THE FACULTY SENATE

October 15, 2002

MEMORANDUM

TO: President Robert M. Gates


At its regular meeting on October 14, 2002, the Faculty Senate approved the following item from the University Curriculum Committee and submits it for your approval. Attached is a copy of the material sent to our Senators.

Certificate Program
College of Liberal Arts
Department of Political Science
European Union Certificate

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

Robert H. Strawser
Speaker, 2002-2003

Attachment

cc: Dr. David Prior
    Dr. Karan Watson
    Dr. Charles Johnson

Approved:

Robert M. Gates, President

Date 11-20-02
MEMORANDUM

TO: Julia K. Blackwelder, Associate Dean of Liberal Arts
FROM: Patricia A. Hurley, Professor and Interim Head
RE: European Union Certificate
DATE: May 16, 2002

The Department of Political Science is seeking approval for a program to certify that participating students are knowledgeable about the European Union. This certificate program was a part of the University's proposal to locate the European Union Center at Texas A&M. Attached are 18 copies of the requirements for the Certificate.

Until quite recently, my understanding is that certificate programs required approval at no higher level than the relevant College. As of August, 2001, however, University policy has changed and certificate programs that a department wishes to appear on a student's transcript must follow the same approval process as all other programs.

The Department of Political Science would like this certificate program included the Undergraduate Catalog and to appear on transcripts. If the proposal is approved by the College's Curriculum Committee and the Liberal Arts Council, I request that you forward it for further approvals as necessary.

Please advise me when this proposal will come before the College's curriculum committee. If at all possible, I would like it to be considered at the meeting scheduled for May 20, 2002.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

cc: Professor Gary Halter
    Professor Robert Harmel

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Required Course Work at Texas A&M

All students are required to complete Political Science 432 on campus. Students are advised to complete this course prior to participating in the required study abroad experience.

Courses which may contribute to the 12 hours of Liberal Arts course with significant components on European nation-states must be chosen from the following list. Students are advised to check with an Undergraduate Advisor in the Political Science department to verify use of these courses in the degree plan.

List of approved courses:
- ECON 320 Economic Development of Europe
- HIST 324 European Society in the Industrial Age
- HIST 336 Europe Since 1932
- HIST 338 The Rise of the European Middle Class
- HIST 339 Eastern Europe Since 1453
- HIST 421 European Intellectual History in the 20th Century
- HIST 477 Women in Modern European History
- POLS 322 Western European Governments and Politics

(In addition, variable topics courses such as POLS 306 and POLS 489 may qualify, when focused specifically on European politics and/or policy. Students who plan to apply such a course toward the above requirement should first determine – by consulting with an undergraduate advisor in the Political Science department – that the course would be accepted for the certificate.)

EU Study Abroad Experience

In addition to the required course work on campus, the student is required to successfully complete a study abroad program provided in Europe, focused on the European Union, and involving multiple visits to EU institutions. The associated course of study must include at least one three-hour component focused specifically on the European Union. (That three hours is in addition to the other 15 hours of course requirements listed above.) This may be done either in the summer or as a semester abroad. Acceptable summer options are currently provided by faculty in the Political Science department. Other options may include programs offered by partner institutions within EU countries. In order to qualify, the program must be one for which Texas A&M University will award regular academic credit. 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 EU certificate program.

EU Lecture Series

It is a requirement for the certificate that the student attend four lectures in the EU Center’s EU Lecture Series. Each semester, speakers will be invited to present lectures in this series. Students may choose any four of the lectures to be counted toward this requirement, but are
advised to start early. Certification that a student has attended a lecture requires two steps: (1) signing the sign-up sheet at the lecture site and (2) turning in a one-page, typed summary of the lecture to the Undergraduate Programs Office (UPO) in the Department of Political Science. The summary must be filed with the UPO within fourteen days after the lecture.

**Foreign Language Requirement**

The foreign language requirement for the EUP certificate is essentially the same as the general foreign language requirement for a Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Liberal Arts (six hours, through course work or examination, at the intermediate level or equivalent). However, to qualify for the certificate, the language of study must be one of the official languages of the EU other than English: that is, Danish*, Dutch*, Finnish*, French, German, Greek*, Italian, Portuguese*, Spanish, or Swedish*. [* means not offered at A&M.] Students who do not have any previous training in the chosen language should plan to complete two beginning level (100-level) courses prior to the two required intermediate level (200-level) courses in the same language. For more on the Liberal Arts B.A. language requirement (including additional options for fulfilling the requirement), see the current Undergraduate Catalog of Texas A&M University and consult with an Undergraduate Advisor in the Political Science department.

