

**Department of North American Studies Meeting for internal faculty, November 12, 2015, room J1035, 14:00-15:30**

Present:

Miloš Calda

Jiří Vykoukal

Kryštof Kozák

Jan Hornát

Jana Sehnálková

Magdalena Fiřtová

Dejan Kralj

Norma Hervey

Viktorie Mertová (student representative)

Doc. Vykoukal informed members of the department about the new accreditation starting in September 2016.

Items that were discussed with this respect

**1.) Who will be in charge of lectures #100 (for the whole institute)**

- 3 general courses (students of all specializations attending) based on lectures
- One person in charge of each course, but it does not mean that the one teacher will teach the whole course.
- Ms. Fiřtová in charge of the Economics and society course for the whole program.

**2.) Who will teach seminars associated with lectures #100**

- Each of the three lectures will have 6 specialization seminars -> 3 seminars for each specialization. Lecture and seminar taught in the same semester.
- Purpose: make specialization examples based on the general lectures (on culture, history, economics, society, politics, international relations)
- Lectures + seminars #100 = together an "introduction to American studies"
- Options for seminars:
  - o Invent new classes
  - o Or adjust the existing classes
- Exams – obligations of the seminar, students will get mark and credits from teacher of seminar
- Who will teach the #100 seminars for NAS specialization?
  - o Culture and history – Mr. Calda, Mr. Kralj seminar 06
  - o Mr. Raška seminar 07

- Ms. Fiřtová/(Mr. Kozák) seminar 08

### **3.) Percentage of courses we give and accept from other specialization (#113)**

- Chief of specialization chooses to or not to offer the courses to other specializations
- Priority access to students of North American studies? = discrimination. All students will be in one study program. It is technically possible to limit the number of students to 1 and then choose from the waiting list – which is not really just. Would be very rare anyway, students will choose primarily from their own specialization. Erasmus students apply later in any case.

### **4.) MA Thesis seminar**

- Structure is up to department
- First part should be unanimous, devoted to reading (something like existing Theory and Methods)
- Focus only on topics somebody has expert skill in (nobody can cover everything)

### **5.) State exam**

Only 2 parts of state exam – oral defense of MA thesis + talking about concepts and approaches and interpretations. 2018 first time, there is time to let students know in advance what the exam will look like.

### **6.) Compulsory core courses within the specialization - #105**

- Landmarks in 20th Century U.S. History and Their Interpretations – Mr. Calda, Mr. Pondělíček, Ms. Hervey, Mr. Kralj
- US Legal Culture – Mr. Kozák + PhD students
  - Originally it was supposed to be Theory and Methods, but it is already covered by Methodological seminar and Thesis seminar I
- Government in the US – Ms. Sehnálková
- U.S. Foreign Policy in Security Context (not only regarding the Arab Uprising) – Mr. Hornát
- Major problems in political economy in North American context – Mr. Kozák, Ms. Fiřtová
- Major Issues in Contemporary Public Debates in the US – Ms. Sehnálková in cooperation Mr. Kralj

### **7.) Electives**

Chief of specialization chooses whether to offer electives within group 111 or 113

- #111 can be restricted for only NAS (other students can enroll as optional)
- #113 are electives for all specializations

### **8.) Entrance exam**

Applicants should pick their specialization beforehand, but right now we are waiting for the faculty/university to decide de the details.

#### **9.) Accreditation - technicalities**

A specialization can be added or removed in the course of time, it is up to the institute.

Change of name of the class = code must be changed too.

Specialization courses are possible to be changed but be careful for the students studying within the old accreditation (use interchangeability in SIS).

10.) **Hiring** of new employee to fill up the vacancy after Anna Viden (tender planned for early spring, 2016).

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