



THE FACULTY SENATE

December 9, 2003

MEMORANDUM

TO: President Robert M. Gates

SUBJECT: Approval of a Certificate in International Trade and Agriculture (FS.21.91)

At its regular meeting on December 8, 2003, 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.

**Special Consideration
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Department of Agriculture Economics
Certificate in International Trade and Agriculture**

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

Martha Loudder
Speaker, 2003-2004

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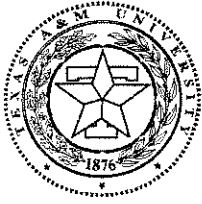
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cc: Dr. David Prior
Dr. Karan Watson
Dr. Edward Hiler
Ms. Linda Lacey

Approved:

Robert M. Gates, President

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Date



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October 8, 2003

MEMORANDUM

TO: University Curriculum Committee

THROUGH: Karen Kubena, AOC Dean, COALS

THROUGH: A. Gene Nelson, Professor and Head

FROM: M. Edward Rister, Professor and Associate Head for Undergraduate Programs

SUBJECT: Proposed Certificate in International Trade and Agriculture

The Department of Agricultural Economics proposes to offer a certificate program in "International Trade and Agriculture." The attached document details the 15 hours of credit required to earn the certificate. The goal of this certificate program is to provide students in agricultural economics, agribusiness, and other degree programs with a more complete knowledge and understanding of the global forces shaping change in agriculture.

This certificate program is a component of our Department's commitment to expand the international dimensions of our curriculum in order to better prepare our students for the globalization of the U.S.' and other countries' economies. Our faculty has discussed the certificate program with current and former students as well as with employers. There is a consensus that the certificate program both satisfies an interest of our students and responds to an important expressed need in the agricultural sector of our economy.

Once approved, our Department will assume the responsibility for administering this certificate program. We will provide the appropriate information for students satisfying the certificate requirements to the Registrar's Office so that the certificate may be listed on their transcripts.

Please direct any questions to me at either 845-3801 or e-rister@tamu.edu.

pc: AGEC Undergraduate Advisory Committee
COALS Undergraduate Program Committee
Clair Nixon, Associate Dean, Mays Business School
Linda Windle, Assistant Director, Mays Business School

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Certificate in International Trade and Agriculture
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The Certificate in International Agriculture and Trade (CITA) is designed to provide students in agricultural economics and agribusiness with a more complete knowledge and understanding of the global forces shaping change in agriculture. The CITA is also available to students in other disciplines provided that all prerequisites are met.

The program requires a minimum of 15 credit hours in designated courses. **Either AGEC 452 (International Trade and Agriculture) or AGEC 453 (International Agribusiness Marketing) is required for the certificate.** The remaining 12 hours must be taken from any combination of the courses listed below. (NOTE: *Prerequisites do not count toward the 15 credit hour requirement.*)

Study abroad, foreign languages, and international internships are encouraged and allowed to contribute toward the 15 hours required for the certificate. **No more than three (3) hours of foreign language or six (6) hours of study abroad or six (6) hours of international internship may be counted as credit toward the certificate.**

Agricultural Economics

- AGEC 429, "Agricultural Policy"^{aa}
- AGEC 452, "International Trade and Agriculture"^{ab}
- AGEC 453, "International Agribusiness Marketing"^{abc}

Economics

- ECON 330, "Economic Development"^d
- ECON 410, "Macroeconomic Theory"^e
- ECON 452, "International Trade Theory and Policy"^f

Geography

- GEOG 202, "Geography of the Global Village"
- GEOG 204, "Economic Geography"
- GEOG 320, "The Middle East"^g
- GEOG 321, "Geography of Africa"
- GEOG 323, "Geography of Latin America"

Management

- MGMT 450, "International Environment of Business"^{hi}
- MGMT 452, "International Management"^{ij}
- MKTG 401, "Global Marketing"^{ik}

Political Science

- POLS 322, "Western European Government and Politics"^l
- POLS 323, "Political Systems of Latin America"^l
- POLS 324, "Third World Politics"^l
- POLS 338, "Government and Politics of the Former Soviet Union"^l
- POLS 365, "Asian Governments and Politics"^{lk}

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- a These courses require AGEC 105 or 3 hours of economics as a prerequisite.
- b Either AGEC 452 or AGEC 453 is **required** for the Certificate in International Trade and Agriculture.
- c The AGEC 453 course referred to in the certificate guidelines has been taught as a 489 course for the last several years. Paperwork for approval as AGEC 453 is presently being submitted for approval through COALS and the University Curriculum Committee.
- d ECON 202 and 203 are prerequisites.
- e ECON 203 is prerequisite.
- f ECON 322 or 323 is prerequisite.
- g GEOG 201 or 202 or 203 or equivalent or approval of instructor is prerequisite.
- h ECON 202 and 203 and junior classification are prerequisites.
- i Students must be AGBU or some other Mays Business School major eligible to take upper-level courses in order to take these courses.
- j MGMT 450 or co-enrollment in MGMT 450 and 452 are prerequisites.
- k MKTG 321 is prerequisite.
- l POLS 206 or approval of department head is the prerequisite for these courses.