**Texas A&M Campus Support**

For study abroad and exchange program details, as well as information on financial aid for overseas travel, check with Texas A&M's International Programs Office. For information on program initiatives and updates of the Certificate in European Union Politics program, see [http://www-polisci.tamu.edu](http://www-polisci.tamu.edu) (link to EU certificate program to be added).

Several Texas A&M student organizations maintain an interest in Europe. The MSC Jordan Institute for International Awareness, for instance, provides a forum for developing international awareness through lectures, discussions, entertainment programs, and international research. For more information, see [http://www.msc.tamu.edu/MSC/Jordan](http://www.msc.tamu.edu/MSC/Jordan). The International Students Association promotes cultural exchange between international and U.S. students of Texas A&M. There are many European student clubs that are active on campus. All European Union countries as well as other non-EU member countries are represented on campus in the form of student associations. More information on these organizations is available at [http://ACS.Tamu.edu/~isa/other.html](http://ACS.Tamu.edu/~isa/other.html).

**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 European Union Politics should make an appointment with an academic advisor in the Undergraduate Programs Office (UPO) in the Department of Political Science, Bush Academic Building, Room.
Steps to Receive the Certificate in European Union Politics

1. Apply 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 experience abroad. 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 http://WWW~~WWW~~WWWWWW (exact web address to be added) or obtain a copy from the UPO, room 2024 Bush Academic Building. Submit the completed form to the UPO. You will receive the Certificate in six to eight weeks after graduation.

List of Department Advisors
Dr. Gary Halter 845-2152
Mr. Michael Balog 842-1890
June 10, 2002.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Patricia A. Hurley, Professor and Interim Head, Department of Political Science
    Julian Gaspar, Director, Center for International Business Studies

FROM: Leonardo Auernheimer
      Head, Department of Economics

SUBJECT: European Union Certificate proposals from POLS and International Studies

In response to your June 4 memorandum, and as I anticipated in email communications with Dr. Hurley, this is to confirm our agreement of ECON 320 (Economic Development of Europe) to be included as an approved elective course in the European Union Certificates of the Political Science Department and the Center for International Business Studies. We understand, as mentioned in your memorandum, that the total anticipated annual number of students in each of these certificates is around 35. I should mention that this is a course currently offered once a year and that students registering in the course should, of course, satisfy its prerequisites.

cc: Dr. Richard K. Anderson, Director of Undergraduate Studies
June 4, 2002

MEMORANDUM

TO: Patricia A. Hurley, Interim Head, Political Science
    Julian Gaspar, Center for International Business Studies

FROM: Walter Buenger, Interim Head

SUBJECT: European Union Certificate Proposals

This confirms our conversation and answers your memo of June 4, 2002. I understand that your programs certifying participating students as knowledgeable about the European Union are pending and could have some impact on enrollments in upper level history courses. The courses approved for your students include HIST 324, 336, 338, 339, 421, and 477. These courses routinely are taught at least once in a three semester cycle. Occasionally the only person qualified to teach these courses might be away on leave for an extended period, but even then we try to teach them within a three, or in the worst case, a four semester cycle.

xc: David Hudson
    J. G. Dawson
Certificate in European Union Policies

Purpose and Description

From the Declaration of Europe in 1950 through the Treaty of Nice in 2000, a more integrated Europe has become increasingly important on the international stage. The member states have officially committed themselves to negotiating and drafting a constitution of Europe. Twelve of the member states have recently adopted a single currency. And the EU and the United States constitute the largest bi-lateral commercial block in the world today. From commercial trade, through regulation, competition and merger policy, to common foreign policy and security initiatives, the interests of the European Union and those of the United States have become inextricably linked in a network of complex and extensive political and economic interaction.

As the EU has increased in economic and political importance, it has also become increasingly important for those outside of EU countries to understand the historical background as well as the current politics, institutions, and policies of the European Union. The Certificate Program in European Union Politics, an initiative of the European Union Center at Texas A&M University, is offered by the Political Science department as a means of enhancing undergraduate education through a combination of courses, other relevant experiences on campus, and study abroad. This Program complements a similar certificate program in European Union Business offered by the Lowry Mays College and Graduate School of Business.

