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TO: Dean Augustine
FROM: Mary Anne Hanner, Dean
DATE: October 16, 2009
RE: Executive Action Taken at the College of Sciences Curriculum Committee Meeting on October 16, 2009

The following was approved by executive action at the College of Sciences Curriculum Committee electronic meeting on October 16, 2009 to be effective Spring 2010. I ask that similar action be taken at the Council on Graduate Studies.

Requested Change:

Change the catalog language for PLS 5980 (Administrative Internship) by removing the sentence "only open to students enrolled as Political Science graduate students."

Current Catalog Listing:

(Arr.-Arr.-1 or 2 or 3) (Credit/No Credit) A student will serve as an intern in a federal, state, county, municipal or party organization or agency appropriate to his/her area of concentration. May be repeated for a maximum of six semester hours of credit toward the degree. Open only to students enrolled as Political Science graduate students.

Prerequisites & Notes

Permission of the department chair. A maximum of nine semester hours may be earned in a combination of 5950 and/or 5980 and/or 5990 and/or 5997.

Rationale for change:

The rationale is twofold. The primary reason is that the language is too restrictive and may deny qualified students with an opportunity to gain valuable experience. Since we generally only have one or two students taking this course annually, a small increase in demand is not likely to be too burdensome. The second reason for the requested change is to assist with the PSM grant being developed under the direction of Dean Hanner and Dean Augustine. Lifting this restriction will allow students in the proposed PSM program to intern with governmental agencies in addition to private sector organizations.

Effective Year/Term:

Spring 2010