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GENERAL STUDIES PROGRAM COURSE PROPOSAL COVER FORM

Courses submitted to the GSC between 2/1 and 4/30 if approved, will be effective the following Spring.
Courses submitted between 5/1 and 1/31 if approved, will be effective the following Fall.

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DATE 2/28/2010

1. ACADEMIC UNIT: SHPRS

2. COURSE PROPOSED: HST 385 History of Chinese Medicine 3

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4. ELIGIBILITY: New courses must be approved by the Tempe Campus Curriculum Subcommittee and must have a regular course number. For the rules governing approval of omnibus courses, contact the General Studies Program Office at 965-0739.

5. AREA(S) PROPOSED COURSE WILL SERVE. A single course may be proposed for more than one core or awareness

area. A course may satisfy a core area requirement and more than one awareness area requirements concurrently, but may not satisfy requirements in two core areas simultaneously, even if approved for those areas. With departmental consent, an approved General Studies course may be counted toward both the General Studies requirement and the major program of study. (Please submit one designation per proposal)

Core Areas

- Literacy and Critical Inquiry—L
- Mathematical Studies—MA CS
- Humanities, Fine Arts and Design—HU
- Social and Behavioral Sciences—SB
- Natural Sciences—SQ SG

Awareness Areas

- Global Awareness—G
- Historical Awareness—H
- Cultural Diversity in the United States—C

6. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED.

(1) Course Description
(2) Course Syllabus
(3) Criteria Checklist for the area
(4) Table of Contents from the textbook used, if available

7. In the space provided below (or on a separate sheet), please also provide a description of how the course meets the specific criteria in the area for which the course is being proposed.

CROSS-LISTED COURSES: [ ] No [ ] Yes; Please identify courses: 

Is this an upper division course?: [ ] No [ ] Yes; Is it governed by a common syllabus? 

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Kent Wright

Chair/Director  (Print or Type)
Date: 3/8/10

Chair/Director  (Signature)
HST 385—History of Chinese Medicine

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Rationale and Objectives

The lack of historical awareness on the part of contemporary university graduates has led recent studies of higher education to call for the creation and development of historical consciousness in undergraduates now and in the future. From one perspective historical awareness is a valuable aid in the analysis of present-day problems because historical forces and traditions have created modern life and lie just beneath its surface. From a second perspective, the historical past is an indispensable source of national identity and of values which facilitate social harmony and cooperative effort. Along with this observation, it should be noted that historical study can produce intercultural understanding by tracing cultural differences to their origins in the past. A third perspective on the need for historical awareness is summed up in the aphorism that he who fails to learn from the past is doomed to repeat it. Teachers of today's students know well that those students do not usually approach questions of war and peace with any knowledge of historic concord, aggression, or cruelty, including even events so recent as Nazi and Stalinist terror.

The requirement of a course which is historical in method and content presumes that "history" designates a sequence of past events or a narrative whose intent or effect is to represent such a sequence. The requirement also presumes that these are human events and that history includes all that has been felt, thought, imagined, said, and done by human beings. The opportunities for nurturing historical consciousness are nearly unlimited. History is present in the languages, art, music, literatures, philosophy, religion, and the natural sciences, as well as in the social science traditionally called History.
Proposer: Please complete the following section and attach appropriate documentation.

### ASU- [H] CRITERIA

**THE HISTORICAL AWARENESS [H] COURSE MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

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**THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE:**

- Courses in which there is only chronological organization.
- Courses which are exclusively the history of a field of study or of a field of artistic or professional endeavor.
- Courses whose subject areas merely occurred in the past.
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Explain in detail which student activities correspond to the specific designation criteria. Please use the following organizer to explain how the criteria are being met.

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Instructor: Dr. Jun-Ping Xu

Time: T & Th 4:30-5:45

Classroom: SS 234

Office hours: Fridays 4:30-5:30 or by appointment  junping.xu@asu.edu

Location: Wilson Hall  Room 315

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In the process, you will be challenged to wrestle with such questions as:

1. How did Chinese traditions of medicine evolve?
2. How did socioeconomic, political, and culture contexts impact conceptions of medicine in ancient China (pre-Qin dynasty)?
3. What was considered good medicine or a good doctor?
4. How and why was China such a fertile ground for creative thinking and inventions during the ancient and medieval periods?
5. How did Chinese Medicine develop systemically? Who were the critical contributors in development of the theories of Chinese Medicine and acupuncture in this period?
6. How did Chinese Medicine assimilate the treatment techniques and herbs from other medicines?
7. What are the major differences in comprehension of the internal organs in human body between Chinese and western medicines?
8. How had human body organs being understood in Chinese Medicine? What did the different methodologies use in western medicine?
9. How did thinking about nature and medicine evolve differently in ancient China, Greece and Roma?
10. How did the theory of the Five-Elements inference the development of ancient Chinese culture and medicine?
11. How did ancient Chinese great inventions about paper production and print technology help the popularization of Chinese Medicine?
12. What are the major differences in therapeutic principles between Chinese and Western medicines?
13. What was the different thought in causes of diseases between Chinese medicine and Western medicine?
14. What are the characteristics in syndrome differentiation by Chinese medicine?
15. How has traditional medicine been changing in contemporary China?
16. Why had Chinese traditions of discovery and invention encountered developmental problems by the time the Jesuits brought European science and medicine at the end of the 16th century?
17. How do traditional and modern, Chinese and Euro-American, medicine suggests different patterns of analysis and problem solving?
18. How have Chinese and Western traditions interacted since the end of the sixteenth century?
19. What are the future prospects for Chinese medicine?

Course Requirements:

Students are required to attend class regularly and participate fully. There will be a bi-weekly writing assignment and once research seminar. In addition, there will be a midterm examination, and final essay. Besides class lectures, the course also encourages student discussion. These discussion sessions serve as an important part of the course and are held during the last 15 minutes of each lecture. Students are required to finish the assigned readings for that week before the discussion section, and to be prepared to talk during the discussion session. Papers (approximately 500 or 1000-characters long) and seminar (25–30 min.) are required to be submitted in Chinese, and may include quotes from the weekly readings (although the use of
these quotes should be brief). Papers submitted late, without an acceptable excuse (e.g., a documented medical emergency) will be lowered one letter grade.

**Grading:**
Participation: 10%
Papers: 40%
Seminar: 15%
Discussion Section: 15%
Written quiz: 20%

**Academic Honesty:** All work in this course must be original. Plagiarism and other forms of cheating will not be permitted. Students who plagiarize an assignment will be given a zero for that assignment. No student may turn in an assignment that is substantially similar to that of any other student.

**Course Outline (Tentative Schedule)**

**Week-1:** Introduction of the origin of Chinese medicine in ancient China (pre-Qin dynasty). Introduction of the most famous legends about Suirenshi, Fuxi, Shennong-Yandi, Huangdi, and Bian-Que, and some early archaeological evidence.

Reading:
2. 傅维康：中国医学史，Chapters 1 and 2, pp. 1-41.

**Week-2 and 3:** The theories of Yin-Yang and essential qi, ancient Chinese philosophical concepts of native dialectics, expressing the law of the unity of opposites and explaining the formation of the universe by an invisible substance called qi. The ceaseless movement of qi causes all kinds of changes, and the essential part of qi gives rise to life.

Reading:
1. Nathan Sivin, Traditional Medicine in Contemporary China, Chapter II, pp.43-70. and Yin-yang, pp. 203-207.
3. Chen-Yu Li et al, Fundamentals of Chinese Medicine, Chapter One, pp. 3-9, and Chapter Two,
WEEK 4: The development of Chinese Medicine in the Qin, Han, and Jin dynasties. 
Introduction of the meridian theory and circulation (The Channels on acupuncture)

Reading:
1. Unschuld, Chapter 3, The Medicine of systematic Correspondence, pp. 51-100.
2. Unschuld, part of Chapter 4-6, Taoist and Buddhist Medicine, pp. 101-153.
4. 傅维康：中国医学史，Chapters 3 and 4, pp. 42-157.
5. Xiao-hui He, The Fundamental of Chinese Medical Theories, 中医基础理论 Chapter 4, pp. 104-123.

WEEK 5: 1) Review and discussing ancient Chinese philosophies and their medical explanation.
2) Comparison the genesis and early development of medicines between Chinese and other countries in the world.

Reading:
1. Review all above corresponding materials.
2. Internet search: Empedocles, Hippocrates, and Galen, C.
3. Shigeheisa Kuriyama, Styles of Touching in Western and Chinese Medical Traditions, Chapters 1 and 2, pp. 7-108.