Interested students are encouraged to enroll in the program as freshmen to avoid having to add extra hours to the degree plan.

Successful completion of the certificate program (marked by awarding of the certificate upon graduation from Texas A&M) requires fulfillment of the following:

* Political Science 432: The Politics of European Union, a 3-hour course focusing on the development and institutions of European Union (preferably taken in advance of the EU experience abroad);
* 12 hours of Liberal Arts courses with a significant component on European nation-states (see attached list of approved courses);
* a study abroad program (normally in the summer) provided in and focusing on the European Union (including at least one 3-hour component related directly to the European Union, in addition to the above listed course requirements);
* attendance at four of the lectures offered by the EU Lecture Series; lectures in the series are presented each fall and spring at Texas A&M;
* training in an official EU language other than English.

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1This course has been approved by the Faculty Senate, but will not appear in the 2002-2003 catalog. In academic year 2002-2003 the course will be offered as POLS 306.
June 27, 2002

MEMORANDUM

TO: Linda Lacey  
Director of Academic Support Services

FROM: Julia Kirk Blackwelder, Associate Dean

SUBJECT: Non-substantive administrative change requests; change in course requests

The Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee met on Monday, May 20, 2002, approving the following proposals, and offers the following resolutions:

**RESOLUTION 1:** The Liberal Arts Council approves the following non-substantive administrative change requests:

a. Transfer administration of the B.A. and the B.S. in Telecommunication Media Studies from the Department of Journalism to the Department of Speech Communication.

b. Change the name of the Department of Speech Communication to the Department of Communication

**RESOLUTION 2:** The Liberal Arts Council approves the following change in course requests resequencing the last two semesters of Greek.

**Explanation:** Changing the sequence of the ancient Greek classes to make better sense pedagogically and alleviate a great deal of stress in students and faculty. Historically the first two semesters of Greek are CLAS 101 and 102, which teach the students the basic grammar of Classical Greek. They are followed by CLAS 201, New Testament Greek and then 301: Advanced Greek Readings. New Testament Greek is easier than Classical Greek and so by the time students get to CLAS 301 they have forgotten a good deal of necessary detail. Therefore, the request is to teach the Greek readings before New Testament Greek.

FROM: CLAS 301: Advanced Greek Readings  
**Prerequisite:** CLAS 201 or equivalent

TO: CLAS 211: Intermediate Greek Readings  
**Prerequisite:** CLAS 102 with grade of C or better

and

**Prerequisite:** CLAS 102 with grade of C or better

TO: CLAS 311: Advanced Greek: New Testament  
**Prerequisites:** CLAS 211; junior or senior classification
May 15, 2002

MEMORANDUM

TO: Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee Members
   Vaughn Bryant (ANTH)
   Richard Anderson (ECON)
   Claude Gibson, Presiding Officer (ENGL)
   Charles Brooks (HIST)
   Douglas Starr (JOUR)
   Richard Curry (MOCL)
   Alan Houtchens (PRFM)
   Scott Austin (PHIL)
   Gary Halter (POLS)
   Tony Bourgeois (PSYC)
   James Aune (SCOM)
   Samuel Cohn (SOCI)
   Susan Kelly (PRFM)

FROM: Julia Kirk Blackwelder
       Associate Dean

SUBJECT: LACC May Meeting

The Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee will meet as scheduled on Monday, May 20, 2002, at 2:00 p.m., in 628 Blocker. The agenda for the meeting is listed below.

AGENDA

I. Request to transfer the Telecommunication Media Studies Program from the Journalism to Speech Communication.

II. Change in Course Proposals
    B. CLAS 301: Advanced Greek Readings TO CLAS 211: Intermediate Greek Readings

III. New Course Proposal
     INTS 207: Introduction to International Studies

IV. European Union Certification Program through the Department of Political Science

Attachments
memorandum

16 April 2002

To: Claude Gibson, Presiding Officer
   Curriculum Committee
   College Of Liberal Arts

From: Dr. Richard K. Curry
      Director of Undergraduate Programs
      Departmental Representative

Re: Change in Course Requests

Enclosed please find the requisite original and 25 copies of Change in Course requests for CLAS 201 and CLAS 301. This material is submitted so that it can be placed on the agenda for the next Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.