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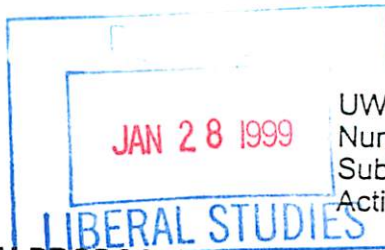
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CURRICULUM PROPOSAL COVER SHEET
University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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II. **PROPOSAL TYPE** (Check All Appropriate Lines)

__XXXX___ COURSE _____
Suggested 20 character title

____ New Course* _____
Course Number and Full Title

____ Course Revision _____
Course Number and Full Title

____ Liberal Studies Approval + _____
for new or existing course   Course Number and Full Title

____ Course Deletion _____
Course Number and Full Title

__XXXX__ Number and/or Title Change __CL 491,492,493,494   Swahili I - IV__
Old Number and/or Full Old Title

__CL 115,165,215,265   Swahili I - IV__
New Number and/or Full New Title

____ Course or Catalog Description Change _____
Course Number and Full Title

_____ PROGRAM: ____ Major ____ Minor ____ Track

____ New Program* _____
Program Name

____ Program Revision* _____
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____ Program Deletion* _____
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____ Title Change _____
Old Program Name

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III. **Approvals** (signatures and date)

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To: University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

From: Victor S. Drescher, Director
Critical Languages Program

Subject: Request to Activate Course Numbers for Swahili

Rational for Change: Prior to the fall semester of 1993, all of the languages taught through the Critical Languages Program were numbered according to the following system: CL 491 for Level I, CL 492 for Level II, CL 493 for Level III and CL 494 for Level IV. The specific language was identified by the section number, and these varied from year to year, depending on the specific languages being offered. If Arabic was not offered in a given year, then Chinese I became CL 491 sec 001, but if Arabic was offered, then Chinese was CL 491 sec 002 because Arabic became sec 001. This system was somewhat confusing and caused all sorts of problems.

Starting in the fall semester of 1993, we switched over to a new system, whereby the first level of the language would be given a number between 100 and 150, the second level between 151 and 200, and that language and level would always carry the same specific number. Therefore, according to this system. Arabic I will always be CL 101, Chinese I will always be CL 102, and so on.

Unfortunately, when this "cutover" was made in 1993, Swahili was not being offered. As the saying goes, "out of sight, out of mind:" when the new numbers were passed out, Swahili did not get one. Last year a faculty member from the History Department and a group of students requested that we offer the language, which hadn't been taught since the new numbering system was implemented. (We had the same experience last year when we offered Hebrew again for the first time in a while, at the request of Religious Studies.) The course numbers CL 491 are still active, but we would like to bring Swahili in line with the other course offerings whereby Swahili I will be CL 115, Level II will be CL 165, Level III will be CL 215 and Level IV will be CL 265.

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