

## Recommendation for Discontinuance of an Active Academic Program

Name/Type of Program and Academic Plan Recommended for Discontinuance:

- Co-Major in European Studies (EURSTDS)

Department, School/College, and CIP Code:

- Center for Global & International Studies, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- CIP Code: 05.0106

Number of students currently enrolled (from Tableau Academic Plan Counts – Spring 2021): 0

Number of students enrolled over the past five academic years (from Tableau Academic Plan Counts):

Program	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020
Co-Major in EURS	3	4	4	3	0

Number of program graduates over the past five years (from Tableau Degrees Awarded):

Program	AY 2017	AY 2018	AY 2019	AY 2020	AY 2021
Co-Major in EURS	1	2	1	2	0

### Rationale for recommendation:

In response to the Kansas Board of Regent's desire for program efficiency, the Center for Global and International Studies (GIST) has proposed moving the co-major in European Studies to a concentration within its BA degree. The concentration is moving through the University's approval processes and with projected availability to students beginning Spring or Summer of 2022. The European Studies minor began in Fall 2003 and remains available to students. A last admit term of Fall 2021 has been placed on the EURS co-major.

The biggest challenge the program is experiencing is prolonged, significant difficulty in attracting students. As shown in the table below, the number of total EURS student credit hours has fallen from a high of 194 SCH in 2012 to 15 in AY 2021, indicating consistent declines over a ten year period.

EURS student credit hours (from Tableau Course Enrollment Summaries)

	AY 2012	AY 2013	AY 2014	AY 2015	AY 2016	AY 2017	AY 2018	AY 2019	AY 2020	AY 2021
Total SCH	194	105	99	174	90	115	61	66	48	15

### Impact of discontinuance:

On students: Students will not be able to enroll in the EURS co-major, but have the option of enrolling in the concentration within the BA degree in GIST (once it becomes available) or the EURS minor.

On faculty & staff: None.

On mission: None. The College and University will continue to offer options in EURS.

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**International and Interdisciplinary  
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The International and Interdisciplinary (I & I) Studies division is made up of ten degree-granting units, including four departments (African and African-American Studies, American Studies, Religious Studies, and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies), three academic programs (Environmental Studies, Indigenous Studies, and Museum Studies), and three international area centers (Center for Global and International Studies, Center for Latin American Studies, and Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies). The Center for Global and International Studies (CGIS) is home to the European Studies and Jewish Studies programs, both of which offer undergraduate minors. Also under the I & I umbrella are two centers that currently do not offer academic degrees, the Center for East Asian Studies and the Kansas African Studies Center. However, East Asian Studies has proposed an interdisciplinary MA degree that is currently moving through the approval process. Although the I & I division is relatively new, most of the units in it have been part of KU for decades.

The international area centers, Indigenous Studies program, and Museum Studies program have no faculty lines, but rely on courses taught in their areas by faculty in other departments. Many faculty members in the departments of American Studies, African and African-American Studies, and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and in the Environmental Studies program hold joint appointments in other departments. The center and program directors (except Museum Studies) maintain .50 FTE in their home units while directing. Given their close connections with other departments, I & I units regularly foster interaction between faculty across the campus and provide spaces and support for the development of interdisciplinary teaching and research on various areas of the world and subjects of far-reaching concern. These units serve as incubators for educational projects and modes of discovery that reach across traditional academic boundaries to address issues as diverse as religious belief, equality, sovereignty, migration, survival, and sustainability. I & I units are naturally attuned to and already playing active roles in KU strategic initiatives to produce the next generation of leaders, enhance the health of communities locally and globally, and make world-changing discoveries.

### **Notable Achievements**

- In 2010 the U. S. Department of Education recognized the excellence of KU international area centers with grants that initially totaled \$8.9 million for four years (2010-13) to strengthen the university's foreign language instruction and area studies programs and provide fellowships for students studying critical foreign languages.
- The CGIS MA program has two tracks, one for the Edwards Campus and one for Ft. Leavenworth. The latter, known as the Interagency Studies track, is fully funded by the United States Special Operations Command and specifically tailored for Special Operations Forces officers; it enrolls approximately 20 students every year and graduated its first class in 2010.
- The Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department launched an MA/PhD program in Fall 2011.

