

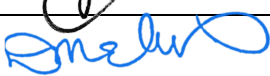
**College of Micronesia-FSM
Program Modification Request**

Program: Associate of Arts in Micronesian Studies	Initiator: Karen Kun Lun Tu												
Suggested revisions and justifications: 1. “Good citizenship in the FSM” is hard to evaluate objectively. 2. The instructors cannot easily assess or measure the Outcome in the other Micronesian Studies courses. 3. The language of the outcome raises bias for a non-Micronesian student. 4. The current 4 PSLOs already cover all 9 major required courses. There is no immediate need to keep the 5th PSLO. 5. Can be covered in PSLO3 in the form of case study or PSLO 4 as a research.													
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	explains political, economic, governmental, social, and cultural phenomenon of the Micronesian islands and other entities. - Students can write a critical paper about Micronesian issues using interpreted data collected through research. - Students have effective interpersonal skills in collecting and communicating course content of Micronesian studies. - Students value and respect their roles as citizens. - To empower Micronesian communities and students to contribute actively to sustainable development and cultural resilience while honoring their unique heritage.		
Program Learning Outcomes	- Demonstrate the ability to read, speak and write critically and effectively in English about Micronesian Studies Program course content. - Demonstrate proficiency in the geographical, historical, and cultural literacy of the Micronesian region. - Demonstrate proficient knowledge of the structure and functions of the government and social, political, and economic issues concerning the Micronesian Studies course content. - Demonstrate the ability to perform research and write papers relevant to Micronesia using different methods and technologies. - Demonstrate an appreciation of the requirements of good citizenship in the FSM.	- Demonstrate the ability to read, speak and write critically and effectively in English about Micronesian Studies Program course content. - Demonstrate proficiency in the geographical, historical, and cultural literacy of the Micronesian region. - Demonstrate proficient knowledge of the structure and functions of the government and social, political, and economic issues concerning the Micronesian Studies course content. - Demonstrate the ability to perform research and write papers relevant to Micronesia using different methods and technologies.	

Program Requirements	General Education Core Requirements (29 Credits) English (9 credits) EN 110 Advanced Reading (3); EN 120a Expository Writing I (3); EN 120b Expository Writing II (3) Mathematics (3 credits) Any 100 level or above mathematics course Natural Sciences (7 credits) A science course with Laboratory or AG 101, AG 110 or AG 140 (4); A non-lab science (3) Social Sciences (3 credits) SS 150 History of Micronesia (3) Computer Applications (3 credits) CA 100 Computer Literacy (3) Exercise Sports Science (1 credit) Humanities (3 credits) Any course in art, music, history, culture, literature, philosophy, or language	None
	Major Requirements: 27 credits SS 101 Introduction to Political Science (3); SS 120 Introduction to Geography (3); SS 125 Pacific Geography (3); SS 195 Micronesian Cultural Studies (3); SS 200 Research Methods (3); SS 205 Micronesian Government and Politics (3); SS 212 Economy of Micronesia (3); SS 220 Contemporary Issues in Micronesia (3); SS 280 Directed Study: Selected Topics (3)	None

	Open elective: 6 Credits Graduation requirements: 62 credits	
Suggested Schedule	(Year 1) Fall Semester (15 credits.) EN 110 Advanced Reading (3) EN 120a Expository Writing I (3) MS 100 College Algebra (3) SS 150 History of Micronesia (3) CA 100 Computer Literacy (3) Spring Semester (15 credits.) EN 120b Expository Writing II (3) SS 101 Introduction to Political Science (3) SS 120 Introduction to Geography (3) Humanities Elective (3) Non-lab Science or Agriculture (3)	None
	Summer Session (6 credits) SS 125 Geography of the Pacific Islands (3) Open Elective (3)	None
	(Year 2) Fall Semester (16 Credits) SS 212 Economy of Micronesia (3) Science with lab (4) SS 200 Research Methods (3) SS 205 Micro Government & Politics (3) SS 195 Micronesian Cultural Studies (3) Spring Semester (12 Credits) Open Elective (3) SS 212 Economy of Micronesia (3) SS 220 Contemporary Issues in Micronesia. (3) SS 280 Directed Study: Selected Topics (3)	None
Summary of consultation within the division:		

Summary of consultation with other campuses where this program is offered: The proposal was shared with faculty members of the Micronesian studies program. Proposed changes were collectively agreed upon.	
Instructional Coordinator/Campus Dean signature:	Date submitted to CC:
Decision reached by CC: ☒ Approved Endorsed ☐ Disapproved Not Endorsed	
If not approved, reasons for disapproval:	
CC Chair signature:  11-Dec-2024	Date submitted to VPIA:
VPIA signature: 	Date submitted to EC: 11/04/2025
EC Chair signature:	Date signed/or date submitted for BOR approval, if required:
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