



**COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING AND REVIEW**

16-17 CAPR 16  
May 4, 2017

**TO:** The Academic Senate  
**FROM:** The Committee on Academic Planning Review (CAPR)  
**SUBJECT:** 16-17 CAPR 16: AGES merger/new unit request  
**PURPOSE:** For Action by the Senate  
**ACTION REQUESTED:** That the Academic Senate approve AGES's request for moving INTS from POSC to AGES; upon approval of the President

**BACKGROUND:**

At CAPR's May 4, 2017 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved the Anthropology, Geography and Environmental Studies (AGES) request to move International Studies (INTS) from Political Science (POSC) to AGES. POSC was consulted and approves of the request, and this change would serve to formally recognize an existing arrangement between the two departments. There are no resource implications.

CIC reviewed and accepted the AGES request at their meeting on 10/2/17 with no questions or objections.

# International Studies Program (Department of AGES) - Merger/New Unit

## oA. Request for Approval of Formation, Dissolution, Name Change or Merger of Academic Units

### General Catalog Information

**\*\*\*READ BEFORE YOU BEGIN\*\***

Use this form to request the formation of a new unit (i.e. school, college, or department), the dissolution or merger of a unit, or to change the name of a current unit.

**STEP ONE:** Please see the [Formation, Dissolution, Name Change or Merger of Academic Units Policy](#) for more details.

**STEP TWO:** Please turn on Help Text for this form by selecting the Show Help Text icon  above this section of the form then complete the following fields.

Current  
Department/Unit  
Name\*

International Studies Program

Type of Change  
Requested:\*

Merger/New Unit

If Merger, please  
indicate  
departments/unit  
being merged:

Department

New  
Department/Unit  
Name (or current  
name if not  
changing unit  
name):\*

International Studies Program (Department of AGES)

Proposed  
Effective Term of  
the Change:\*

01/01/2017

### CRITERIA OR REASON FOR THIS ACTION

#### A. Mission of the Academic Unit:

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**How does the proposed name/unit more clearly fit the mission of the academic unit?\***

INTS should be moved from POSC to AGES for both administrative and pedagogical reasons. It has unofficially been a part of AGES since Norm Bowen retired and Michael Lee became the program director. Andrew Wong, another AGES faculty member, is currently serving as the interim director. AGES is a natural home for INTS as it comprises three disciplines that address global issues and offers many courses that are of interest to INTS majors. INTS's core mission is to help students develop cross-cultural competencies and gain an in-depth understanding of global political, economic, cultural, and geographic systems including their interconnections and sustainability. This is very much in line with what AGES strives to do.

**Does the change reflect a change in the unit's mission?\***

No.

## **B. Curricular Implications:**

**Does the new name/unit reflect past changes in curriculum?\***

No.

**Does it reflect plans for future curriculum changes?\***

No, not in the near future. In the long run, ANTH, GEOG, ENVT, and INTS will possibly develop new courses that will appeal to majors in all four programs.

**Do any planned changes impinge on other academic units?\***

No. This change will benefit POSC as INTS is already a de facto AGES program. After the move, POSC will no longer need to deal with administrative matters related to INTS.

**Which other units have been consulted?\***

POSC.

**What are the plans for avoiding unnecessary duplication?\***

There will be no unnecessary duplications. This move merely serves to formally recognize an existing arrangement.

### **C. Effect on the University:**

**How will the new name/unit assist students in finding the program they need?\***

The current director of the program is an AGES faculty member. Moving INTS from POSC to AGES will make it easier for students to find the program.

**How does the new name/unit make clear the differences between the academic unit and others in the University?\***

There will not be a new name/unit. This move merely serves to formally recognize an existing arrangement.

**What are the resource/cost implications of the change?\***

There are no resource/cost implications of the change.

**Will there be any effect on retention, promotion, and tenure policies?\***

No.

**For formation/merger how will the unit head be determined?\***

INTS will continue to be run by the program director, and the unit head will be the AGES chair.

#### **D. Comparisons:**

**What names are  
used for  
comparable  
academic units  
in other  
Universities in  
the CSU System  
and nationwide?**  
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N/A - no name change