To be adopted:

Proposed Changes to Political Science/International Affairs Major

**PRESENT:**

The major requirements for the B.A. degree in Political Science/International Affairs are as follows:

1. Lower-division requirements (two courses [at least 8 units]): POSC 015 or POSC 017; POSC 020

2. Upper-division requirements (16 courses [at least 64 units]):
   a) International Relations (four courses)
      POSC 123, POSC 124, POSC 125, POSC 126, POSC 127, POSC 128, POSC 129, POSC 130, POSC 150, POSC 169
   b) Comparative Politics (four courses)
      POSC 120, POSC 131, POSC 151, POSC 152, POSC 153, POSC 154, POSC 155, POSC 156, POSC 157, POSC 158/LNST 148, POSC 159, POSC 160, POSC 162/LNST 142, POSC 164
   c) General Political Science (four other political science courses in any subfield).
   d) In addition, students must take four courses from the following:
      ANTH 161/LNST 161, ANTH 163, ANTH 164/LNST164/WMST 164, ANTH 186/LNST 166,
      ECON 171, ECON 175, ECON 178/BUS

**PROPOSED:**

The major requirements for the B.A. degree in Political Science/International Affairs are as follows:

1. Lower-division requirements (two courses [10 units]):
   One course from a and one course from b
   a) POSC 015 or POSC 017
   b) POSC 020 or POSC 020H

2. Upper-division requirements (16 courses [at least 64 units]):
   a) International Relations (four courses)
      POSC 123, POSC 124 or POSC 124S, POSC 125, POSC 126, POSC 127, POSC 128, POSC 129, POSC 130, POSC 135, POSC 147, POSC 150, POSC 169
   b) Comparative Politics (four courses)
      POSC 120, POSC 131, POSC 133, POSC 151, POSC 152, POSC 153, POSC 154, POSC 155, POSC 156, POSC 157, POSC 158/LNST 148, POSC 159, POSC 160, POSC 162/LNST 142, POSC 164 or POSC 164S

   [no change]
Students may petition for permission to count a specific course not on this list. Political Science/International Affairs majors are strongly encouraged to learn a language other than English. The university offers language instruction in Chinese, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Portuguese, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The proposed change to the lower-division area is to eliminate the duplication of credit problem for POSC 015 and POSC 017 which are the two choices to fulfill the lower-division comparative requirement. Credit is given for only one of these courses, however, when a student enrolls in both, for example POSC 015 and in a later quarter POSC 017, a duplication of credit would occur and the student would have 5 units taken away for the duplication. The enrollment system would not catch the duplication. The proposed change requires a student to choose only one course from a) and one from b). This should eliminate the duplication of credit problem.

All of the lower-division political science courses were increased from 4 units to 5 units, therefore, the total number of lower-division units required for the Political Science/International Affairs major needs to be changed to reflect this increase from 8 units to 10 units.

The underlined courses listed in a) International Relations and b) Comparative Politics are new approved courses that need to be added to their respective areas. POSC 135 is not a new course but it was never added into the International Relations area.

POSC 124S and POSC 164S are the 5 unit versions of existing 4 unit courses with added discussion sections. The goal of the modification is to improve the quality of education in three ways: (1) to increase the material covered, (2) to facilitate more individualized education, and (3) to increase student participation and engagement with the course and its texts. Adding a discussion section and integrating additional readings and written assignments into those sections is intended to promote these objectives.

**APPROVALS:**

Approved by the faculty of the Department of Political Science: 12/19/08

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