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THE FACULTY SENATE

July 15, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: President Robert M. Gates
SUBJECT: Approval of University Curriculum Committee Item (FS.23.13)

At its regular meeting on July 11, 2005, the Faculty Senate approved the following curriculum item from the University Curriculum Committee and submits it for your approval. Attached is a copy of the material sent to our Senators.

- College of Liberal Arts
 - Department of Political Science
 - Certificate in International Relations
 - Certificate in Comparative Study of National Politics
 - Certificate in Law, Politics and Society

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please inform me of your action on this matter.

John L. Fike
2005-2006 Speaker

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Attachment

- cc: Dr. David Prior
Dr. Karan Watson
Dr. Paul Meyer
Ms. Linda Lacey
Dr. Charles Johnson

Approved:

Robert M. Gates, President

4-12-06
Date



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

College of Liberal Arts
Department of Political Science

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MEMO

To: Undergraduate Instruction Committee
College of Liberal Arts

From: Patricia A. Hurley, Professor and Head *PAH*
Department of Political Science

Date: March 11, 2005

Re: Proposals for three new certificate programs in Political Science

A few years ago, the Department of Political Science developed and began to offer a certificate program in European Union politics. Since then, the program has become quite popular and several students have already received certificates upon graduation. Owing in part to the success of that program, both students and faculty have expressed interest in development of additional certificate programs to give guidance and recognition to in-depth study in other areas of political science.

Attached are proposals for three new certificate programs, covering the topics of International Relations; Comparative Study of National Politics; and Law, Politics, and Society. With the European Union program as a template, the new programs in International Relations and Comparative Study both require course work in addition to an experiential learning component. Each of the three programs requires a capstone course involving a relevant research experience.

These three programs have been endorsed by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, the Head's Advisory Committee, and the faculty of the Department. In addition, we have received approval for including optional outside courses from the department heads of Economics, History, and Sociology (as attached).

On behalf of the department, I am pleased to submit these programs for your consideration.

Certificate in Comparative Study of National Politics

This certificate is a means of enhancing undergraduate education through a focused combination of courses and study abroad. Administered by the Political Science Department, the program is open to all Texas A&M University undergraduates majoring in political science.

If you are interested in gaining background for post-graduate studies in comparative politics or comparative public policy, for a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or international aid work, or for job recruitment in areas such as international business, marketing, or law, this certificate program may be for you.

The program requires 18 hours of course work, including a capstone course involving comparative politics research. It also requires participation in a study abroad program. Interested students are encouraged to enroll in the program as freshmen to avoid having to add extra hours to the degree program.

Successful completion of the program will be indicated on the student's transcript. Each student will also receive a program certificate upon graduation from Texas A&M.

Requirements for the Certificate

- 18 credits -- 5 upper division courses from the list below (note that no more than 1 course can be taken outside of Political Science) plus a capstone course
- a study abroad program

Students are required to complete 5 upper division courses from the following list (at least four of which must be from Political Science), plus a capstone course for which they will conduct a research project in the field of comparative politics.

POLS 312 – Ethnic Conflict
POLS 322 – Western European Government and Politics
POLS 323 – Political Systems of Latin America
POLS 324 – Politics of Global Inequality
POLS 326 – Government and Politics of Eastern Europe
POLS 328 – Globalization and Democracy
POLS 329 – Introduction to Comparative Politics
POLS 338 – Government and Politics of the Former Soviet Union
POLS 358 – Comparative Judicial Politics
POLS 365 – Asian Government and Politics
POLS 421 – Social Conflict and Political Change
POLS 424 – Comparative Governmental Institutions
POLS 432 – The Politics of the European Union
POLS 475 – Government and the Economy
HIST 336 – Europe since 1932
HIST 338 – Rise of the European Middle Class
HIST 339 – Eastern Europe since 1453
HIST 342 – Latin America since 1810
HIST 345 – Modern Africa
HIST 348 – Modern Middle East

