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September 21, 2006

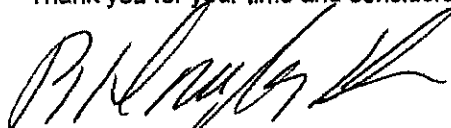
## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** President Robert M. Gates  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of University Curriculum Committee Item (FS.24.21)

At its regular meeting on September 11, 2006, 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 Liberal Arts  
Department of Political Science  
Certificate in Race, Ethnicity and Gender Politics

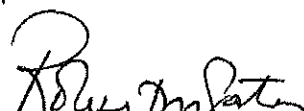
Thank you for your time and consideration. Please inform me of your action on this matter.

  
R. Douglas Slack  
Speaker

### Attachment

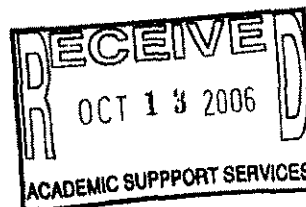
cc: David Prior  
Karan Watson  
Paul Meyer  
Linda Lacey  
Charles Johnson

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Robert M. Gates, President

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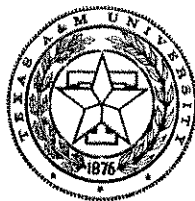
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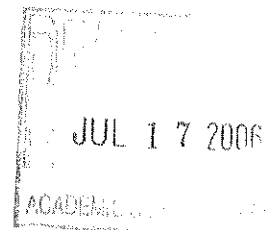
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**College of Liberal Arts**  
**Department of Political Science**  
**Certificate in Race, Ethnicity and Gender Politics**



# TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

College of Liberal Arts  
Office of the Dean



April 19, 2006

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Liberal Arts Council

**From:** Claude Gibson, Chair, Undergraduate Instruction Committee  
Pamela Matthews, Associate Dean *pmatthews*

**Subject:** Approval of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Politics Certificate in Department of Political Science

The Undergraduate Instruction Committee (UIC) unanimously approved the proposed certificate in Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Politics in the Department of Political Science. The department wishes to have students' transcripts signify their completion of the certificate. Therefore, we submit the proposal for your consideration.

Thank you very much.

c: Robert Harmel (POLS), Member, UIC  
Patricia Hurley (POLS), Head



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

MEMO:

To: Associate Dean Pamela Matthews  
✓ Assistant Dean Donald Curtis  
Members of the Undergraduate Instruction Committee  
College of Liberal Arts

From: Patricia A. Hurley, Head *PAH*

Date: April 5, 2006

Re: Proposal for new certificate program in Political Science

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

Previously, we submitted proposals for four new certificate programs, covering the topics of International Relations; Comparative Study of National Politics; Fundamentals of Political Theory, and Law, Politics, and Society. Your committee approved all three programs, as did the University Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Senate; those programs will appear in the next catalog.

Enclosed is a proposal for new certificate program in Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Politics. This program has 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/directors of American Studies, Anthropology, Communication, English, Hispanic Studies, History, and Sociology.

On behalf of the department, I am pleased to submit this proposal for your consideration.

## **Certificate in Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Politics**

This certificate is a means of enhancing undergraduate education through a focused program of courses and attendance at relevant lectures. 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 gaining background for post-graduate studies in law, social science, history, public policy, or for a fulfilling career that builds on your analytical and expressive skills, this certificate program may be for you.

The program requires 18 hours of course work and attendance at a number of relevant university lectures. Interested students are encouraged to enroll in the program as freshmen to avoid having to add extra hours to the degree program. Students are encouraged to meet with an undergraduate advisor in Political Science as early as possible to plan their courses of study and to make sure that they have completed the appropriate prerequisite courses.

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

### **Summary of the Requirements for the Certificate**

- \* 18 credits, at least 9 of which must be from the Department of Political Science
  
- \* Attendance at three approved university lectures on relevant topics

### **Course Options**

To fulfill the 18-hour requirement, the student must successfully complete six of the following courses, at least three of which must be from Political Science:

POLS 304 (Latino Politics in the United States)  
POLS 312 (Ethnic Conflict)  
POLS 317/WMST 317 (Women and Politics)  
POLS 320 (Race and Politics in the United States)  
POLS 462/WMST 462 (Women and the Law)  
SOC 207 (Introduction to Gender and Society)  
SOC 314 (Social Problems)  
SOC 316 (Sociology of Gender)  
SOC 317 (Minority Groups)  
SOC 321 (Urban Sociology)  
SOC 323 (Sociology of Black Americans)  
SOC 403 (Sociology of Mexican Americans)  
SOC 419 (Social Class in Contemporary Society)  
SOC 424 (Women and Work in Society)  
ENGL 338 (American Ethnic Literature)  
ENGL 329 (African American Literature Pre-1930)  
ENGL 339 (African American Literature Post-1930)  
ENGL 362 (Hispanic Literature in the United States)  
SPAN 411 (Contemporary Hispanic Society and Culture)  
HIST 258 (American Indian History)

HIST 300 (Blacks in the United States, 1607-1877)  
HIST 301 (Blacks in the United States since 1877)  
HIST 305 (Mexican American History, 1848-present)  
HIST 307 (Latino Communities in the United States)  
HIST 319 (United States Immigration and Ethnicity)  
HIST 370 (Civil War and Reconstruction)  
HIST 461 (History of American Women)  
JOUR 407 (Women, Minorities, and the Mass Media)  
COMM 335 (Intercultural Communication)  
COMM 420 (Gender and Communication)  
COMM 425 (Rhetoric of the Civil Rights Movement)  
COMM 431 (Rhetoric of Social Movements)  
AMST 300 (Imagined Americas)  
ANTH 301 (Indians of North America)  
ANTH 404 (Women and Culture)

Variable topics courses, such as POLS306, POLS481, POLS485, POLS489, POLS497, and similar courses in other disciplines may qualify, when focused specifically on race, ethnicity, or gender politics or on closely related topics of significant substance or importance. POLS 316 (Urban Politics) and POLS 324 (Politics of Global Inequality) may also qualify, but only when taught with significant focus on race, ethnicity, or gender politics, or clearly related topics. Students who plan to apply any of these courses 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.

