To be adopted:

Proposed Curriculum Changes to Asian American Studies major

**PRESENT:**

**Asian American Studies Major**
The major requirements for the B.A. degree in Asian American Studies are as follows:

Core courses required of all majors

1. **Lower-division requirements (8 units)**
   - a) ETST 001
   - b) ETST 005

2. **Upper-division requirements (48 units)**
   - a) ETST 100, ETST 131, ETST 191R
   - b) ETST 106
   - c) Twenty-four (24) additional upper-division units in Ethnic Studies chosen from courses focusing on the Asian American experience
   - d) A minimum of one Ethnic Studies course chosen from two of the following four areas of emphasis (8 units)
      - (1) African American Studies
      - (2) Chicano Studies
      - (3) Native American Studies
      - (4) Comparative Issues

**PROPOSED:**

**Asian American Studies Major**
The major requirements for the B.A. degree in Asian American Studies are as follows:

Core courses required of all majors

1. **Lower-division requirements (12 units)**
   - a) ETST 001
   - b) ETST 005
   - c) One chosen from ETST 002, ETST 003 or ETST 007

2. **Upper-division requirements (40 units)**
   - a) ETST 101A or ETST 101B
   - b) ETST 100 or ETST 131
   - c) ETST 106 and ETST 191R
   - d) Sixteen (16) additional upper-division units in Ethnic Studies chosen from courses focusing on the Asian American experience
   - e) A minimum of one Ethnic Studies course chosen from two of the following four areas of emphasis (8 units)
      - (1) African American Studies
      - (2) Chicano Studies
      - (3) Native American Studies
      - (4) Comparative Issues

**Note** No internship courses may be Counted toward the upper-division electives in Ethnic Studies.
JUSTIFICATION:

- 1) We have increased the lower division requirements from 8 to 12 units to allow for greater breadth, flexibility, and symmetry.
- 2) We reduced upper division course requirements from 48 units to 40 units in the interest of creating a more sustainable and symmetrical curriculum across our five majors. Given current (and potential future) cuts in the department’s lecturers budget, we are attempting to create an undergraduate curriculum that can be adequately covered by our ladder-rank FTE’s, with minimal dependence on lecturers. We are also attempting to create more curricular flexibility and breadth for our undergraduate majors, so that they can fulfill their major requirements in a reasonable period of time, while being challenged to take courses from a wider range of departmental offerings.
- 2-A) We are allowing students to choose one of these two “theory” based courses in the interest of fostering symmetry, sustainability, flexibility, and breadth across our five majors.
- 2-B) We are requiring one of these two courses because they foster greater breadth and comparativity across the fields.
- 2-C) ETST 106 and 191R are still required, they are being re-lettered to “C.”
- 2-D) We reduced upper division course requirements within Asian American Studies from 24 units to 16 units in the interest of creating a more sustainable and symmetrical curriculum across our five majors. Given current (and potential future) cuts in the department’s lecturers budget, we are attempting to create an undergraduate curriculum that can be adequately covered by our ladder-rank FTE’s, with minimal dependence on lecturers. We are also attempting to create more curricular flexibility and breadth for our undergraduate majors, so that they can fulfill their major requirements in a reasonable period of time, while being challenged to take courses from a wider range of departmental offerings.
- 2-E) Has been re-lettered from “D.”

APPROVALS:

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