Modifications to the South Asian Minor Proposal

Below are a few modifications to the South Asian minor proposal in response to the Registrar’s feedback.

1. University policy requires at least 24 credits for a minor. So add:
   
   Students who satisfy the South Asian Experience requirement without taking courses must take an additional 4 credits focused solely on South Asia to bring their total to 24 credits.

2. At least 12 credits must be taken in upper-division coursework at the UO.

3. No more than 8 credits may be taken pass/no pass. Students must earn at least a C- in all letter-graded courses.

4. The language on the required course (p.2) should read:
   
   **Required course:** HIST 386 India or its equivalent. Beginning in 2012-13, Prof. Arafaat Valiani, a new tenure-track hire in History, will offer a regular two-course South Asian History sequence that will supersede HIST 386, which is currently in the UO Catalog. These will be listed as HIST 399s but given regular numbers as soon as the course approval process allows. This formulation provides a mechanism for Valiani’s courses to count for the minor in the meantime. Students are strongly recommended to take both courses in the sequence.

5. Thematic Area A should be renamed “History, Religion, and Philosophy”

Policy question for the Council

University policy states that “Experimental courses…should not be listed as a major or minor requirement.”

Does this rule mean that lists of courses that provide a menu of options to satisfy distribution requirements may not include experimental courses (199s, 399s, 410s, etc.)? Or does this rule apply only to particular courses or sets of courses that are specifically designated as being required?

This rule does not affect the viability of the South Asian minor, though it is clearly the proposers’ intent to include experimental courses among their distribution requirement options and to screen these for appropriateness, particularly as the UO’s coverage of South Asia grows and evolves.