- A four-year Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies MA/JD program was approved in 2011 and is now inviting applications.
- The Environmental Studies Program added Graduate Certificate program in Environmental Studies with an emphasis on Global Climate, and is the academic home of the NSF-funded IGERT C-Change Program (Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship: Climate Change, humans and nature in the global environment.)
- The Environmental Studies Program is preparing to launch an Environmental Assessment Professional Science Masters for the Edwards Campus.
- Three I & I units publish prestigious peer-review journals: *American Studies* (founded 1959), *The Russian Review* (founded 1941), and the *Latin American Theatre Review* (founded 1967, with the Department of Spanish and Portuguese).
- I & I faculty have published over two dozen books since 2008 on topics as diverse as African-American history, Native American history and beliefs, Japanese culture, African culture, Chinese culture, women in Africa and East Asia, the Soviet Union, Environmental law and politics
- The Center for East Asian Studies sponsored the development of a Uyghur textbook created by affiliated faculty and available online with open access: *Greetings from the Teklimakan: a handbook of Modern Uyghur*.
- CREES has educated more Foreign Area Officers than any institute of its kind nationally.
- There are 56 officers at CGSC (Command & General Staff College) in cooperative MA degree programs at KU; 22 of those 54 are in the MA in Global and International Studies.
- Received a \$300,000 grant: Project Global Officer to provide language training to ROTC cadets over the summer at KU and for study abroad. It is open to cadets across the US.

### **Areas to Improve**

- Improvement in the Indigenous Studies Program is already evident. A new curriculum with a stronger guiding intellectual vision and clearer path to graduation will be launched AY 2012-13.
- Capstone courses or internships in all units to provide students structured opportunity to synthesize and apply the interdisciplinary methods they have acquired in their chosen concentrations. Such courses will also allow reasonably standardized assessments of program outcomes. (Some units already have capstones; others are under development.)
- Centralized pedagogical oversight for less-commonly-taught languages taught in non-language units, e.g. Center for Global and International Studies, Center for Latin American Studies, and the Department of African and African American Studies.
- Post-graduation tracking of undergraduate majors.

### **Student/Employer Demand**

- Because all of these programs focus on contemporary national and international issues and employ a wide range of methods, including many from the social sciences, graduates of all of these programs are well prepared for positions in business and government—local, national (including tribal), and international.
- Graduates of the international and Indigenous Studies program have command of languages and cultural knowledge essential to businesses with clients, major markets or

production centers abroad, as well as to the State Department, U.S. defense agencies, the UN, NGOs, etc.

- A recently conducted market survey in the greater Kansas City area has determined the interest of industries and government agencies in a Professional Science Masters in Environmental Assessment.
- Indigenous Studies graduate students go on for doctorates and pursue a wide range of careers, but a significant number go home to work for their tribes: Avis Ballard (2005) is a coordinator for Osage Nation Education Department; Cassandra Sandcrane (2004) is a realty assistant with the Northern Cheyenne BIA; after graduation (2004) Anna Sarcia (Ross) served as executive director at Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Pathways to Prosperity project; Sara Summers (2001) is Assistant Director/Collections Manager at Oneida Nation of Wisconsin; Tina Tsinigine (2003) went on to get a law degree and is now a staff attorney with the Navajo Nation district court in Tuba City, AZ.

### **Service**

- Community and K-12 outreach is integral to the missions of the international area centers. The five centers maintain speakers bureaus and informational websites, make K-12 classroom visits, provide workshops for teachers, and hold conferences, symposia, lecture series, and film series that serve the university, local community, and the region.
- Environmental Studies students have worked with KU's Center for Sustainability to implement a "green office" certification system designed to reduce waste and lower energy costs in campus offices.
- The Religion in Kansas Oral History Project, created and maintained by the Religious Studies Department, is recording and preserving representative voices from the diverse religions found in our state. The substantial and growing database of recordings can be accessed online.

### **Areas of Future Focus**

- The European studies major and the Jewish Studies minor will strive to increase the number of students to (become more robust).
- As various departments add specialists in South Asian and Middle East studies, the South Asian Studies and Middle East programs currently housed in CGIS will develop undergraduate minors and graduate certificates as we continue to develop our unique strength in Global and International Studies.
- A unit will be developed, possibly within CGIS, to provide pedagogical oversight for the less-commonly-taught languages, such as Hindi and Farsi (Persian), currently housed in non-language departments.
- The Community Toolbox is currently working on translating all of their materials into Arabic—should be finished by summer 2013. They already have a Spanish version and have plans for French, Chinese, Portuguese and Hindi in the coming years. The Office of Graduate Military Programs, in partnership with CLAS faculty, continues to partner with the US military on various projects.