College of Education and Human

Development

Appalachian Studies

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The Appalachian Studies Program provides students

with an understanding of the heritage, environment, and culture of the Appalachian region with a focus on both the past and present. Students who plan to live and work within the Appalachian region will find the Appalachian Studies minor a valuable addition to their major fields of study. For students finding careers outside the region, the minor stresses awareness of and sensitivity to culture and community regardless of geographic location. The academic program is supported by the Appalachian Regional & Rural Studies Center where faculty and support personnel are available to assist student research. The center houses a collection of journals, books, and other print materials, and a collection of audio and video recordings. The academic program is also supplemented by cultural activities such as folk-life programs, concerts, and literary readings sponsored by the ARRSC and/or the Appalachian Events Committee, a student/faculty/staff group.

Undergraduate Minor (15 semester hours)

The minor in Appalachian Studies includes courses from a variety of disciplines to give students a broad understanding of Appalachia from multiple perspectives. Field research courses guide students into firsthand experience in the region. Students are required to take APST 200, Introducing Appalachia, early in their programs of studies. A capstone course or major project is required near the end of the program; students choose from APST courses, internship, or independent study for the capstone work. For the remaining nine credit hours, students are to select three courses from at least two of the groups labeled A, B, C, D below. Courses marked with an asterisk need to be approved by the chair of Appalachian Studies or by an advisor in the APST program.

Students who wish to minor in Appalachian Studies must submit a Declaration of Minor form with appropriate signatures to the Registrar. Students must consult with the APST ch Chair or one of the members of the APST faculty for advising.

Introductory Course

(Required): 3 s.h.
APST 200, Introducing Appalachia

Capstone Course or Major Project (Required) – Choose one from the following: 3 s.h.

APST 460, Seminar: Issues in Appalachia

APST 495, Research in Appalachia

APST 480, Internship in Appalachian Studies

APST 498, Independent Study in Appalachian Studies

Choose three courses from at least two of the following groups: 9 s. h.

Group A:

ENGL 447, Appalachian Literature

ENGL 446, Appalachian Folklore

ENGL490, Highland Summer Conference

ENGL 314, Topics in Literature (when topic relates to Appalachia)*

RELN 205, Religion and Culture (when topic relates to Appalachia)*

WMST 101, Women in the World (when topic relates to Appalachia)*

WMST 290, Special Topics in Women's Studies (when topic relates to Appalachia)*

Group B:

HIST 339, Scotland and Ireland in the Modern Age*

HIST 352, Virginia History*

HIST 373, Appalachian History

HIST 385, Public History (when topic relates to Appalachia)*

HIST 466, History Travel (when topic relates to Appalachia)*

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GEOG 202, The Commonwealth of Virginia

GEOG 203, Appalachian Geography

GEOG 480, Seminar (when topic relates to Appalachia)*

GEOG 490, Field Research Methods (when topic relates to Appalachia)*

Group C:

SOCY 411, Appalachian Cultures

SOCY 486, Community-Based Research (when topic relates to Appalachia)*

SOCY 482, Practicing Ethnographic Methods (when topic relates to Appalachia)*

SOCY 433, Rural Sociology

SOCY 389, Sociology of Family (when topic relates to Appalachia)*

SOWK 480, Special Topics in Social Work (when topic relates to Appalachia)*

CRJU 380, Rural Crime and Law Enforcement

CRJU 490, Seminar (when topic relates to Appalachia)*

PSYC 250, Psychology of Diversity (when topic relates to Appalachia)*

Group D:

BIOL 103, Environmental Biology

BIOL 481, Special Topics in Biology (when topic relates to Appalachia)*

GEOL 100, Earth Resources and Natural Hazards (when topic relates to Appalachia)* GEOL 261, Geology of Virginia

RCPT431, Sustainable Tourism

Any course in EDUCATION when topic relates to Appalachia*

* Requires APST Chair's or APST Advisor's approval

Faculty

Dr. Theresa L. Burriss, Chair and Director of Appalachian Regional & Rural Studies Center (ARRSC)

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