HIST 352 – Modern East Asia
HIST 355 – Modern China
HIST 356 – Twentieth Century Japan
HIST 404 – Post 1945 Germany
HIST 407 – History of France since 1815
HIST 412 – Soviet Union 1917-present
HIST 421 – European Intellectual History in the Twentieth Century
HIST 439 – Twentieth Century England
HIST 441 – History of Mexico 1821-present
HIST 449 – History of Brazil 1822-present
HIST 477 – Women in Modern European History
ECON 312 – Poverty, Inequality, and Social Policy
ECON 320 – Economic Development of Europe
ECON 324 – Comparative Economic Systems
ECON 330 – Economic Development
SOCI 340 – Post-Soviet Societies
SOCI 413 – Social Movements

In addition, variable topics courses, such as POLS306, POLS485, POLS489 and POLS497 may qualify, when focused specifically on comparative study of national politics (comparative study of political behavior, comparative study of governmental institutions). Students who plan to apply such a course toward the above requirements should first determine, by consulting with an Undergraduate Advisor in the Political Science Department, that the course would be accepted toward the Certificate.

The capstone course is POLS481 – Senior Research Seminar, with a topic for the research paper in comparative politics. This course will give the student an opportunity to conduct original research providing a *bona fide* science experience within comparative politics. Since POLS481 is a variable content course, students are encouraged to consult with an Undergraduate Advisor in Political Science to determine that a particular section would be accepted toward the Certificate. It is possible to substitute a senior honors thesis with a research topic in comparative politics.

Study Abroad Experience

In addition to the required course work on campus, the student is required to successfully complete a study abroad program in any region of the world. This may be done either in the summer or as a semester abroad. The study abroad program can be an intensive language program. In order to qualify, the program must be one for which Texas A&M University will award regular academic credit. Up to three credit hours of *bona fide* comparative politics course work (but not language training) associated with the study abroad program may count toward the required 15 hours of upper division course work (see Requirements above) if approved in advance by an Undergraduate Advisor in Political Science. Before committing to a study abroad program, the student should determine – by consulting with an Undergraduate Advisor in the Political Science Department – that the particular program would fulfill this requirement of the Certificate.

Admission Requirements

Admission requirements are identical to those listed under the Bachelor's degree in the Texas A&M University undergraduate catalog.

Students interested in the Certificate in Comparative Study of National Politics should make an appointment with an academic advisor in the Undergraduate Programs Office (UPO) in the Department of Political Science, Allen Building, Room 2024.

Steps to Receive the Certificate in Comparative Study of National Politics

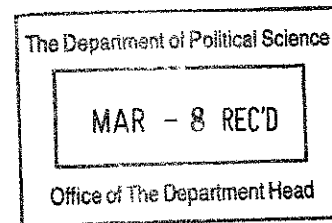
1. Apply for the program as early as your freshman year. See an undergraduate advisor in the Department of Political Science
2. Plan ahead to schedule appropriate classes. You are responsible for acquiring the specific course work and the study abroad experience. UPO advisors are available to assist you in planning a program for completing Certificate requirements.
3. File for the Certificate during your semester of graduation. Download the document to file from _____ or obtain a copy from the UPO, 2024 Allen Building. Submit the completed form to the UPO. You will receive the Certificate in six to eight weeks after graduation.

Political Science Department Advisor:

Dr. Michael Balog, Allen Bldg, Rm 2023, 862-1890



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
College of Liberal Arts
Department of Political Science



MEMO

TO: Walter Buenger, Head, History
FROM: Patricia A. Hurley, Head *pah*
RE: History Courses for Certificate Programs in Political Science
DATE: March 3, 2005

The Department of Political Science is in the process of designing several new certificate programs for undergraduate students. Three of these certificates allow students to choose courses from a menu that includes courses in history. I am requesting your approval to include these courses on the lists.

For the Certificate in Comparative Study of National Politics students must choose one course from a list of 23 options outside of Political Science. Seventeen of these courses are offered by the History Department (complete list attached). Because of the wide choice offered students this should add no more than one or two students to any one of these courses in any given semester.

