To be adopted:

Proposed Curriculum Changes to Ethnic Studies major

**PRESENT:**

**Ethnic Studies Major**

The major requirements for the B.A. degree in Ethnic Studies are as follows:

Core courses required of all majors

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

2. Upper-division requirements (44 units)
   - a) ETST 101A, ETST 101B
   - b) ETST 191R
   - c) Two courses chosen from two of the following areas of emphasis:
     - (1) African American Studies
     - (2) Asian American Studies
     - (3) Chicano Studies
     - (4) Native American Studies
   - d) Three courses chosen from Ethnic Studies courses that are comparative in nature
   - e) One additional elective course in Ethnic Studies

**PROPOSED:**

**Ethnic Studies Major**

The major requirements for the B.A. degree in Ethnic Studies are as follows:

Core courses required of all majors

1. Lower-division requirements (12 units)
   - a) ETST 001

2. Upper-division requirements (40 units)
   - a) ETST 101A or ETST 101B
   - b) ETST 100 or ETST 131
   - c) ETST 191R
   - d) Three courses chosen from three of the following areas of emphasis:
     - (1) African American Studies
     - (2) Asian American Studies
     - (3) Chicano Studies
     - (4) Native American Studies
   - e) Four courses chosen from Ethnic Studies courses that are comparative in nature

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

JUSTIFICATION:

- 2.) We reduced upper division course requirements from 44 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) Has been re-lettered from “b” to “c.”
- 2-D) We have increased the number of courses to be chosen from the other areas of emphasis in order to foster greater breadth and comparativity across the fields. Changes “D” and “E” take the place of the former requirement of “one additional elective course in Ethnic Studies.”
- 2-E) We have increased the number of “comparative” courses in order to foster greater breadth and comparativity across the fields. Changes “D” and “E” take the place of the former requirement of “one additional elective course in Ethnic Studies.”

APPROVALS:

Approved by the faculty of the Department of Ethnic Studies: 11/4/2009
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