PROPOSED CHANGES TO DEGREE PROGRAMS IN THE
UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2010-2012
or
LAW SCHOOL CATALOG, 2010-2012

NAME OF DEGREE PROGRAM(S):
Bachelor of Arts with major in Asian Studies

EXPLAIN CHANGE(S) TO DEGREE PROGRAM:

We would like to add a track in Taiwan Studies to the specialization in East Asia under the major in Asian Studies. The East Asia specialization will be divided into two tracks: the general track, which is the same as the current East Asia specialization, and the Taiwan track. The requirements for the Taiwan track are:

Taiwan track
1. At least three hours of Taiwanese history.
2. A three-hour Asian studies course related to South Asia.
4. Fifteen additional hours in Asian studies courses related to East Asia as follows:
   • at least six hours of courses related to Taiwan;
   • three hours related to China;
   • three hours related to Japan;
   • three hours of upper-division coursework in Chinese language or in Asian studies related to East Asia
5. In addition, students must complete two years of Chinese language to fulfill the foreign language requirement. Students should focus on the traditional characters used in Taiwan in these courses. Courses counted toward the foreign language requirement may not also be counted toward the major.

Indicate pages in the Undergraduate Catalog where changes will be made.

Page 320, under the heading “Asian Studies.”

GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR CHANGE(S):

Many of the faculty at the University of Texas at Austin are among the best known leaders in various fields of Taiwan Studies, especially literature, political science, and anthropology. In addition, several new faculty members who have joined UT in the last three or four years have also demonstrated strong interest in the study of Taiwan. The strength of both UT as a whole and the Department of Asian Studies specifically in the area of Taiwan Studies enabled our department to successfully apply for a grant from Taiwan’s Ministry of Education for a program in Taiwan Studies. Given these strengths, we feel strongly that this is a natural direction in which to grow our program. Our
overriding aim with the addition of the Taiwan specialization is to encourage students to approach the study of Taiwan from a comparative and interdisciplinary perspective.

**SCOPE OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE(S):**
Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? If yes, then how?

No.

**Has the other college(s)/school(s) been informed of the proposed change? If so, please indicate their response. n/a**

Will this proposal change the number of required hours for degree completion? If yes, please explain.

No.

Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? If yes, please explain.

No.

**COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS:**
(Circle yes or no)
Department: Yes √ Date: July 9, 2009
College: Yes No Date:
Dean: Yes No Date:

Please include a draft of the catalog copy on an attached page. The draft should be based on the text of the current catalog available at http://www.utexas.edu/faculty/council/pages/catalog_chgs/catcopy.html.

**CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN ASIAN STUDIES IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS CHAPTER OF THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2010-2012**

On page 320, under the heading **DEGREES**, in the **MAJORS AND MINORS** subsection of the College of Liberal Arts chapter of the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010*, make the following changes:
Asian Studies

Major: Twenty-four semester hours of Asian studies coursework, at least eighteen of which must be upper-division, in one of the two areas of specialization, East Asia or South Asia, as listed below. Students specializing in East Asia must choose between the General track and the Taiwan track. A list of courses that fulfill the requirements of the areas of specialization is available in the Department of Asian Studies.

1. East Asia
   A. General track
      a. At least three hours of East Asian history.
      b. A three-hour Asian studies course related to South Asia.
      c. Asian Studies 378.
      d. Fifteen additional hours in Asian studies courses related to East Asia. It is recommended that students take these courses in more than one East Asian cultural area. Six hours of upper-division coursework in Chinese, Japanese, or Korean language may be counted toward this requirement.
      e. In addition, students must complete two years of Chinese, Japanese, or Korean to fulfill the foreign language requirement. Courses counted toward the foreign language requirement may not also be counted toward the major.
   B. Taiwan track
      a. At least three hours of Taiwanese history.
      b. A three-hour Asian studies course related to South Asia.
      c. Asian Studies 378.
      d. Fifteen additional hours in Asian studies courses related to East Asia, including at least six hours related to Taiwan, three hours related to China, three hours related to Japan, and three hours of upper-division coursework in either Asian studies courses related to East Asia or in upper-division Chinese language.
      e. In addition, students must complete two years of Chinese language to fulfill the foreign language requirement. Students should focus on the traditional characters used in Taiwan in these courses. Courses counted toward the foreign language requirement may not also be counted toward the major.

2. South Asia
   a. At least three hours of South Asian history.
   b. A three-hour Asian studies course related to East Asia.
   c. Asian Studies 378.
   d. Fifteen additional hours in Asian studies courses related to South Asia. Six hours of upper-division coursework in Hindi, Malayalam, Sanskrit, Tamil, or Urdu language may be counted toward this requirement.
   e. In addition, students must complete two years of Hindi, Malayalam, Sanskrit, Tamil, or Urdu to fulfill the foreign language requirement. Courses counted toward the foreign language requirement may not also be counted toward the major.