University at Albany – State University of New York

College of Arts and Sciences

Course and Program Action Form

Proposal No. 11-016X

Please check one: [ ] Course Proposal [ ] Program Proposal

Please mark all that apply:

X New Course
Cross-Listing
X Shared-Resources Course w/EAC 471 and HIS 471
Deactivate/Activate Course (boldface & underline as appropriate)

Department: East Asian Studies
Effective Semester, Year: Fall 2011

Course Number Current: ____________________ New: EAC 571 Credits: 3

Course Title: Change in Medieval China

Course Description to appear in Bulletin:
This course focuses on the dramatic change that China underwent between the 8th and the 14th centuries. We will examine this transformation from several historical perspectives: political history, economic history, social history, intellectual history, and cultural history in order to better understand China’s shift from aristocratic to literati society.

Prerequisites statement to be appended to description in Bulletin:
Ability to read Chinese and the equivalent of one of the following courses: A EAS 170, T EAS 105, A EAC 379, A HIS 177, or 379

If S/U is to be designated as the only grading system in the course, check here: ____________________

This course is (will be) cross listed with (i.e., CAS ###): ____________________

This course is (will be) a shared-resources course with (i.e., CAS ###): ____________________

Explanation of proposal:
This graduate course is being created as a shared-resource section of the department’s upper-level seminar “Change in Medieval China.” That course is currently numbered EAC 398, but the department submitted a CAF to raise its level to 400-level (to reflect its more advanced content and prepare it to accommodate this shared-resource section). Although the Department of East Asian Studies does not have its own graduate program, this course is being created to meet the need of the School of Education Educational Theory and Practice Department’s Chinese Language Teacher Certification program. Please see the accompanying e-mail record certifying that ETAP will recognize this course as part of the requirements for its certification program.

Other departments or schools which offer similar or related courses and which have certified that this proposal does not overlap their offering:

Chair of Proposing Department
Anthony DeBlasi ____________________ Date ____________________

Approved by Chair(s) of Departments having cross-listed course(s) [Copy of e-mail approval on following page]:

Gregory Stevers Edgard Wolfert ____________________ Date ____________________

Chair of Academic Programs Committee
James Hariton ____________________ Date 3/2/11

Dean of Graduate Studies ____________________ Date ____________________

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From: Applebee, Arthur N
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:37 AM
To: DeBlasi, Anthony; Monkoff, Carla J
Subject: RE: Chinese Teacher Certification Program

Tony,

Thank you for sharing information on your proposed course changes. Any of these four courses should be acceptable to meet the Chinese language and culture requirement in our M5-ETP program leading to New York State professional certification as a teacher of Chinese.

Arthur

Arthur N. Applebee
Distinguished Professor & Chair
Department of Educational Theory & Practice
University at Albany

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From: DeBlasi, Anthony
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2011 2:58 PM
To: Applebee, Arthur N; Monkoff, Carla J
Subject: Chinese Teacher Certification Program

Hi Arthur and Carla,

At long last, I am putting the graduate sections that we need to service students coming into the Chinese Teacher certification program that we have been discussing for the last couple of years. I am attaching four Course Action Forms for your consideration. I will need an acknowledge from EAP that these courses will be acceptable in the program. This is important since EAS does not have its own graduate program and therefore cannot create graduate sections without evidence that the courses will be acceptable in a preexisting graduate-level program.

To refresh your memories (and mine), these sections would fill the required 6 credits of culture courses required for certification. You will note that all four courses require the ability to read and use Chinese language materials. As Carla and I had discussed in the past, our collective understanding is that state E5 will accept courses taught in English but with evidence of Chinese language content.

Anyway please let me know what you think.

Best,
Tony

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From: Hamm, Richard F
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2011 1:09 PM
To: DeBlasi, Anthony
Cc: Andrea, Irene M; Fogarty, Richard S
Subject: FW: Today’s Meeting
Attachments: EAC 4XX CAF Change in Medieval China.doc; EAJ 4xx CAF Women Modern Japan.doc; EAS 4XX CAF CourseList.doc

Dear Tony, as chair of the History department I am delighted to accept the three course cross listings, for change in Medieval China, Women in Modern Japan and Confucius. By a separate document I sent forth our range of numbers, and hope that the cross listed sections can have the same numbers.

Richard

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EAC 571
Change in Medieval China

Meets XX from X:XX-X:XX in Y

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Office Hours: Tuesday 2:30-4:00 p.m.; Thursday 9:30-11:00 a.m.; and by appointment.

