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### Proposal for Changes to the International Area Studies Minors

**Summary of proposed changes:** Change the IAS minor requirements from 18 hours to 15 hours of coursework, require the INTB Global Studies sequence as a mandatory set of core courses with six additional hours of 3000-4000 level non-business courses specific to one of the regions, and delete "Russia" as a region and add "Middle East" as a region.

#### Justification:

- 1) A 15 hour IAS minor follows more closely the pattern of all the other business minors which are 15 hours.
- 2) A mandatory set of nine hours of core courses on globalization provide the necessary overview and breadth for the minor, and six hours of specialization provides some depth in one region.
- 3) Courses dealing with Russia can be subsumed under Europe or Asia, while coursework on the Middle East needs to be a separate region distinct from Africa or Asia.

#### Current Requirements:

For each of the International Area Studies minors, students must complete a minimum of 18 semester hours of work in the minor field, of which 12 must be advanced and 12 must be taken in residence at UH.

A minimum of six hours must focus specifically on the region selected. At least nine of the advanced 12 hours must be taken in residence. Students must earn a 2.00 minimum cumulative grade point average on courses attempted in the minor at UH. Except for INTB courses, no more than nine hours of course work from one department shall be applied to the minor

For a current listing of courses approved for the International Area Studies minors, consult the Office of Undergraduate Business Programs, 262 Melcher Hall.

### **Proposed Requirements:**

- 15 semester hours of coursework for the minor, 9 hours of which include the following courses approved for all regions:
  - INTB 3351 The History of Globalization
  - INTB 3352 The Politics of Globalization
  - INTB 3353 The Economics of Globalization
  - and six additional semester credit hours of 3000-4000 level non-business courses relevant and specific to one of the following five regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, or the Middle East.

[An approved list of eligible courses is to be determined by the director of Global Studies in consultation with the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and would focus on non-business courses specific to one of the regions, study abroad courses, foreign language, or relevant special topics courses.]
- 9 of the 15 hours must be taken in residence at UH.
- 2.00 minimum cumulative grade point average on courses attempted in the minor at UH.
- Courses that are on the approved lists for UH CORE Humanities or Social Science or Social Science-Writing Intensive may also count toward the IAS minors as long as the minimum total hours for the degree are met. Non-business majors must get approval from the college of their major to use courses toward the major to also count toward the IAS minor. Students may not minor in more than one IAS region or in both IAS and the Global Business minor.

### **GPA Requirements to declare the IAS minor:**

Under the current catalog requirements, to declare the International Area Studies minor, students must have a 2.0 cumulative grade point average at UH. This proposal would not change that requirement, and would be in line with the proposed "Global Business" minor. This GPA requirement is in contrast to the requirement to declare a minor in a specific area of concentration in business, which is the same grade point average as students changing their major to business (currently a 2.75 on the last sixty hours, including transfer work).

**Proposed Implementation Date:** Fall 2007