

# OVERSEAS STUDIES PANEL

## REPORT

JANUARY 2007

### NEW SEMESTER/YEAR PROGRAMS

#### I. VITERBI SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Req. by Louise Yates  
Eff. Fall 2007

**A. Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore** *[12-16 units per semester]*  
Semester or year program for Engineering majors entering their junior or senior year.

The exchange program is intended to provide opportunities for engineering students satisfy technical electives or approved degree requirements through attendance at NTU in Singapore. Courses would have to be approved as satisfying degree requirements in the student's respective department. Ideally, students would also supplement their technical courses with cultural, international relations or global technology courses and will be encouraged to do so. One unit at NTU gets 1 unit at USC; a C- is needed for credit. USC already has an exchange program at NTU through Annenberg.

**B. National University of Singapore (NUS)** *[12-16 units per semester]*  
Semester or year program for Engineering majors entering their junior or senior year.

The exchange program is intended to provide opportunities for engineering students satisfy technical electives or approved degree requirements through attendance at NUS in Singapore. Students will be expected to enroll in 4 – 5 courses, including 4 in their engineering major as approved by their department faculty and advisors. Actual courses would have to be approved as satisfying degree requirements in the student's respective department. Ideally, students would also supplement their technical courses with cultural, international relations or global technology courses and will be encouraged to do so. Four units of NUS coursework would be granted 3 units of USC credit, unless upon evaluation of a specific course by the University Articulation office, additional credit (not more than 4 units per course) would be warranted; a C- is needed for credit. USC already has an exchange program at NUS through Marshall.

- **APPROVED** for three years, both programs. Reviewed by Tom Hollihan and Erin Quinn. The OSP suggests that Engineering encourage students to take one or more courses outside of Engineering each semester while abroad.

## NEW INTERNATIONAL SUMMER PROGRAM

### II. SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Req. by Douglas Noble  
Eff. Summer 2007

#### **Two programs in Hainan Island, China** [4 or 10-13 units]

Graduate students in architecture will work on development of a new development for retirees in a small city on Hainan Island, in conjunction with a development company. USC courses will be offered and taught by USC faculty.

**A.** One group of students taking the **GSAP (Graduate Studies Abroad Program)** will work for 12 weeks and will take three 599 courses on Architecture (3 units), Urbanism (2 units) and Technology (2 units), as well as either a 6-unit studio course or a 3-6 unit 590, for 10-13 units. *At the University Committee on Curriculum meeting the registrar noted problems that could result from offering three courses (7 units) of special topics (599) coursework. If the program is offered again, regular courses will need to be developed in place of the 599's.*

**B.** A second group taking the **GSAL (Graduate Studies Abroad Lab)** will attend for the first four weeks of this program, and will take the 599 on Urbanism and a 2-unit 590, for a total of 4 units. GSAL students will participate in a one-week trip in China; GSAP students will participate in this trip and an additional one.

- **APPROVED** for one year, both programs. Reviewed by Tom Hollihan, Erin Quinn, and Yehuda Ben-Zion. The following suggestions were offered: Architecture is urged to be sure students have appropriate expectations regarding both where they will be living (there are no shops, restaurants, or lush accommodations) and the learning environment (very different from a university based program in a large city). There was also an interest in possibly adding some gerontology, preventive medicine and medical students in the future, to work on putting what we know about healthy aging right into the community setting.

## REVIEW/RENEW INTERNATIONAL SUMMER PROGRAMS

### III. ANNENBERG SCHOOL FOR COMMUNICATION: COMMUNICATION

Req. by Thomas Hollihan  
Eff. Summer 2007

**NOTE:** The following two programs were reviewed by Erin Quinn at the request of the OSP chair.

#### **A. International Communication Studies** [6 unit program]

Program for undergraduates in Los Angeles, London, Paris, Prague and Geneva. A new director has been appointed, and a week of class in Los Angeles preparatory to the visits in Europe has been added.

- **APPROVED** for three years.

#### **B. Erfurt, Germany** [6 unit program]

Program for undergraduates.

- **APPROVED** for one year.

**IV. COLLEGE OF LETTERS ARTS AND SCIENCES: SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE**

Req. by Roberto Ignacio Díaz  
Eff. Summer 2007

**A. Buenos Aires, Argentina [8 unit program]**

Program for undergraduates and graduates.

- **APPROVED** for three years.

**B. Madrid, Spain [8 unit program]**

Program for undergraduates.

- **APPROVED** for three years.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**REVIEW/RENEW INTERNATIONAL SUMMER PROGRAMS – FOR PANEL CHAIR ONLY**

**V. MARSHALL SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

Req. by Valerie Folkes  
Eff. Summer 2007

**A. Copenhagen Business School Graduate Program [7.5 unit program]**

- **APPROVED**

**B. WHU Koblenz, Germany, Graduate Program [3 unit program]**

- **APPROVED**