International and Cultural Diversity (ICD)
Texas A&M University

International and Cultural Diversity Cover Sheet

Request for a course to be included in the University Graduation Requirement for International and Cultural Diversity

1. This request is submitted by (department name): ARCHITECTURE

2. Course prefix and number: ARCH 494

3. Texas Common Course Number: NA

4. Complete course title: Internship

5. Semester credit hours: 9

6. Frequency the class will be offered: Fall and Spring semesters

7. Number of sections per semester: 1 per semester fall and spring semester

8. Number of students per semester: 15 (27 students signed up for fall 2014 and spring 2015)

9. Historic annual enrollment for the last three years:
   - 2012-2013: 7
   - 2011-2012: 9
   - 2010-2011: 10

10. Statement on how this course meets the criteria for International and Cultural Diversity:
    ARCH 494 provides students with practical experience as an intern in a professional office setting throughout the semester. When the internship is in an approved international setting it provides significant cultural immersion through practical, directed experience in contexts outside of the United States. The professional internship is reviewed for content by the College of Architecture internship coordinator prior to approval of student placement. Firms complete standard Texas A&M University agreements, insuring the quality of experience. The experience is monitored by the College of Architecture Internship Coordinator. The experience shall mirror the requirements of the Intern Development Program required for registration as an architect, or approved substitution.

   NOTE: ENDS 494 held ICD credit in older catalogs. In Fall 2014 the course title was changed from ENDS 494 to ARCH 494. No other changes to course content occurred.

11. Course Instructor

12. Department Head

13. College Dean/Designee

Date

Date

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ARCH 494 – Internship
Fall 2015
Credit 9 (0-18)
This course is off-campus

Instructor: Elton Abbott
Langford A 202H
Office Hours: TR 8:00-10:00
979.458.1137
eabott@arkitex.com

Course Description:
The internship is intended to give students practical experience in design related disciplines. Students are encouraged to seek internships that complement their planned career path. The experience exposes students to the practice of design including office management, team oriented methods of production and communication with co-workers, clients and consultants.

Catalog Description: Practical experience in an office of design allied professionals; fifteen week internship with a minimum of 600 hours continuous employment; departmental pre-approval through the departmental internship coordinator required; post approval evaluation conducted following the internship; must be taken during the study away semester. May not be repeated for credit.

Prerequisites:
Junior or senior classification; admission to upper level in environmental design; CARC 481; approval of the internship coordinator.

Objectives
1) Exposure to the architectural office work environment including office management
2) Familiarize students with team –oriented methods of production
3) Develop student skills in communications with co-workers, clients and consultants
4) Expose students to industry practices

Textbook and/or resource materials listing:
None required
On-line information and assistance with writing assignments can be found at the University Writing Center. http://writingcenter.tamu.edu/

Attendance Policy:
Attendance on the job is essential to complete the course successfully. Project due dates will be provided in the project statements. Students should contact the instructor if work is turned in late due to an absence that is excused under the University’s attendance policy. In such cases the instructor will either provide the student an
opportunity to make up any quiz, exam or other graded activities or provide a satisfactory alternative to be completed within 30 calendar days from the last day of the absence. There will be no opportunity for students to make up work missed because of an unexcused absence.

http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule07

Calendar of activities and major assignments:
Weekly Reports
Students are required to maintain a journal outlining work experiences that have been performed relative to specific architectural projects. Weekly reports will be submitted by 5:00 pm Monday of the following week. The weekly reports will respond to weekly essay questions. The weekly reports will be typed in the format outlined in the handout emailed the first class day.

Monthly Progress Reports
Students are required to submit monthly progress reports. The reports will describe activities and experiences. Students should reflect on their actions and participation, offering a critical analysis of how improvements in operations or performance could be improved.

Grading Policy:
All assignments and the supervisor assessment will receive a letter grade. Final grades will be calculated based on the following.

Weekly assignments = 70%
Monthly assignment = 30%
Supervisor assessment = 10%

A = 100-90; B = 89-80; C= 79-70; D=69-60; F = 60-0

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follow the philosophy and rules of the Honor System. Students will be required to state their commitment on examinations, research papers, and other academic work. Ignorance of the rules does not exclude any member of the TAMU community from the requirements or the processes of the Honor System. For additional information please visit: http://www.tamu.edu/aggiehonor
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1. This request is submitted by (department name): PHIL

2. Course prefix and number: HUMA 321

3. Texas Common Course Number: Click here to enter text.

4. Complete course title: POLITICAL ISLAM AND JIHAD

5. Semester credit hours: 3

6. Frequency the class will be offered: 1/year

7. Number of sections per semester: 1

8. Number of students per semester: 40

9. Historic annual enrollment for the last three years:
   2012-2013: new course
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   2010-2011: # Students enrolled

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    This course is designed to understand the patterns and interaction between Islamic movements and politics in various Middle Eastern countries to develop an understanding of the role of Islam as a tool for political and social mobilisation. It will examine the politicization of Islam and its impact on movements and countries such as Turkey, Iran, Egypt, Sudan, Algeria, Tunisia and Pakistan. The main topics consist of the evolution of Islamist philosophy, jihad and movements from the late nineteenth century until the present day. It focuses on ideas as well as intellectual, religious and political leaders. At least two-thirds of the course material addresses Islamic movements and politics in the last five decades.

11. Course Instructor
    Sena Karasipahi

12. Department Head
    Gary Varner

13. College Dean/Designee
    Date 9/24/2014

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INTS 321: Political Islam and Jihad  
(cross-listed with RELS 321 and HUMA 321)  
Dr. Sena Karasipahi  
Fall 2015

Class: TR 2:20-3:35  
Classroom: HRBB 104  
Office: ACAD 103  
Office Hours: TR 11:12:00  
E-mail: senokam@tamu.edu  
Phone: 845-2124 (INTS main office)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Interaction between Islamic movements and politics in various Middle Eastern countries; the meaning and evolution of jihad; the role of Islam as a tool for political and social mobilization.

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PREREQUISITES

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EXPECTATIONS

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Learning Outcomes. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- recognize and articulate the essential characteristics of political Islam and culture and the worldviews of Islamic societies.
- analyze the historical evolution of Islamic activism and the concept of jihad since the eighteenth century.
- appraise the patterns and interaction between Islamic movements and politics in various Middle Eastern countries in a comparative way to develop an understanding of the role of Islam as a tool for political and social mobilisation.
- analyze the politics of the contemporary Middle East.

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GRADING
Participation in Class: 10%
Oral Presentation: 20%
Midterm: 30%
Final Exam: 40%

Grading Scale:
A: (90-100); B: (80-89); C: (70-79); D: (69-60); F: (59 and Below)

Participation: You are encouraged to read news sources, such as The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Independent, The Christian Science Monitor, The Economist, or the BBC on-line, and bring in current news items for discussion in the beginning of each class. This is an important component of your participation grade.

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Required Books
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http://arabworld.nitle.org/texts.php?module_id=2&reading_id=62&sequence=1

Video: Empire of Faith

Week 2: Islam, Religion, Politics, Society

b) Nazih Ayubi, Political Islam, chs. 1, 3.

Week 3: What is Muslim Politics?


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Week 9: Sources of Political Islam


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