

Board of Trustees Agenda Item

Board Meeting Date: August 6, 2012

Title of Item: Approval of Associate in Arts Degree in History for Transfer (History AA-T)

Background and Analysis:

Foothill seeks board approval for application to the State Chancellor's Office for the associate degree for transfer. This degree meets the requirements established by the State Chancellor's Office in response to SB 1440 to establish a means of simplifying student movement within and between the segments of higher education in California.

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The new degree has been approved by Foothill's curriculum committee and Academic Senate.

Recommendation: Foothill administration recommends approval of the Associate in Arts in History for Transfer Degree (AA-T) Program

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Is backup provided?	Yes

Foothill College
CCC-501: Application for Approval – New Credit Program
Associate in Arts Degree in History for Transfer (History AA-T)

Criteria A: Appropriate to Mission

1. Statement of Program Goals and Objectives

The Associate in Arts in History for Transfer program offers courses that explore political, economic, social and cultural themes of the past with a strong emphasis on global understanding and multi-cultural contributions. Students completing the Associate in Arts in History for Transfer degree will not only be well-prepared to continue their pursuit of a baccalaureate degree in history at four-year institutions, but will also have the foundation to pursue degrees in other liberal arts disciplines.

The history program challenges a diverse student body to achieve academic excellence by developing their critical thinking and communicative skills along with a global understanding of the interaction of political, economic, social and cultural themes through the study of the world's past. Our emphasis is on appreciating and analyzing the historical multicultural contributions to our modern world, social and ethical responsibility, and community involvement.

2. Catalog Description

The Associate in Arts in History for Transfer Degree will prepare students to transfer to many California State Universities (CSUs). Students who complete the Associate in Arts in History for Transfer Degree will be ensured preferential transfer status to CSUs as history majors and majors in related disciplines. The Associate in Arts in History for Transfer degree requirements will fulfill the lower division major requirements at many CSUs. Students are advised, however, to meet with a counselor to assess the course requirements for a specific CSU.

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The student will be required to meet both of the following requirements:

- (1) Completion of 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
 - (a) The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements.
 - (b) A minimum of 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis.
- (2) Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

3. Program Requirements: Completion of a GE pattern (CSU or IGETC) plus 32 units not to exceed 90 units total (*all units are quarter units*).

Required Core Courses: 24 units

HIST 17A	History of the United States to 1816 ♦	4 units
HIST 17B	History of the United States from 1812 to 1914♦	4 units
HIST 17C	History of the United States from 1900 to the Present ♦	4 units
HIST 4A	History of Western Civilization to 800 AD ♦	4 units
HIST 4B	History of Western Civilization 700 – 1800 ♦	4 units
HIST 4C	History of Western Civilization 1789 – Present♦	4 units
or HIST 4CH	Honors History of Western Civilization 1789 – Present ♦	4 units

List B: 2 of the following courses, one from each Group - minimum 8 units**Group 1:**

ANTH 4	First Peoples of North America ♦	4 units
ANTH 6	Peoples of Africa ♦	4 units
ART 2E	A History of Women in Art ♦	4.5 units
or WMN 15	A History of Women in Art ♦	4.5 units
ENGL 12	African American Literature ♦	4 units
ENGL 31	Latino/a Literature ♦	4 units
HIST 8	History of Latin America ♦	4 units
HIST 10	History of California: The Multicultural State ♦	4 units
HIST 18	Introduction to Middle Eastern Civilization ♦	4 units
WMN 5	Introduction to Women's Studies ♦	4 units
WMN 11	Women in Global Perspective ♦	4 units

Group 2:

ANTH 2A	Cultural Anthropology ♦	4 units
ANTH 2B	Patterns of Culture ♦	4 units
GEOG 2	Human Geography ♦	4 units
GEOG 10	World Regional Geography ♦	4 units
HIST 9	History of Contemporary Europe ♦	4 units
or HIST 9H	Honors History of Contemporary Europe ♦	4 units
HIST 20	History of Russia & the Soviet Union ♦	4 units
MUS 8	Music of Multicultural America ♦	4 units
or MUS 8H	Honors Music of Multicultural America ♦	4 units
PHIL 24	Comparative World Religions: East ♦	4 units
PHIL 25	Comparative World Religions: West ♦	4 units
POLI 1	Political Science: Introduction to American Government & Politics ♦	5 units

Required major subtotal:	32-33.5 Units
Completion of CSU GE or IGETC	53-58 Units
Transferable electives (as needed) to complete 90 quarter units:	0-5 Units
Total Units:	90 Units

Note: Courses identified with a ♦ may be double-counted for the major and general education.

4. Background and Rationale:

The Associate in Arts in History for Transfer Degree will offer students a streamlined path for transferring to many CSUs. This degree will satisfy the undergraduate requirements at CSUs for students who are history majors or majors in related disciplines.

Criteria B: Need**6. Place of Program in Curriculum/Similar Programs**

The Associate in Arts in History for Transfer degree specifically prepares students to transfer to a CSU and the CSU system has indicated it will give preference to students transferring to colleges in their system with this degree. The Foothill History Department will also continue to offer an Associate in Arts degree in history that offers a richer variety of history coursework for interested students and better prepares students for upper division and graduate level study in the field of history in colleges or universities outside of the CSU system.

Criteria C: Curriculum Standards

See attachments:

- a. FH-History TMC Template.
- b. Course Outlines of Record
- c. Transfer Applicability Reports

Criteria D: Adequate Resources

No additional resources will be required beyond the college's current resources. This includes: library and learning resources, facilities and equipment, and financial support. All faculty that will teach in this program meet the State minimum qualifications.

Criteria E: Compliance

There are no enrollment restrictions specific to this program. There are no licensing or accrediting standards that apply to this program.