NAME OF DEGREE PROGRAM(S): BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN GOVERNMENT

EXPLAIN CHANGE(S) TO DEGREE PROGRAM:

The Government major previously required a grade of C in each course used toward the 30 hour major. We will now be allowing a grade of C- in each course. Hence, adding statement “A minimum grade point average of 2.00 in courses taken at the University and counted toward the major is also required.”

Indicate pages in the Undergraduate Catalog where changes will be made: Pgs. 323-4

GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR CHANGE(S):

The Government major presently requires a grade of C in each course used for the major, guaranteeing that a student would not earn below a 2.00 major g.p.a., the minimum standard required by the College in order to earn a degree (found on page 316 under Bachelor of Arts, Plan I). The Department of Government has decided to allow a minimum grade of C- in each course used in the major. However, if a student were to earn a C- in all 30 hours required for the major, the result would be a major g.p.a. well below the minimum 2.00 criteria. We are restating the College’s major g.p.a. requirement within the Government major text to remind students that while a C- is allowed in courses, they must still maintain a 2.00.

SCOPE OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE(S):

Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? If yes, then how? No.

Has the other college(s)/school(s) been informed of the proposed change? If so, please indicate their response. N/A

Person communicated with: N/A
Date of Communication?

Will this proposal change the number of required hours for degree completion? If yes, please explain: No.

Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? No.

COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS:

Department: Yes Date: November 9, 2009
Note: Received approval from Chair of the Department Gary Freeman and from Director of Undergrad Studies Raul Madrid on November 9, 2009.

Dean: Yes Date: November 13, 2009
On pages 323-324, under the heading **DEGREES**, in the **MAJORS AND MINORS** subsection of the College of Liberal Arts chapter of the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010*, make the following changes:

**Government**

*Major:* Thirty semester hours of government, at least eighteen of which must be upper-division, including at least one upper-division course from each of three of the six fields into which the department’s work is divided: (1) political theory, (2) American government and politics, (3) public and comparative law, (4) public policy, (5) comparative politics, and (6) international relations.


Students may choose to satisfy the tools course requirement by completing one of the following nongovernment course options; these courses may not be counted toward the semester hours and grade point average required for the major.

a. Three hours of statistics chosen from Statistics and Scientific Computation 305 and 306 and Mathematics 316.
b. Three hours of logic, chosen from Philosophy 313, 313K, and 313Q, and Computer Sciences 313K. Plan II students may use Tutorial Course 310 to meet this requirement.
c. Six hours of upper-division coursework in one foreign language. Courses taught in English may not be used.

All government majors must earn a grade of at least [C-] in each course counted toward fulfillment of the major requirements. A minimum grade point average of 2.00 in courses taken at the University and counted toward the major is also required.

No more than six hours of internship coursework may be counted toward the major, including transfer credit earned in internship courses at other institutions of higher education.

No student may register for more than nine semester hours of government in one semester without the consent of an undergraduate adviser in the Department of Government.