

## **REPORT OF ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

### **Report #F2014-2; Nov 2014**

In this report the Academic Standards Committee (ASC) brings to Senate its evaluation and recommendation on the following items:

- MINOR IN GLOBAL POLITICS AND DEVELOPMENT (Faculty of Arts)
- ARTS AND CONTEMPORARY STUDIES – OPTION IN ANTHROPOLOGY STUDIES (Faculty of Arts)
- MINOR IN PUBLIC RELATIONS (Faculty of Communication and Design)
- GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT – CURRICULUM MODIFICATIONS (Faculty of Communication and Design)
- COMPUTER SCIENCE – CURRICULUM REVISIONS (Faculty of Science)

#### **A) MINOR IN GLOBAL POLITICS AND DEVELOPMENT**

##### **1. INTRODUCTION**

With the increasing diversity of Canada's major urban centres, interest in global politics has also increased dramatically. Based on the success of Global Studies, Global Politics, and International Development programs at different Canadian universities, a Minor in this field at Ryerson will be very attractive to a number of students from different disciplines, especially given the diversity of its student body.

The Politics department's proposed Minor in Global Politics and Development will offer students the opportunity to take courses in a range of subjects from different disciplines that will foster critical understanding and awareness about international politics, inequality, and conflict, and to apply this knowledge to their own disciplines.

The Minor in Global Politics and Development critically examines conflict and power in the international system, and development issues in the global South, from different theoretical and methodological perspectives. The Minor bridges disciplines and critically reflects on the evolution and character of relations between governments, between governments and international institutions, and between governments and societies and social movements, as well as the benefits and consequences of globalization.

##### **2. CURRICULUM**

The Minor in Global Politics and Development provides students with broad understanding of global politics and development. The Minor has courses drawn from those currently available in the Politics and Governance, Economics, Geography, and Sociology programs. A new course in the Politics and Governance program, POG324: Global Political Economy, is included in the elective table. Students enrolled in the undergraduate programs of Politics and Governance, and Public Administration and Governance are excluded from the Minor in Global Politics and Development.

Students opting for a minor in Global Politics and Development must first complete the required course(s), before registering for the elective courses.

To receive the Minor, a student must complete **six courses** from the following:









































