

(4) Transfer credit involving an exchange or study abroad program in a non-Western culture. Approval procedures will be those currently established for evaluating transfer credit.