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To: CLASS Undergraduate Studies Committee

From: Lois Parkinson Zamora, Thomas Behr

Re: Proposal for a minor in India Studies, in the Department of Comparative Cultural Studies

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**Item:** On behalf of the Chair of the new Department of Comparative Cultural Studies

**Description and Rationale:** As the preeminent public university in this global city, the University of Houston is committed to the study of world cultures, the promotion of global commerce, and the enhancement of international understanding. The proposed India Studies minor will promote study focused on the history, politics, economics, languages, and culture of India. The Department of Comparative Cultural Studies will establish approved courses across CLASS related to the study of India.

**Proposed Catalogue Language:**

The minor in India Studies requires 18 semester hours (at least 9 advanced hours) taken from the courses listed below. A minimum of 9 hours must be taken in residence, and at least 6 of the 9 hours must be advanced. A student must earn a 2.00 cumulative grade point average in courses attempted in the minor field at the University of Houston.

Required Course. All India Studies minors must complete the following introductory course for the minor:

CCS 2350: Perspectives on Cultural Studies

Fifteen hours must be taken from the following list. Other courses may count toward the minor with the approval of the Chair of Comparative Cultural Studies.

HINDI 2301: Intermediate Hindi I

HINDI 2302: Intermediate Hindi II

RELS 2340: Introduction to Hinduism (WID)

ANTH 3381: Global Hinduism (WID)

or RELS 3381: Global Hinduism (WID)

(Only one 3381 will apply to the minor)

ENGL 2323: Literature and Identity

ENGL 3365: Postcolonial Literature and Theory

ECON 3355: Economic Development of Asia

HIST 3395: Modern 20<sup>th</sup> Century India

POLS 3323: Introduction to the Government and Politics of India

POLS 4322: Political Economy of Asia

POLS 4321: Democracy in Asia

RELS 3380: Introduction to Asian Religions

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RELS 3396: Gods and Goddesses of India  
SOC 3397: Sociology of India  
SOC 3385: Sociology of World Religions  
WCL 2370: Cultures of India  
WCL 3372: Indian Film: Bollywood and Beyond