Notice of Change for: The Hunger Studies minor

Date: 10/14/2016

A. PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Name of institution
   University of Rhode Island

2. Name of department, division, school or college
   Department: Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America
   College: Arts & Sciences

3. Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.
   Initiation date: Spring 2017
   First degree date: Spring 2017

4. Intended location of the program
   Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America (Tyler Hall, rm. 201)

5. Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).

   The Hunger Studies Minor is an interdisciplinary program that allows students to study an existing social problem in its full complexity. Students not only build on skills from within their major but are challenged to explore how other disciplines view the problem of hunger, and to integrate those viewpoints into their own work. Through course work, experiential learning and internships, students develop skills to become effective leaders in their communities in the fight against hunger...leaders with the knowledge, skills and motivation to make a difference in the world. The Hunger Studies Minor is set up to be flexible and allow for students of various majors to gain knowledge and experience in new areas of study. There are three core courses (9 credits) that all students declaring the minor must complete (HSS/PSY 130G, HDF 434 or HDF 434H, and a related Internship). The remaining 9 credits are taken from pre-approved electives and may come from several different fields of study.
The overall structure and general requirements for the Hunger Studies minor will remain the same, however changes at the level of the courses approved for the minor are necessary. First, one of the core courses, HSS/PSY 130 (now HSS/PSY 130 G) has been modified and approved for the new general education program. The course fully covers the Social and Behavioral Sciences and Civic Knowledge and Responsibility learning outcomes. In addition, the courses listed as approved electives for the Hunger studies minor have been updated in order to reflect changes in course offerings over time, and changes in courses that have been modified or proposed and approved for the new general education program.

Courses to be removed from the list of approved electives are: CPL 210, CPL/NRS 300 HDF 498, HSS 120, PLS 305, PSC 221,

Courses to be added to the list of approved electives are: AFS/AVS/PLS 132G or AFS/AVS/PLS 132GH, COM/SUS 108G, GWS/APG/SOC 308, NFS 212G, PSC 113, and SOC 212. Corresponding department chairs were contacted and permission was granted to include each of these courses in the list of approved electives for the Hunger Studies Minor. In addition, NFS 276 has been updated in the course list to NFS 276G. Catalog language and content has been modified to reflect these changes below.

6. If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog changes indicated in Track Changes.

Hunger Studies

In addition to fulfilling all the basic requirements for a minor (see Minor Fields of Study), students who declare a minor in hunger studies must complete the following requirements:

This minor intends to prepare students for leadership roles in understanding and eradicating hunger. Requirements include 18 credits (at least 12 at the 200-level or above), nine of which will be core courses, including the introductory course HSS/PSY 130G; up to three 1-3-credit internships; and a 3-credit capstone course HDF 434, which will include one credit for portfolio development. No course may be used for both the major and minor. Courses in general education may be used for the minor.

All courses must be taken for a grade, except for the internship and portfolio credits, and a grade of 2.00 or better must be earned in each graded course. To declare this minor, a student must have the approval of a program advisor and an academic advisor. For more information, contact Professor Kathleen Gorman, Director, Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America, 201 Tyler Hall.
Core courses: 9 credits; HSS/PSY 130G (3 credits), Internship (total of 3 credits), HDF 434 (3-credit capstone to include 1 credit for portfolio development). Optional: URI 101 with a focus on hunger/social justice (1 credit).

Electives: 9 credits; may be focused on a particular theme. Approved electives include AFS/AVS/PLS 132 HG or AFS/AVS/PLS 132 GH; COM/SUS 108-G; GWS/APG/SOC 308; CPL 210; CPL/NRS 300; NFS 212G, 276G, 394, 395; HDF 357, 414, 498; HSS 120; PHL 217; PLS 305; PSC 113; 221 SOC 212.

7. Signature of the President

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David M. Dooley
August 31, 2016

Dr. Rosaria Pisa  
Director, Gender & Women’s Studies

Dear Professor Pisa,

I am writing in regard to the interdisciplinary Hunger Studies Minor offered at URI through the Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America. We are currently expanding and updating the list of approved electives for the minor.

We would like to include the following course from Gender & Women’s Studies:

GWS/APG/SOC 308 – Sustainable Agriculture and Food Cultures

If you approve of this addition, please sign below and return, acknowledging your approval for the above course to be listed as an approved elective for the Hunger Studies Minor.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to email (kgorman@uri.edu) or call (874-9089).

Thank you,

Kathleen Gorman, Ph.D.  
Director, Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America

I acknowledge the addition of the above course(s) to the list of approved electives for the Hunger Studies Minor

Signature: ___________________________  
Date: ___________________________
August 31, 2016

Dr. Kevin McClure
Department Chair, Communication Studies

Dear Professor McClure,

I am writing in regard to the interdisciplinary Hunger Studies Minor offered at URI through the Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America. We are currently expanding and updating the list of approved electives for the minor.

We would like to include the following course from Communication Studies:

COM/ECN/SUS 108 G- Spaceship Earth: An Introduction to Systems

If you approve of this addition, please sign below and return, acknowledging your approval for the above course to be listed as an approved elective for the Hunger Studies Minor.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to email (kgorman@uri.edu) or call (874-9089).

Thank you,

Kathleen Gorman, Ph.D.
Director, Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America

I acknowledge the addition of the above course(s) to the list of approved electives for the Hunger Studies Minor

Signature ____________________________ Date 9/12/16

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Dr. Leo Carroll  
Department Chair, Sociology and Anthropology

Dear Professor Carroll,

I am writing in regard to the interdisciplinary Hunger Studies Minor offered at URI through the Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America. We are currently expanding and updating the list of approved electives for the minor.

