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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences for a new minor in Swahili Language, Literature, and Culture will be an agenda item for the October 9, 2020, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

John Maerz, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

PROPOSAL FOR MINOR PROGRAM OF STUDY

1. **School/College:** Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
2. **Department/Division:** Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies
3. **Minor Name:** Swahili Language, Literature, and Culture
4. **Proposed Effective Date:** Fall 2021
5. **Which campus(es) will offer this program?** Athens
6. **CIP:** 16020101
7. **Program Description:**

The purpose of the minor is to train students in a rapidly expanding global economy to provide them with the opportunity to acquire knowledge that will enable them to work with a Swahili-speaking population that has grown and continues to increase in the United States of America and around the world, with special emphasis on the Swahili language, culture and its people, historical events and their role in shaping current economic, social and political matters, issues of identity, the significance and ways to value diversity, as well as understanding, accepting, valuing and cherishing people from different cultures.

- A minor must contain at least 9 hours of upper division course work.
- Courses taken to satisfy Core Areas I through V may not be counted as course work in the minor.
- Courses taken in Core Area VI may be counted as course work in the minor.
- All courses used to satisfy the minor requirement must be passed with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better.
- At least three of these courses must be taken in residence.

8. Program of Study:

A minor in Swahili Language, Literature, and Culture shall consist of 15 hours.

Required Courses (9 hours):

SWAH 2010, Intermediate Swahili I (3 hours)

SWAH 2020, Intermediate Swahili II (3 hours)

CMLT(SWAH)(AFST)(ANTH) 3001, Culture and Identity Linkages of the Swahili with the Outside World I (3 hours)

Students who use SWAH 2010, SWAH 2020, and/or CMLT(SWAH)(AFST)(ANTH) 3001 to satisfy Area IV requirements may replace these course requirements with up to three additional elective courses from the list below. Students should consult their academic advisor for additional information about selecting replacement elective courses.

Electives (6 hours):

Choose two courses from the following:

CMLT(SWAH)(AFST)(ANTH) 3020, Culture and Identity Linkages of the Swahili with the Outside World II (3 hours)

CMLT(AFST)(AFAM) 3030, Introduction to African Languages and Cultures (3 hours)

CMLT(AFST) 3150, Introduction to Modern African Literature (3 hours)
CMLT(AFST) 3151, Introduction to Modern African Drama (3 hours)
CMLT 4230/6230, African Cinema (3 hours)
CMLT(AFST)(ANTH) 4245/6245, Oral Literature in Africa (3 hours)
CMLT(AFST) 4880/6880, The Origins of African Literature (3 hours)
CMLT(AFST) 4890/6890, Postcolonial African Literature (3 hours)
SWAH 3990(AFAM), Directed Study in Swahili Language and Literature (3 hours)

TOTAL HOURS: 15

Additional Information

Multiple Swahili programs exist across the country, although the size and status of the programs appear to be informal in certain cases. According to our research, only one university in the southeast and three total universities in the country (University of Mississippi, University of Pittsburgh, and Howard University) appear to offer a specific minor in Swahili language or culture.

According to the Pew Research Center, Swahili and other Eastern African languages were the fastest growing languages in the United States between 2016 and 2018, and Georgia currently is the state with the fifth largest population of Swahili speakers in the nation.

The Swahili Program is expected to expand in terms of enrollment and classes, depending on the department's financial availability. There is a strong, vocal demand for a Swahili minor from students who want to utilize it for their careers as bilingual professionals in Georgia working with immigrant populations and positions that require cultural competency to work with internationally emerging markets.

Approvals on File

Proposal: Minor in Swahili Language, Literature, and Culture

College: Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Department: Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2021

Department:

- Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies Department Head, Dr. Masaki Mori, 2/19/20

School/College:

- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Jean Martin-Williams, 9/16/20