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# THE FACULTY SENATE

December 14, 2012

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Dr. R. Bowen Loftin, President

**FROM:** John N. Stallone, Speaker 

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Item (FS.30.078)

At its regular meeting on December 10, 2012, the Faculty Senate approved the following from the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. The Faculty Senate submits for your approval. Attached is a copy of the material sent to our Senators.

**Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**  
**Special Consideration - November 9, 2012**  
 College of Liberal Arts  
 Department of Political Science  
 Certificate in Foundations of Political Theory – requirement changes

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

Attachment

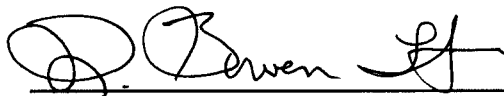
cc: Karan Watson  
 Pamela Matthews  
 Sandra Williams  
 Michael Benedik  
 José Bermúdez

### FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEM REVIEW

This item has been reviewed by the Office of the Provost (OP). Below are recommended action(s): RE: FS. 30.078

<i>Presidential Action:</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommend Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review Only	<i>OP Recommended Action</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold for Further Review <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Released _____ <input type="checkbox"/> System Review/Submission <input type="checkbox"/> BOR Approval <input type="checkbox"/> THECB Approval/Notification <input type="checkbox"/> SACSCOC Approval/Notification
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 R. Bowen Loftin, President

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17. Special Consideration

**College of Liberal Arts**

Department of Political Science

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# **SPECIAL CONSIDERATION**

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**


DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE


CERTIFICATE IN FOUNDATIONS OF POLITICAL THEORY – REQUIREMENT CHANGES


October 16, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

THROUGH: Dr. Michael Stephenson   
Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts

THROUGH: Dr. James R. Rogers   
*for* Head of the Department of Political Science

FROM: Dr. Elisabeth Ellis   
Director of Undergraduate Programs, Political Science Department

SUBJECT: Changes to the Certificate in Foundations of Political Theory

The Political Science Department undertook a year-long re-evaluation of its certificate programs in 2011-12. We reaffirmed our commitment to offering subfield certificates, but revised some of their requirements to make them more accessible to students.

Certificate in Foundations of Political Theory: The lecture attendance requirement has been dropped.



This certificate requires 18 hours of coursework, including a capstone course involving international relations research. It also requires participation in an internship program. The 18 semester hours of coursework can be accommodated within the regular undergraduate curriculum. Students are encouraged to begin planning as freshmen to avoid the addition of extra hours to the degree plan. Certificate requirements are specified in a current brochure available in the Department of Political Science's Undergraduate Programs Office, Allen Building, room 2024.

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

### **Certificate in Law, Politics and Society**

The Certificate in Law, Politics and Society is a means of enhancing undergraduate education through a focused combination of courses and individualized research instruction. Administered by the Political Science Department, the program is open to all Texas A&M University undergraduates, regardless of major. If you are interested in developing an intellectually-rigorous, research-oriented foundation for post-graduate studies focusing on the politics of law, courts and legal systems or for preparation for law school and the legal profession, this certificate program may be for you.

This certificate requires 18 hours of coursework, including a capstone course involving doctrinal, empirical or comparative research into important socio-legal questions. The 18 semester hours of coursework can be accommodated within the regular undergraduate curriculum. Students are encouraged to begin planning as freshmen to avoid the addition of extra hours to the degree plan. Certificate requirements are specified in a current brochure available in the Department of Political Science's Undergraduate Programs Office, Allen Building, room 2024.

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

### **Certificate in Foundations of Political Theory**

The Certificate in Foundations of Political Theory is a means of enhancing undergraduate education through a focused combination of courses, independent study and program participation. Administered by the Political Science Department, the program is open to all Texas A&M University undergraduates, regardless of major. Students may choose one of two areas of concentration: history of political theory, or analytic political theory. If you are interested in gaining background for post-graduate studies in law, social science, history or political theory, or for a fulfilling career that builds on your analytical and expressive skills, this certificate may be for you.

This certificate requires 18 hours of coursework, including an introductory course in political theory and a capstone senior research course on a relevant topic. ~~It also requires frequent participation in program activities such as lectures and conferences.~~ The 18 semester hours of coursework can be accommodated within the regular undergraduate curriculum. Students are encouraged to begin planning as freshmen to avoid the addition of extra hours to the degree plan. Certificate requirements are specified in a current brochure available in the Department of Political Science's Undergraduate Programs Office, Allen Building, room 2024.