

**Minutes**  
**Liberal Studies Committee**  
**Electronic meeting 29 March-19 April 2016**

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**I. Writing**

**II. Program Revisions**

Management

15-156 Management Tracks

Motion to Approve the requested change in the LS Elective for all Management Tracks from MATH 214 to MATH 214 (or MATH 216 or MATH 217 if already taken for a prior major or transferred prior to joining ECOBIT).

Passed: Unanimous

**III. Course Revisions/Proposals**

History

15-140a HIST/PLSC 339 Jihad and the Origins of Islamist Movements in the Middle East – New Course for LS Elective and Global and Multicultural Awareness

Motion to Approve with suggested revisions: Passed - Unanimous

The Liberal Studies Committee provisionally approves this course and passes it on to the UWUCC with the following comments:

1. We suggest the rationale be expanded to explain to what extent the course overlaps with HIST 330 History of Islamic Civilization. As part of that explanation it would be helpful to more fully explain what you mean when you say this course is “to accompany other department courses at the 300 level”.

2. The Liberal Studies section for Expected Undergraduate Student Learning Outcomes (EUSLOs) needs to specifically address the five SLOs described in section N. Each outcome needs to state which EUSLO it is meeting and how that will enable the student to become an Informed, Empowered, and/or Responsible Learner. This is the rationale portion from the earlier LS course revisions.

3. Outcome 5 is worded awkwardly and it is not clear how this would be assessed.

4. Outcomes 2 & 4 seem difficult to measure (Demonstrate knowledge and Show evidence). You may want to reword those two.