We would like to include the following courses from Sociology:

- SOC/AAF 336 – Social Inequality
- SOC 212 – Families in Society

If you approve of these additions, please sign below and return, acknowledging your approval for the above courses to be listed as an approved elective for the Hunger Studies Minor.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to email (kgorman@uri.edu) or call (874-9089).

Thank you,

Kathleen Gorman, Ph.D.
Director, Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America

I acknowledge the addition of the above course(s) to the list of approved electives for the Hunger Studies Minor

Signature

Date

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Dr. Cathy English  
Department Chair, Nutrition & Food Sciences

Dear Professor English,

I am writing in regard to the interdisciplinary Hunger Studies Minor offered at URI through the Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America. We are currently expanding and updating the list of approved electives for the minor.

Currently, NFS 276 (Now NFS 276 G), 394, and 395 are listed as approved electives. We would like to keep these courses as approved electives and add the following course from Nutrition and Food Sciences:

NFS 212 - Public Health Nutrition

If you approve of this addition, please sign below and return, acknowledging your approval for the above course to be listed as an approved elective for the Hunger Studies Minor.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to email (kgorman@uri.edu) or call (874-9089).

Thank you,

Kathleen Gorman, Ph.D.  
Director, Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America

I acknowledge the addition of the above course(s) to the list of approved electives for the Hunger Studies Minor

Signature  
9-8-16  
Date

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Dr. Brian Krueger  
Department Chair, Political Science

Dear Professor Krueger,

I am writing in regard to the interdisciplinary Hunger Studies Minor offered at URI through the Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America. We are currently expanding and updating the list of approved electives for the minor.

Currently PSC 420 and 485 are listed as approved electives. We will be removing 420 (Non Violence and Change in the Nuclear Age) and 485 (The Politics of Children's Rights), as they are no longer offered.

We would like to add the following course from Political Science:

PSC 113- Introduction to American Politics

If you approve of this addition, please sign below and return, acknowledging your approval for the above course to be listed as an approved elective for the Hunger Studies Minor.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to email (kgorman@uri.edu) or call (874-9089).

Thank you,

Kathleen Gorman, Ph.D.  
Director, Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America

I acknowledge the addition of the above course[s] to the list of approved electives for the Hunger Studies Minor

Signature

Date 9-6-16
August 31, 2016

Dr. Marta Gomez-Chiarri  
Department Chair, Fisheries, Animal and Veterinary Sciences

Dear Professor Gomez-Chiarri,

I am writing in regard to the interdisciplinary Hunger Studies Minor offered at URI through the Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America. We are currently expanding and updating the list of approved electives for the minor.

We would like to include the following course from Fisheries, Animal and Veterinary Sciences:

AFS/AVS 132 HG- Sustainable agriculture, food systems & society

If you approve of this addition, please sign below and return, acknowledging your approval for the above course to be listed as an approved elective for the Hunger Studies Minor.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to email (kgorman@uri.edu) or call (874-9089).

Thank you,

Kathleen Gorman, Ph.D.  
Director, Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America

I acknowledge the addition of the above course(s) to the list of approved electives for the Hunger Studies Minor

Signature  
9/12/16 Date
Dr. Karen McCurdy  
Department Chair, Human Development and Family Studies  
kmccurdy@uri.edu

I am writing in regards to the interdisciplinary Hunger Studies Minor offered at URI through the Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America. We are currently expanding and updating the list of approved electives for the minor.

Currently, HDF 498: *Leadership for activism and social change*, is listed as an approved elective. We would like to keep this course as an approved elective but update it to reflect the change in course number:

**HDF 414: Leadership for activism and social change**

Please sign below and return if you approve of this change or advise if you see any potential issues with the above courses being listed as approved electives for the Hunger Studies Minor.

Thank you,

Kathleen Gorman  
*Director, Feinstein Center for a Hunger-Free America*

I acknowledge the addition of the above course(s) to the list of approved electives for the Hunger Studies Minors

*Signature*  
11/30/16  
*Date*
Dr. Dunsworth  
Department Chair, Sociology  
Holly_dunsworth@uri.edu

Dear Professor Dunsworth,

I am writing in regards to the Interdisciplinary Hunger Studies Minor offered at URI through the Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America. We are currently expanding and updating the list of approved electives for the minor.

We would like permission to include the following course:

GWS/APG/SOC 308: Sustainable agriculture and food cultures

We have secured the signature from GWS but now need the signature from SOC. Please sign below and return if you approve of this change or advise if you see any potential issues with the above courses being listed as approved electives for the Hunger Studies Minor.

Thank you,

[Signature]
Kathleen Gorman, Ph.D.  
Director, Feinstein Center for a Hunger-Free America

I acknowledge the addition of the above course(s) to the list of approved electives for the Hunger Studies Minors

[Signature]  
Date: 12/15/16

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Dr. Mitkowski  
Department Chair, Plant Sciences  
mitkowski@uri.edu

Dear Professor Mitkowski,

I am writing in regards to the interdisciplinary Hunger Studies Minor offered at URI through the Feinstein Center for a Hunger-Free America. We are currently expanding and updating the list of approved electives for the minor.

We would like permission to include the following course:

**APS/AVS/PLS 132 GH:** Sustainable agriculture, food systems and society

We have the required signatures from APS and AVS but now need PLS. Please sign below and return if you approve of this change or advise if you see any potential issues with the above courses being listed as approved electives for the Hunger Studies Minor.

Thank you,

[Signature]

Kathleen Gorman, Ph.D.  
Director, Feinstein Center for a Hunger-Free America

I acknowledge the addition of the above course(s) to the list of approved electives for the Hunger Studies Minors.

[Signature]  
12/30/2016

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