

To: College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee
From: Louisa Rice, Chair, Department of History (administrative home)
Reiko Shinno, Chair, Transnational Asian Studies Committee
Date: January 28, 2021
Re: Program Changes

We request implementation of the following program changes with the next possible *Catalog*.

Name of Program: Transnational Asian Studies Certificate
Program Code: 380-630
Date of Department/Program Approval: January 28, 2021
Current Catalog Web Page: <https://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/interdisciplinary/transnational-asian-studies-certificate/>

CHANGES IN ELECTIVES

Request 1:

Make the following change.

From: Up to 4 credits of Asian language courses: CHIN 101, CHIN 102, CHIN 201, CHIN 202, HMNG 101, HMNG 102, JAPN 101, JAPN 102, JAPN 201, JAPN 202.

To: Up to 4 credits of a course(s) on the first Asian language: CHIN 101, CHIN 102, CHIN 201, CHIN 202, HMNG 101, HMNG 102, JAPN 101, JAPN 102, JAPN 201, JAPN 202.

Up to 4 credits of a course(s) on the second Asian language, listed above. The first and the second Asian languages should be two different languages.

Why: Although UWEC language programs normally carry 4 credits, some students take a language course(s) while participating in a study abroad program in Asia, which often carry 2-3 credits each. We would like to honor up to 4 credits if the courses are on one language.

Also, students sometimes study multiple Asian languages and learn a lot about the diversity and complexity in Asia by studying two Asian languages. The UW-EC currently offers programs that focus on one Asian language (Japanese minor, Chinese certificate,

and Hmong Studies certificate), but none of them allow students to count courses on two languages. No additional resources are necessary to make this change.

Request 1 is an innovative change. We would like to avoid confusions by stating that the first and second languages should be two different languages, not two different courses. In other words, they should be JAPN 101 and CHIN 101, not JAPN 101 and JAPN 102.

Request 2:

Add the following at the end of the program description.

“Note 3. Courses on Asian languages other than Chinese, Hmong, or Japanese may count toward the certificate, with approval of the certificate advisor.”

Why: Asia has a large variety of languages, and schools sometimes offer courses on Asian languages other than the ones offered by the UW-EC (i.e., Korean, Hindi, etc.).

Request 3:

Add CJ 319 (International Communication) as an upper-level elective for Transnational Asian Studies Certificate.

Why: Transnational Asian Studies certificate is an interdisciplinary certificate, and all our elective courses have 50% or more Asian or Asian American content. Transnational Asian Studies Committee has agreed that CJ 319 meets this criterion and the CJ department chair agrees with its inclusion in the certificate.

More specifically speaking, CJ 319 was recently revised and is currently taught only by Dr. Won Yong Jang, a professor from South Korea in the Department of Communication and Journalism and a member of Transnational Asian Studies Committee. He has done research on South Korean media, which will be cited as examples in his class lectures. Moreover, the students are required to complete the following assignments.

- **Final Project:** Students will complete a report on the media of a specific country, how culture affects media, and how global media and communication shape world politics in a country or region.
- **Discussion Leader Assignment:** Students will serve as a discussion leader for at least **TWO (2)** classes during the semester. Discussion leaders (facilitators) will need to do additional readings on their topic(s) for their specific day(s) and prepare materials for the class to discuss.

Professor Won will make sure a student(s) taking Transnational Asian Studies Certificate and this course will choose an Asian country for the final project and an Asia-related topic(s) (e.g., Japanese animation, K-pops, Bollywood, etc.) for the discussion leader assignment. No additional resources are necessary to make this change.

CLARIFICATION OF ADVISING PROCESS

Request 4:

Make the following change.

From: Note 1: With advisor consent, courses such as the following may be applied to this certificate program when a substantial portion of the course covers Asian or Asian American topics.

To: Note 1: With approval of the certificate advisor, courses such as the following may be applied to this certificate program when a substantial portion of the course covers topics on the lives of Asians, Asian Americans, and/or people of Asian ancestry outside of the U.S.

Why: This follows the current practice in the History Department and the catalog language of Africana Studies certificate, another interdisciplinary program housed in the department. A student's advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center (ARCC), the History Department chair, and/or the student normally ask the Transnational Asian Studies advisor whether a course(s) can be applied to this interdisciplinary certificate. UW-EC sometimes offers courses and travel abroad programs on peoples of Asian ancestry outside of Asia or the U.S. No additional resources are necessary to make this change.

Request 5:

Add the following at the end of the program description.

“Note 4. With approval of the certificate advisor, courses taken during a study abroad program(s) may apply to this certificate. Students are encouraged to communicate with the certificate advisor prior to the departure.”

Why: A good number of students studying Transnational Asian Studies go on a study abroad program(s) in Asia when possible. They need to know that the courses that they will take in Asia may or may not count toward this certificate before, during, and after their participation in the study abroad program. No additional resources are necessary to make this change.

Request 6:

Make the following change at the top of the certificate description.

From: “For advising, contact the History Department.”

To: “Advisor: R. Shinno (History)”

Why: The same reason as Request 3. Not having Shinno’s name on the catalog has caused confusion among the students and the ARCC advisors. The catalog descriptions of a lot of the interdisciplinary programs carry the specific program advisor’s name. Again, no additional resources are necessary to make this change.