### **Approved Lectures**

Each semester, a number of lectures relevant to this program are offered outside of formal classes. To fulfill a requirement for the certificate, a student must attend three such lectures while registered for the program. Approved lectures will be announced by email to registered students; the announcements will come from the Undergraduate Programs Office (UPO) of the Department of Political Science. If a student plans to use some other lecture toward fulfilling this requirement, approval must be received prior to the lecture from an undergraduate advisor in the UPO of the Department of Political Science. After each attendance, the student must file a one-page, typed summary of the lecture with the UPO (2024 Allen Building). Each summary must be filed within fourteen days after the lecture in order to be counted toward the certificate requirement.

### **Admission Requirements**

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

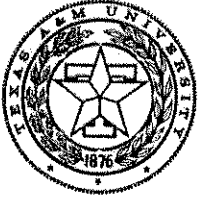
Students interested in the Certificate should make an appointment with an academic advisor in the Undergraduate Programs Office (UPO) in the Department of Political Science, Allen Building, Room 2024.

### **Steps to Receive the Certificate in Race, Ethnicity and Gender Politics**

1. Apply for the program as early as your freshman year or first year at Texas A&M University. Contact the Office of Undergraduate Advising in the Department of Political Science.
2. Plan ahead to schedule appropriate classes. You are responsible for acquiring the specific course work. 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 from <http://www-polisci.tamu.edu/> 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, Room 2024, 845-3127



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

MEMORANDUM

TO: Victor Arizpe, Head, Hispanic Studies  
FROM: Patricia A. Hurley, Professor and Head *PAH*  
RE: Proposed Certificate in Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Politics  
DATE: March 6, 2006

The Department of Political Science is proposing a new Certificate in Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Politics. This program will be open to all students, regardless of major, who complete the requirements for the certificate. Students' transcripts will signify that they have completed the certificate program.


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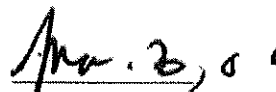
As part of the approval process, we are seeking your department's approval to include these courses in the certificate requirements. Since students will be able to choose from many options, this is unlikely to add more than one to two students per semester to the current demand for any given course.

If you approve of listing these courses, please so indicate by signing below, and keep a copy for your files. There is no need to return the certificate proposal.

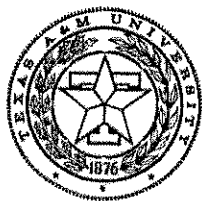
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Approved:

  
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Signature

  
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Date





# TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

College of Liberal Arts  
Department of Political Science

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Walter Buenger, Head, History

FROM: Patricia A. Hurley, Professor and Head *PAH*

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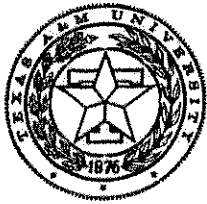
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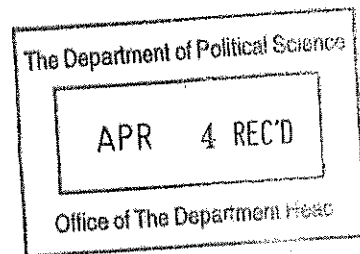
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*Walter L. Buenger*  
Signature

*3/9/06*  
Date



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



MEMORANDUM

TO: David Carlson, Head, Anthropology  
FROM: Patricia A. Hurley, Professor and Head *Pat*  
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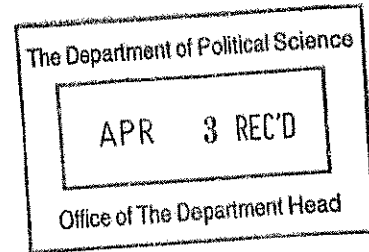
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**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**  
College of Liberal Arts  
Department of Political Science



MEMORANDUM

TO: Amy Earhart, Interim Director, American Studies  
FROM: Patricia A. Hurley, Professor and Head *PAH*  
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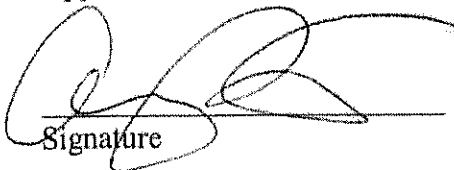
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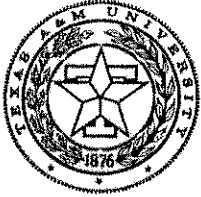
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Approved:

  
Signature

3-31-06  
Date



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

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mark Fossett, Head, Sociology

FROM: Patricia A. Hurley, Professor and Head *PAH*

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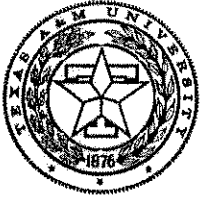
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Paul Parrish, Head, English

FROM: Patricia A. Hurley, Professor and Head *PAH*

RE: Proposed Certificate in Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Politics

DATE: March 6, 2006

Department of English

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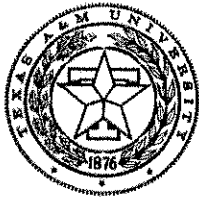
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*Paul A. Parrish*  
 Signature

*3/9/06*  
 Date



# TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

College of Liberal Arts  
Department of Political Science

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Richard Street, Head, Communication

FROM: Patricia A. Hurley, Professor and Head *PAH*

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Approved:

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Signature

3-6-06

Date