TO: Dr. John R. Halstead, College President

FROM: The College Senate: 03/24/2014

RE: ← I. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)
   II. Recommendation (Urging the Fitness of)
   III. Other, For Your Information (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)

SUBJ: Revision of the International Studies Major and Min
(31_13-14UC)

Signed: Dawn M. Jones
(Dawn Jones, 2013-14 College Senate President)
Date: 3/31/14

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TO: Dawn Jones, College Senate President

FROM: John R. Halstead, College President

RE: ← I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution (circle choice)
   a. Accepted - Implementation Effective Date**: Fall 2014
   **Implementation of resolution requires final approval from SUNY- State Education Department. YES ___ NO
   b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on __/__/____
   c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

II, III. Response to Recommendation or Other/FYI
   a. Received and acknowledged __/__/____
   b. Comment:

Signed: John R. Halstead, President, The College at Brockport
Date: 4/2/14

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- Use committee guidelines available at brockport.edu/collegesenate/proposal.html.
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- Locate the Resolution # and date this proposal will replace at our “Approved Resolutions” page on our Web site.
- Email completed proposal to senate@brockport.edu. (General Education Proposals and questions go to dlamphro@brockport.edu in the Vice Provost’s Office first.)
- Make revisions on the paperwork emailed to you from the Senate office that shows the assigned routing number on top. Submit updated document to senate@brockport.edu.
- Questions? Call the Senate office at 395-2586 or the appropriate committee chairperson.

1. PROPOSAL TITLE: Please be somewhat descriptive, ie. Use a course number and/or title, indicate if for GED code, etc.
Revision of the International Studies (INS) major and minor requirements.

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:
In an effort to streamline the major and make it more accessible to our students, we are streamlining the major eliminating the confusing tracks and establishing greater academic rigor in the foundational courses. Thus students will have to satisfy several more requirements at the lower levels of the major but will then enjoy greater flexibility in the upper division electives.

3. WILL ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AFFECTING BUDGET BE NEEDED? __x NO ___ YES
EXPLAIN YES

4. DESCRIBE ANY DATA RELATED TO STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT USED AS PART OF THE RATIONALE FOR THE REQUESTED SENATE ACTION.

5. HOW WILL THIS AFFECT TRANSFER STUDENTS:
Transfer students will likely find this easier to navigate because they will not have to try to enroll in difficult to find courses in a shortened amount of time.

6. ANTICIPATED EFFECTIVE DATE:
Fall 2014

7. SUBMISSION & REVISION DATES: PLEASE DATE ALL REVISED DOCUMENTS TO AVOID CONFUSION.

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NOTES: RESOLUTION #22
International Studies Major & Minor
Proposed Revisions – Spring 2014

1. **Summary**: The Department of Political Science and International Studies is proposing changes to the structure of the International Studies major in order to make the requirements more clear and reflect the current course offerings both in and outside of the department. By combining language, departmental, and non-departmental requirements into a single, updated and cohesive major, students who graduate with an INS degree from Brockport will emerge with a strong grasp of the various political, economic, social, and cultural issues which dominate the global agenda. The proposal does **not** result in a change in the total number of credits required to complete the major. Just as is currently the case, the INS major will continue to require 36 credits. However, the changes do add considerable flexibility as well as more solid foundation in the core curriculum necessary for international studies. Slight changes are also proposed for the INS minor.

2. **Side by Side Comparison of Old and New Program**

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*See attached check-list for full list of both PLS and non-PLS courses that fulfill the electives requirement. Students may select courses not on the list with permission of the INS Director.

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3. Rationale:

Foundation Courses. While the new requirements maintain PLS 111 and PLS 112 as required courses for majors, INS majors will also be required to take either PLS 410 (International Political Economy) or PLS 444 (National Security). These courses reflect crucial areas of study within the discipline and provide a solid foundation upon which to build the major.

