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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.30.080)

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 Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Politics – 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.30.080

<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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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_



R. Bowen Loftin, President

1/18/13  
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 Date

19. Special Consideration

**College of Liberal Arts**

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# **SPECIAL CONSIDERATION**

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**


DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE


CERTIFICATE IN RACE, ETHNICITY, AND GENDER POLITICS – 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   
 Head of the Department of Political Science

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

SUBJECT: Changes to the Certificate in Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Politics

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 Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Politics: The lecture attendance requirement has been replaced with a "program participation" requirement, so that either lectures, or independent research, or research as part of a team, all of which are now available to these students, can count toward the certificate.

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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 Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Politics**

The Certificate in Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Politics is a means of enhancing undergraduate education through a focused program of courses and ~~attendance at~~ <sup>program participation.</sup> ~~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 coursework and attendance at a number of relevant university lectures. 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.

### **Teacher Certification**

Students desiring certification to teach civics or government in secondary schools in Texas must meet special additional requirements.

More complete information on requirements for teacher certification may be found in the College of Education and Human Development section under secondary certification.

## **Bachelor of Arts**

**Political Science.** 33 credits. No more than 33 credits in political science may be applied to the degree. Students must complete POLS 206, POLS 207 and POLS 209 and 24 political science elective hours. A grade of C or higher is required for a course to be counted in the major field.

<b>Credits</b>	<b>Course</b>
3	POLS 206 American National Government.
3	POLS 207 State and Local Government.
3	POLS 209 Introduction to Political Science Research. Students must complete POLS 209 before taking more than six hours of 300- or 400-level courses in Political Science.
24	Electives Distribution Requirement: In addition to the required courses in American Government (POLS 206 and POLS 207), students must complete one course in at least two of the following three areas of Political Science: Political Theory—POLS 303, POLS 349, POLS 350, POLS 359, POLS 362, POLS 364, POLS 369, POLS 454, POLS 455, POLS 456, POLS 462; Comparative Governments—POLS 311, POLS 312, POLS 322, POLS 323, POLS 324, POLS 326, POLS 328, POLS 329, POLS 338, POLS 352, POLS 358, POLS 365, POLS 367, POLS 421, POLS 424, POLS 432; International Relations—POLS 331, POLS 333, POLS 335, POLS 412, POLS 413, POLS 415, POLS 418, POLS 423, POLS 429, POLS 439, POLS 447.