Required Paper-2 (500 Chinese words): The Characters of Chinese Medicine development in the Qin, Han, and Jin dynasties.
**Week-6: Student Seminar**

1) Introduce ancient Indian Medicine (30min. + 10min.)
2) Introduce ancient Greece Medicine (30min. + 10min.)
3) Introduce the characters of Western Medicine in beginning era. (30min. + 10min.)

**Week-7:** The theory of the Five-Elements, one of the basic theories in traditional Chinese medicine, introduced from ancient natural philosophy concerning the composition and evolution of the physical universe.

Reading:
1. Nathan Silvin, Traditional Medicine in Contemporary China, Chapter II, pp.70-80 and the Five Phases pp. 208-211.

Required Paper-3 (Over 750 Chinese words): The Medicinal Characters of Chinese Philosophy regarding Yin-Yang and Essential Qi

**Week-8:** 1) The development of Chinese Medicine in the Sui, and Tang Dynasties. 2) The theory of the Five Zang Organs, the five Zang internal organs that produce, transform and store essential Qi, and the six Fu internal organs that receive, contain and transmit food and drink.

Reading:
1. Unschuld, part of Chapter 4-6, Taoist and Buddhist Medicine, pp. 101-153.
2. 傅维康：中国医学史，Chapters 5, pp. 158-214.
5. Chen-Yu Li et al, Fundamentals of Chinese Medicine, Chapter Four, pp. 65-93.
**Week-9:** 1) The development of Chinese Medicine in the Song, Jin, and Yuan Dynasties. The propagation and inferences of Chinese Medicine in East Asia 2) Explanation of diagnostic process in Chinese Medicine.

Reading:
1. Unschuld, Chapter 7, Medical Thought during the Song Era, pp. 154-188.
2. 傅维康：中国医学史，Chapters 5, pp. 215-298.
3. Nathan Sivin, The Four Methods of Examination, pp.291-328


**Week-10:** Student Seminar:
1) Introduce Ancient Islamic Medicine (30min. + 10min.)
2) Introduce the important contributors in development of Western Medicine (30min. + 15min.)
3) Introduce the propagation and inferences of Chinese Medicine in East Asia. (30min. + 15min.)

**Week-11:** The theory of the causes of disease. The syndrome differentiation and principles of Treatment

Reading:
2. Nathan Sivin, Manifestation Type Determination, pp. 329-348.
4. Chen-Yu Li et al, Fundamentals of Chinese Medicine, Chapter Five, pp. 95-108, and Chapter Seven, pp. 159-188.

Required Paper-5 (500 Chinese words): The Characters of Chinese Medicine development in the
Song, Jin, and Yuan Dynasties.

**Week-12:** 1) Comparison the development of medicines between Chinese and western medicines in the corresponding period (581-960). 2) Methods of treatment and prescription.

Reading:
1. Shigehisa Kuriyama, Styles of Touching in Western and Chinese Medical Traditions, Chapters 1 and 2, pp.1-110.

**Week-13:** The development of Chinese medicine in the Ming and Qing dynasties as well as the Republican Era.

Reading:
1. Unschuld, Chapter 8, Medical Thought in Late Imperial China, pp. 189-228.
2. 傅维康：中国医学史，Chapters 7 and 8, pp.299-441.

Required Paper-6 (500 Chinese words): The Characters of Chinese Medicine development in the Ming and Qing dynasties as well as in Republican Era.

**Week-14:** 1) Basic knowledge about Chinese herbs and the role of prescription in Chinese medicine. 2) Chinese Medicine in 20th Century China and Contemporary developments.

Reading:
1. Unschuld, Medicine in Twentieth-Century China, Chapter 9, pp.229-261.
2. 傅维康：中国医学史，Chapters 9, pp. 483-535.
3. 成都中医药大学主编, 中药学 (Chinese Herbs) Chapters 4-6.
**Week-15**: 1) Struggles in the field of Chinese medicine after the popularization of modern medicine in China. 2) Discussion of the major characteristics of Chinese Medicine.

Reading:
3. Shigehisa Kuriyama, Styles of Touching in Western and Chinese Medical Traditions, Chapters 3 and 4, pp.111-192


Reading:
1. Shigehisa Kuriyama, Styles of Touching in Western and Chinese Medical Traditions, Chapters 5 and 6, pp.195-273.
2. The corresponding topics searched in Chinese Medicine website.

Required Final Paper (over 1000 Chinese words):