Electives. We have opted to eliminate the thematic track organization of the current major. While in theory a good idea, the Department chose to remove these tracks because many of the courses required are no longer offered, making it impossible for our students to satisfy the necessary requirements. Moreover, reflecting the nature of the International Studies major, we reconfigured the distribution of electives to be split between courses taken within the Political Science and International Studies (PLS) department and those taken outside of the PLS department. Dividing the electives in this manner assures that students will graduate knowledgeable about the crux of international studies—the study of the relationship between states—while allowing them to gain greater breadth of understanding of international relations than can occur with interdisciplinary study. This type of course distribution has become common place at most colleges and universities around that country which offer a major in International Studies.

Experience Abroad. Students will still be required to demonstrate an overseas experience during their time at Brockport. The new requirement gives students more flexibility in fulfilling this INS component. While an internship or study abroad experience would count towards the new requirements, so could Eurosim participation, faculty-supervised trips, or other overseas activities that carry at least 3 course credits. Students must work with their advisor to determine the eligibility of the selected activity for fulfilling this requirement.

Language Requirement. As is currently the case, students are expected to demonstrate an intermediate level mastery of any foreign language offered at The College at Brockport. Students may either successfully complete an appropriate qualifying exam or complete the language through the 212 level.

4. Description of any new courses
As stated above, we are reorganizing the structure of the major so that some courses which are currently electives (PLS 410 or PLS 444) will now become required.

5. Staffing issues: no new staff is needed.

6. Academic administration commentary
   a. Letter of recommendation from chair (attached)
   b. Letter of recommendation from Dean of School (attached)

7. Resources, facilities that may be needed to implement the program: NA

8. If appropriate, letters of support from cooperating or affected agencies, ITS, library or other units/departments that may be involved (attached).
January 28, 2014

To: Joan Lucas, Chair Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
From: Dena Levy, Chair Political Science & International Studies
Re: Proposal to modify INS major

I am writing to offer my support for the proposed changes to the International Studies Major. The current program is problematic for several reasons:

1. It is complicated – so much so that DARS cannot be used to track student progress in the major.
2. Many of the courses that supposedly fulfill INS requirements are either not offered or are offered very infrequently. This poses considerable difficulties for our majors who find it challenging to complete the major in a timely manner.
3. The thematic track approach was convoluted and frequently difficult to navigate. The new model will be much more flexible and is in line with most other colleges and universities offering a major in International Studies. Students will take half of their electives within political science and half outside of the Department. This has the two-fold advantage of ensuring that students graduate with a strong foundation in the crux of international studies (the study of relationships between states) and promoting the interdisciplinary nature of the major. This has yet another benefit of making the transition for transfer students much simpler.

We do not anticipate the proposed changes significantly affecting other departments nor requiring extra resources. In fact, we will be putting less strain on some of the other departments by requiring students to take over half of the courses from our own department course offerings. Moreover, we anticipate that students will find it even easier to double major with INS and another discipline because of the flexibility of the proposed changes. Students will work closely with the Director of INS to select courses, and will be able to either take a wide variety of relevant courses, or take a more focused approach if desired.

We last changed the INS major in 2005. While the approach taken then made sense, it has proven time and again to be intractable. We believe that the revisions offered in the proposal not only are a better reflection of where INS majors currently stand around the country, but will better serve our students ensuring they are able to complete the major in a timely and appropriate manner.

Thank you for your consideration.
February 11, 2014

To: College Senate

From: Dr. Andrea, Chair, Modern Languages and Cultures

Re: Revised International Studies Major

The Department of Modern Languages and Cultures enthusiastically supports the revised International Studies major proposal submitted by the Department of Political Sciences and International Studies. As the documents argues, the new major will serve our students better by allowing them to complete their requirements in a timely manner. It also provides a solid foundation in the principles of the discipline and allows for more flexibility in choosing elective courses.
I endorse the proposal by the Department of Political Science & International Studies for revision of the International Studies major and minor requirements. I applaud the department’s efforts to streamline their curriculum. This will help facilitate a shortened time to graduation for both our four year students and the incoming transfer students.
Check List for International Studies Majors (updated 2014)

