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Dear Curriculum Mage,

In order to comply with the new writing curriculum, we’re submitting one more Minor Plan Change, even before the last one has taken effect! Yes, you may throw a shoe at me; we have turned this thing into a great comedy of errors.

The substance of the change is that where before we planned to change HIST 373 from elective to requirement, now we’d like to change that to RELS 300, which will become our new 300-level writing course. The hard copies are winding their way through the signature mill, but I’m attaching electronic files here.

In the Word doc, I’ve taken the catalog copy from the 1st draft of the 18-19 Catalog and marked that up using Track Changes.

-Jason

Office hours: Monday 12:30-2:00 and Thursday 2:30-4:30 in Arts 392
No appointment needed. Just drop in!
Geez, you’re right: we definitely want them taking two different elective courses!

One more question: JAPN 381 can be taken twice for a total of 6 units. It’s in the elective list of “choose 2 courses”, can students take that course twice or you want them to take two different courses? I don’t want to assume, but I’m thinking you want them to take different courses.

Thanks,

Nicol Gray
Curriculum Coordinator
Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Programs
Student Services Center 464B
California State University, Chico
Chico, CA 95929-0128
(530) 898-4923

You are an artiste! It’s perfection. Thank you!

Hi Jason,

Yesterday I received a second program change for the BA Asian Studies. I combined both sets of changes into one document (attached). Can you please review and let me know if this is all correct?
From: Jason T Clower
To: Nicol Gray
Subject: FW: POLS 444
Date: Monday, September 11, 2017 1:15:15 PM

Nicol, POLS/IR (in the persons of Mahalley and Jen Wilking) have given the thumbs up to include their new POLS 444 in Asian Studies where the old POLS 415 used to be.

-J

From: Jennifer R Wilking
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 1:10 PM
To: Mahalley D Allen <mdallen@csuchico.edu>; Jason T Clower <jclower@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Re: POLS 444

Yes, Jason! Great timing – we were just discussing the new IR curriculum and classes that should be cross-listed. Please use POLS 444.

Jen

From: Mahalley D Allen <mdallen@csuchico.edu>
Date: Monday, September 11, 2017 at 11:56 AM
To: Jason T Clower <jclower@csuchico.edu>
Cc: Jennifer R Wilking <jwilking@csuchico.edu>
Subject: RE: POLS 444

Hi Jason!

Thanks for the email. Hope you are doing well! I think that should be fine, but I’ve copied Jen Wilking, the coordinator of our international relations program, to tell us for sure.

Jen – is it okay for Asian Studies to use the new POLS 444 in place of the old POLS 415?

Thanks,

Mahalley

California State University, Chico
Mahalley D. Allen, J.D., Ph.D.
Department Chair, Professor, and Legal Studies Program Coordinator
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Office: 530-898-6506
From: Jason T Clower  
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 2:22 PM  
To: Mahalley D Allen <mdallen@csuchico.edu>  
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Mahalley, it’s Jason Clower, your long lost contact from across the creek, writing with my Asian Studies hat on.

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Best,
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