UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: Global Studies

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Specifics (see instructions):

The current Global Studies curriculum requires students to take four “gateway” courses from the following list:

- AFST 211 Introduction to Contemporary Africa
- ANTH 211 Cultural Anthropology
- ASIA 100 Introduction to Asian Studies
- ECON 101 Principles of Microeconomics
- ECON 102 Principles of Macroeconomics
- GES 102 Human Geography
- GES 120 Introduction to Environmental Science and Conservation
- GWST 340 Women, Gender and Globalization
- HIST 200 Themes in World History
- MLL 280 Introduction to the Spanish-Speaking World
- MLL 305 Introduction to Intercultural Communication
- POLI 260 Comparative Politics
- POLI 280/281 International Relations

The Department of History, one of the participating units in the Global Studies B.A. program, now teaches the following 200-level courses on a rotational basis:

- HIST 203 – Films and History: Representations of Imperialism in Modern World History
- HIST 204 – Don’t Buy It: The Global History of Commodities
- HIST 206 – Entrepreneurs in the Early Modern World
- HIST 207 – Asian Diasporas
- HIST 208 – Global Terrorism
- HIST 209 – Themes in World History: Planets and Worlds, Earth and Home

The Department of History has requested that HIST 200 be replaced as a Global Studies “gateway” course; students would now be able to take, as a “gateway” course, one of the HIST courses listed just above.

Rationale (see instructions):

a) There are no major departures from the current structure of the major; the change simply reflects curricular revisions already made by the Department of History.
b) Students who have taken HIST 200 under the current GLBL curriculum would still receive “gateway” course credit toward the Global Studies B.A.
c) There is no change in the required number of credits.

Letter of Support: See next page.
Dear UGC,

The History Department has replaced HIST 200 (which was a topics course) with a series of specific World history courses numbered from 200-210. Currently, numbers 203/204/206/207/208/209 have been assigned and approved by the UGC. In the future there may be one or two more, but we will confine them to the 200-210 sequence. So we are in full concurrence with the changes Devin Hagerty is proposing to the GLBL gateway course.

Best,

Marjoleine

On Mar 30, 2016, at 1:01 PM, Devin Hagerty <dhagerty@umbc.edu> wrote:

Hi Marjoleine,

Could I please trouble you for a quick email message regarding History's support for the UGC program change discussed below?

Thanks,

Devin