Name_____________________________ For Students Matriculating Fall 2014

A. Foundation Courses (majors and minors must take all of the following [9 credits])

1. ___ PLS 111 Introduction to International Relations
2. ___ PLS 112 Introduction to Comparative Politics
3. ___ PLS 410 International Political Economy or PLS 444 National Security

B. Political Science Electives (majors must choose four of the following [12 credits]; minors choose three [9 credits])

1. ___ PLS 304 International Rel. Simulation
2. ___ PLS 305 Politics of European Integration
3. ___ PLS 327 Comparative Legal Systems
4. ___ PLS 333 American Foreign Policy
5. ___ PLS 338 Global Issues
6. ___ PLS 340 European Political Systems
7. ___ PLS 346 Russian and Eastern Eur. Politics
8. ___ PLS 348 Asian Politics

9. ___ PLS 349 Introduction to International Relations
10. ___ PLS 410 International Political Economy**
11. ___ PLS 444 National Security**
12. ___ PLS 445 International Law and Org.
13. ___ PLS 447 Russia in Transition
14. ___ PLS 470 Nationalism
15. ___ PLS 475 Political Geography
16. ___ PLS xxx

** Cannot be taken as an elective if selected as the foundation requirement

C. Other Electives (majors must choose four of the following, [12 credits])**

1. ___ AAS 204 African Politics and Society
2. ___ AAS 360 Africa Today
3. ___ AAS 404 Cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa
4. ___ AAS 408 Pan-Africanism
5. ___ AAS 410 Apartheid
6. ___ AAS 460 Modern Africa
7. ___ ANT 101 The Human Condition
8. ___ ANT 201 Intro. to Cultural Anthrop.
9. ___ ANT 323 Anthropol. Persp. on Global Iss.
10. ___ ANT 325 Indigenous Peoples and Global.
11. ___ ANT 330 World Poverty and Underdev.
12. ___ ANT 332 China in Transition
13. ___ ANT 336 Gender in the Islamic World
15. ___ BUS 345 International Business Env.
16. ___ BUS 433 International Marketing
18. ___ BUS 453 International Business Seminar
19. ___ FCE 201 The French Speaking World
20. ___ FCE 375 Latin American Women
21. ___ FCE 422 Women’s Edu. in the Dev. World
22. ___ FRN 325 France Today
23. ___ FRN 352 French Civilization
24. ___ SPN 352 Hispanic World Today
25. ___ SPN 459 Mexico Today
26. ___ HST 102 Modern World
27. ___ HST 130 World History Survey
28. ___ HST 327 American Military Experience
29. ___ HST 361 History of Japan
30. ___ HST 363 Islam
31. ___ HST 367 Gender in the Islamic World
32. ___ HST 368 Women in the Med. World
33. ___ HST 376 Modern Latin America
34. ___ HST 385 Asian Civilization I
35. ___ HST 386 Asian Civilization II
36. ___ HST 389 Modern China
37. ___ HST 434 Modern Caribbean History
38. ___ HST 442 War & Terrorism
39. ___ HST 467 Modern South Asia
40. ___ HST 472 Jihad
41. ___ HST 487 Asian Survey
42. ___ SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology
43. ___ SOC 302 Culture
44. ___ SOC 306 Development and Globalization
45. ___ Other
46. ___ Other

***Students may substitute DCC 210, 215, 220, 310, or 315 for any of these electives. Any other course broadly pertaining to international studies may be substituted for these electives with the consent of the Director of International Studies. Students interested in pursuing a thematic track in international studies should select courses in consultation with his or her advisor.

D. Experience Abroad [3 credits]

INS majors are required to spend time abroad during their studies at SUNY Brockport. Acceptable experiences include study abroad, Eurosim participation, faculty-supervised trips, international internships, or other overseas activities carrying at least three course credits. Upon returning, students will submit a brief report to the Director of International Studies detailing their experience.

E. Foreign Language

Majors are required to demonstrate an intermediate level mastery of any foreign language offered at Brockport. Students may either successfully complete an appropriate qualifying exam or complete the language through the 212 level.