

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 5 – H

DATE: January 23, 2020

SUBJECT

New Prefix Request – NSU

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[AAC Guideline 1.10](#) – New Prefix Request

[AAC Guideline 1.10.A](#) – Approved Course Prefix List

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

All courses offered within the Regental system, whether experimental, unique, or common, must use an approved prefix. However, a course prefix need not reflect the name of the department offering the course.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

Northern State University has submitted a request for authority to create the following new prefix.

- INDG: Native and Indigenous Studies

This new prefix is designed for the use with NSU's newly revised Native and Indigenous Studies minor. Current prefixes within the system are AIS (American Indian Studies) and NATV (Native American Studies); however, they do not allow the study of indigenous knowledge, perspectives, and cultures beyond North and South America.

Board staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – New Prefix Request Form: NSU – INDG

DRAFT MOTION

Approve NSU's request to create and utilize the new prefix INDG (Native and Indigenous Studies).



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New Prefix Request

Use this form to request a new prefix not currently in use within the system. Consult the Approved Course Prefix List in AAC Guidelines for information about existing courses and prefixes.

NSU	History and Social Sciences	<i>Michael Wenous</i>	12/18/2019
Institution	Division/Department	Institutional Approval Signature	Date

1. What is the proposed prefix? INDG – Native and Indigenous Studies

2. Has the university consulted the existing list of approved prefixes in the Academic Affairs Council (AAC) guidelines to determine if the proposed prefix is in use?

☒ Yes ☐ No

3. Do the courses associated with the new prefix represent a discipline/program offered by more than one Regental institution?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, have the other institutions reviewed this request (explain below)?

4. Courses in the new prefix

4.1. How many courses are proposed for the new prefix?¹ 10

4.2. How many of the proposed new courses are in the x9x series? 4

5. Provide a brief rationale for the new prefix below:

Our proposed prefix, INDG, is designed for the use with our newly revised Native and Indigenous Studies minor. Current prefixes within the system are AIS (American Indian Studies) and NATV (Native American Studies) do not allow us to study indigenous knowledge, perspectives, and cultures beyond North and South America. In a global world, it is important for students to have a broader perspective and understanding of the similar and different contexts, histories, issues, and policies that indigenous people face across the world. One of Northern State University's strategic goals is: "Strategic Priority #4 Prepare students for success in an increasingly global culture by coupling a solid foundation in critical thinking and communications with international learning opportunities and up-to date technologies." Revising our minor and the use of this prefix with these courses is an important step toward that goal.

¹ NOTE: AAC guidelines state a minimum of four courses must be attached to the new prefix request; exceptions require approval of the System Chief Academic Officer.

Courses proposed under this new prefix include:

INDG 265: Global Indigenous Media

INDG 333: Federal Indian Law

INDG 335: Native Identity and Resiliency

INDG 361: Traveling Classroom – A Native Cultural Immersion Experience

INDG 368: History and Culture of the American Indian

INDG 404: Issues in Contemporary Native and Indigenous Life

INDG 292 Topics

INDG 391 Independent Study

INDG 492 Topics

INDG 496 Field Experience