For the Certificate in International Relations students must choose two courses from a list of 16 courses outside of Political Science. Four history courses appear on this list: HIST 305 (Mexican-American History), HIST 319 (US Immigration and Ethnicity), HIST 343 (Inter-American Relations, and HIST 464 (International Development Since 1918) . Again, because of the wide choice allowed students this should result in a very small number of students in these courses in any given semester.

For the Certificate in Law, Politics, and Society, students must choose one course from a menu of one history course : HIST 477 (Constitutional History of the United States to 1901) and two sociology courses: SOCI 304 (Criminology) or SOC 455 (Sociology of Law. Although the course choices are not as wide for this certificate this should not add more than five or six students per course.

Copies of the full set of requirements for these certificate programs are attached. For your convenience I include three approval lines on the next page, one for each certificate. If you approve, I would appreciate you signing on each line and returning this to me at your earliest convenience. I hope to have these approvals prior to the College of Liberal Arts Undergraduate Instruction Committee meeting on March 21, 2005. If you approve one but not the other of these requests, please leave the signature line blank for the one that you do not approve.

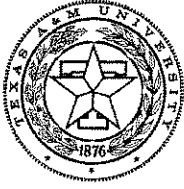
Please call me at 845-8833 if you have any questions. Thank you.

History courses approved for certificates to be offered
by the Department of Political Science

The Certificate in Comparative Study of National Politics: Walter L. Buenger
Walter Buenger, Head, HIST

The Certificate in International Relations: Walter L. Buenger
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The Certificate in Law, Politics, and Society: Walter L. Buenger
Walter Buenger, Head, HIST



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

College of Liberal Arts
Department of Political Science

MEMO

TO: Rogelio Saenz, Head, Sociology

FROM: Patricia A. Hurley, Head *PAH*

RE: Sociology Courses for Certificate Programs in Political Science

DATE: March 3, 2005

The Department of Political Science is in the process of designing several new certificate programs for undergraduate students. Three of these certificates allow students to choose courses from a menu that includes several courses in sociology. I am requesting your approval to include these courses on the lists.

For the Certificate in Comparative Study of National Politics students must choose one course from a list of 23 options outside of Political Science. Two sociology courses are included: SOCI 340 (Post Soviet Societies) and SOCI 413 (Social Movements). Because of the wide choice offered students this should add no more than one or two students to these courses in any given semester.

For the Certificate in International Relations students must choose two courses from a list of 16 courses outside of Political Science. Three sociology courses appear on this list: SOCI 313 (Military, War, and Society), SOCI 325 (International Business Behavior), SOCI 423 (Globalization and Social Change). Again, because of the wide choice allowed students this should result in a very small number of students in these courses in any given semester.

For the Certificate in Law, Politics, and Society, students must choose one course from a menu of one History course and two sociology courses: SOCI 304 (Criminology) or SOC 455 (Sociology of Law). Although the course choices are not as wide for this certificate this should not add more than five or six students per course.

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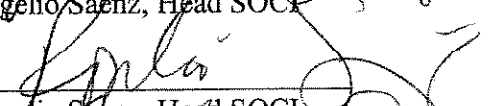
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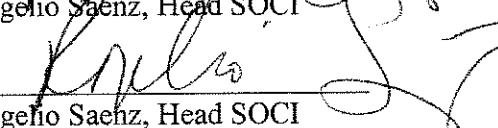
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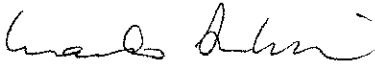
Rogelio Saenz, Head SOCI

The Certificate in Law, Politics, and Society:



Rogelio Saenz, Head SOCI

Economics courses approved for certificates to be offered by the Department of Political Science

The Certificate in Comparative Study of National Politics: 
Leonardo Auernheimer, Head, ECON

The Certificate in International Relations: 
Leonardo Auernheimer, Head, ECON