This is a seminar-style course that focuses on the dramatic changes that China underwent between the eighth and the fourteenth centuries. We will examine this transformation from several historical perspectives: political and economic history, social history, intellectual history, and cultural history in order to better understand China's shift from aristocratic to literati society.

Prerequisites
This course assumes that you have already had some exposure to the history of China through one or more courses such as EAC 379 or EAS 177. If you believe that your preparation is not sufficient, please see me as soon as possible so I can give you suggestions for supplementary reading.

Texts available for purchase at the campus bookstore and Mary Jane books in downtown Albany:


ALL OTHER REQUIRED READINGS ARE AVAILABLE VIA THE LIBRARY E-RES SYSTEM OR TRADITIONAL RESERVES.

Optional purchase
For those who need a refresher on Chinese history, I have ordered a limited number of copies of:


Requirements:
Attendance is required at all class meetings.
Research Paper (20-25 pages) 50%
Final Examination 30%
Attendance and Class Participation 20%

Graduate Student Meetings:
The schedule below is for when this course is taught along with EAC 4xx as a shared-resource course. In addition to the regularly scheduled classes for the undergraduates, graduate students will also attend additional one hour graduate sections approximately every other week to discuss additional material beyond that assigned for the undergraduate course. Those graduate students who have the necessary linguistic skills will be assigned appropriate readings in Modern and/or Classical Chinese in lieu of some of the readings listed in the syllabus below.

Research Paper
Each student will research and write a 20-25 page research paper on a topic relevant to medieval China. Before beginning, I must approve your proposal. We will devote time during the semester to learning the basic techniques for doing research on medieval Chinese history.

Seminar Leadership
Graduate students will rotate responsibility for leading the discussion during the supplemental Graduate Student Meetings. Each graduate student will also have responsibility to lead discussion during one of the regular sessions.

Final Examination
There will be a cumulative final examination at the end of the course. A detailed study guide will be distributed in advance to help you prepare.

Class Participation
Since this course is organized as a seminar, it is absolutely imperative that students be committed to ACTIVE class participation. You will be expected to attend all classes (unless you have a legitimate and documented excuse), keep up with assigned readings, and participate frequently in class discussions.

Grading policies:
Please note the following policies:
1. Letter grades are assigned according to the following scale: A=93-100, A-=90-92, B+=87-89, B=83-86, B-=80-82, C+=77-79, C=73-76, C-=70-72, D+=67-69, D=63-66, D-=60-62, E=less than 60. Please note that work never turned in counts as a zero (0).
2. Late papers lose one grade step for each day late (thus a B+ that is two days late receives a B-).
3. I do not give make-up exams unless you have an acceptable and documented excuse (for example, a medical excuse signed by a physician).
4. I will not consider requests for incompletes without a clearly documented and acceptable reason.
5. Plagiarism is using or purchasing the words or ideas of another and passing them off as one's own work. If a student quotes someone in a formal paper, that student must use quotation marks and give a citation. Paraphrased or borrowed ideas are to be identified by proper citations. Plagiarism will result, at the minimum, in a zero (0) for the assignment.
Class Schedule: (Lectures are in **bold**)

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Ebrey, *Inner Quarters.* |
| 13 | Th | Tang and Song Law: Codes and Cases
| 14 | Tu | Varieties of Religion in Medieval China
| 15 | Th | Religious Values in Buddhism
Kieschnick, *The Eminent Monk.* |
| GS 4 | Graduate Session: Hansen, *Changing Gods in Medieval China, 1127-1276* |
| 16 | Tu | Religious Taoism
| 17 | Th | The Medieval Economy |
| 18 | Tu | Medieval Technology Video |
| 19 | Th | Medieval Technology

| GS 5 | Graduate Session:
Denis Twitchett Articles on Market Organization OR
Smith, *Taxing Heaven's Storehouse* |
| 20 | Tu | The Transformation of Chinese Philosophy |
| 21 | Th | The Rise of the “Learning of the Way” |
| 22 | Tu | The “Learning of the Way” in Song China
<p>| GS 6 | Graduate Session: Peter Bol, <em>This Culture of Ours:</em> Intellectual Transitions in Tang and Sung China. |</p>
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       |     | Barnstone et al., *Laughing Lost in the Mountains*, pp.78-81 and 149.  
| 24   | Th  | Tang Poetry  
       |     | **Research Papers due.**  |
| 25   | Tu  | Song Poetry: Theory and Practice  
       |     | Michael Fuller, *The Road to East Slope*, pp.1-8 and 78-118.  
| 26   | Tu  | **Graduate Session:**  
       |     | Owen, *The End of the Chinese Middle Ages*  
       |     | **Final Wrap-up**  |