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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal to add GRMN 2400, Improbable Laughter – German Film Comedy, to Area IV, World Languages and Culture, Humanities and the Arts, of the General Education Core Curriculum, has been approved by the General Education Subcommittee and will be an agenda item for the February 12, 2010, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting. Complete course objectives and topical outline for this course are available under Browse in the CAPA system.

Sincerely,

David E. Shipley, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Professor Jere W. Morehead
Dr. Laura D. Jolly

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General Education Curriculum

General Education Core

GRMN 2400 - Improbable Laughter? German Film Comedy

Course Description: German film comedy during the 20th and 21st centuries, accompanied by an introduction to the genre of comedy and theories of laughter and humor. No background knowledge required. All readings and discussions are in English and all films are in English or have English subtitles.

[View complete course information in CAPA](#)

IV. World Languages and Culture, Humanities and the Arts (12 hours)

World Languages, Culture, Literature, and the Arts will be characterized by an understanding and appreciation of the world from different linguistic, cultural, literary and aesthetic perspectives. Participation in Language Communities, Practicum in Service Learning, and Study Abroad Programs are highly desirable components of the learning process that will enable students to communicate successfully in an increasingly cosmopolitan society, and to engage successfully and competently with a globally connected society.

World Languages and Culture (9 hours)

- Ability to appreciate and respect commonality and diversity among people and cultures
- Ability to better understand one's own culture through the study of world cultures and different critical perspectives
- Ability to contribute to the well-being of a globally connected society
- Ability to practice learning outcomes in real-life situations
- Ability to understand that learning, especially language learning, is not a finite process, but a life-long commitment
- Ability to appreciate and pursue the common good over self interest

Humanities and the Arts (3 hours)

- Ability to recognize the aesthetic qualities of literature and the arts as valid and meaningful expressions of the human experience
- Ability to discern the impact and role of artistic and literary production and achievement upon the formation and development of world societies
- Ability to discern the impact and role of literature and the arts upon our understanding of the human condition
- Ability to communicate with others in English, both verbally and nonverbally, in an articulate, clear, and coherent manner
- Ability to analyze and explore rhetorical, ethical, and systematic methods of inquiry