

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA

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**REPORT TO**

**THE ACADEMIC SENATE**

**AP-011-223**

**New Minor in Global Humanities**

**Academic Programs Committee**

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**Executive Committee  
Received and Forwarded**

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**Academic Senate**

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First Reading**

## BACKGROUND:

The proposed Minor in Global Humanities from the Liberal Studies Department is open to all undergraduates in any major at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. The minor program has the following goals: 1) to prepare students to become global citizens in an increasingly interdependent and multicultural world; and 2) to train students to employ interdisciplinary methods and multiple cultural perspectives to analyze shared global issues. The proposed minor would be the only minor at CPP thus far to train students within an integrated, interdisciplinary Humanities curriculum which is global in scope to help students understand local events within broader global systems, integrate personal experience with classroom learning, and pair disciplinary and cross-disciplinary knowledge within real world ethical complexities and contexts.

The proposed new 21-unit minor contains 12 units drawn from IGE's lower division program while the 9 other units are drawn from three upper division courses which are electives from a pre-approved list of IGE Upper Division Synthesis Courses and upper division courses from partner departments.

## RESOURCES CONSULTED:

Associate Deans and Interim Deans, all Colleges

Dr. Dennis Quinn, IGE Program Coordinator

Dr. Christina Chávez-Reyes, Department Chair of Liberal Studies

Anthony W. Acock, Department Chair of Art

Dr. Kent Dickson, Department Chair of English and Modern Languages

Dr. Kelly Huh, Department Chair of Geography and Anthropology

Dr. Jocelyn A. Pacleb, Department Chair of Ethnic and Women's Studies

Bernardo Solano, Department Chair of Theatre and New Dance

Dr. Dale R. Turner, Department Chair of Philosophy

Dr. Gwen H. Urey, Department Chair of Urban and Regional Planning

## DISCUSSION:

The Liberal Studies department proposed this new minor, which is designed to train students in critical inquiry with creativity and action; application of multiple worldviews, experiences, and power structures; and cross-cultural comparisons to help students understand global issues, recognize the integrity of different cultural systems, and develop an interdisciplinary framework for imagining global justice. The minor supports the university's strategic plan of promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion and preparing students to become lifelong learners in multicultural communities.

All GE courses taken for the Global Humanities minor may be double-counted. Students may also receive upper GE credit where appropriate. For the 21-unit minor, students are required to take three lower division IGE courses: IGE 1200, IGE 2150, and IGE 2250. Students may choose between two courses for the final IGE lower division

course: IGE 2350 or IGE 2600. Students must also take three upper division elective courses that have been pre-approved by the IGE program from the IGE Upper Division Synthesis Courses list and upper division (3000+) courses from departments with which IGE will partner. Students must take one upper division IGE course (IGE 3100, IGE 3300, or IGE 3400) and two non-IGE courses which may include the following courses:

- Art History (AH 3311, AH 3341, AH 3351)
- Anthropology (ANT 3050)
- English and Modern Languages (ENG 4730, SPN 3420)
- Ethnic and Women's Studies (EWS 3800, EWS 4100)
- History (HST 4433)
- Philosophy (PHL 4750)
- Theatre and New Dance (TH 3110)
- Urban and Regional Planning (URP 4220)

(The AP Committee revised the list to remove three lower-division courses that were mistakenly included: AH 2305, ENG 2710, ENG 2720. HST 4433 was added after consultation with the IGE program.)

The 21 units of lower division and upper division courses will provide students a solid foundation of global competencies and skills that will prepare them for their future academic and professional careers while facing transnational challenges and opportunities.

Consultation started on March 24, 2023 and ended on April 24, 2023. All associate deans and interim deans were consulted. A consultation request was also sent to Dr. Dennis Quinn, IGE Program Coordinator. Further, consultation requests were sent to chairs of Liberal Studies, Art, English and Modern Languages, Ethnic and Women's Studies, Geography and Anthropology, Philosophy, Theatre and New Dance, and Urban and Regional Planning as these departments would offer elective courses that would count toward the minor.

The AP committee received two comments from faculty that were very positive and supportive of the minor. The AP committee also received comments from Dr. Christina Chávez-Reyes, Department Chair of Liberal Studies, on behalf of herself and IGE faculty clarifying the proposed new minor's elective course requirements from partner departments. This report includes the IGE pre-approved list of non-IGE elective courses. No other comments were received.

### RECOMMENDATION:

The Academic Programs Committee recommends approval of the Minor in Global Humanities.