To: Curriculum Committee
From: Annette M. Watson
Date: February 20, 2014
Re: Changes to Geography Minor

We are requesting to add 5 classes to the list of cognate courses that can count as the “remaining two electives” section of the Geography minor. The five classes are:

POLI 245 – Cuban Revolution
POLI 330 – Southern Politics
POLI 345 – Politics of China
POLI 346 – Southeast Asian Politics
POLI 351 – Politics of Contemporary Brazil

Much like the classes already listed in this section, these courses focus on specific areas of the world and provide students with valuable content expertise on different geographic regions. The courses also meet very similar student learning objectives as the four courses currently listed in this section (Politics of Latin American, Politics of Africa, Politics of East Asia, and Politics of the Middle East).
FACULTY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
MINOR FORM

Instructions:
- Please fill out all of the portions of the form that are specified in section B. You must do this before your request can move forward!
- Remember that your changes will not be implemented until the next catalog year at the earliest.
- If you have questions, please start by checking the detailed instructions on the website. Please feel free to contact the committee chair with any remaining questions you might have.

A. CONTACT INFORMATION.

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School: HSS  Department or Program: Political Science
Name and Acronym of Minor: Geography (GEOG)

B. TYPE OF REQUEST. Please check all that apply, then fill out the specified parts of the form.

☐ Add a New Minor (complete all portions)

☒ Change an Existing Minor (complete C, D, E, G, H, and I)
☐ Add existing course or courses to requirements or electives
☐ Add new course(s) to requirements or electives (attach completed course form for each)
☐ Delete courses from requirements or electives

☐ Terminate a Minor (complete E, G, H, and I)

C. GENERAL INFORMATION.

Number of Current Credit Hours (for existing minors): ___18____
Number of Proposed Credit Hours (for new or changing minors): _____

Catalog year in which changes will take effect: FALL ___20014_____

☐ Interdisciplinary (please see guidelines on the Curriculum Committee website and include acknowledgments from relevant departments)

According to academic policy, students may not obtain a major/concentration and minor in the same subject. Will students in specific majors be prohibited from declaring this minor because of this policy?

☐ Yes—Which major(s) or concentration(s)? ________________
☐ No

D. CURRICULUM. For a changed minor, please list every change you are making below AND attach the current catalog entry for this minor (from the Minor Requirements section) with changes marked in RED. Additions should show where the course will be inserted, deletions should be noted by crossing out the course, and moves indicated with arrows. Distinguish between required and elective courses, and note any prerequisites, co-requisites, sequencing, or other restrictions. For each new course, submit the Curriculum Committee’s Course Form and a sample syllabus. For

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a new program, please submit the complete curriculum and catalog description exactly as they should appear in the catalog.

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E. RATIONALE AND EXPLANATION. Please provide a narrative addressing the request you are making and why you are making it. In addition, for a new minor, please address its objectives, provide evidence of student interest (e.g., interviews with student focus groups, enrollment in special-topics courses in this area), and explain how the minor supports the liberal arts tradition as well as the mission of the institution.

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F. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ASSESSMENT.

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<th>Student Learning Outcomes</th>
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<td>What will students know and be able to do when they complete the minor? Attach a Curriculum Map.</td>
<td>How will each outcome be measured? Who will be assessed, when, and how often? How well should students be able to do on the assessment?</td>
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How does this minor align with the student learning outcomes articulated for the major, program, or general education? What program-level outcome or outcomes does it support? Is the content or skill introduced, reinforced, or demonstrated in this minor?

G. IMPACT ON EXISTING PROGRAMS AND COURSES. Please describe the impact of this request on other programs and courses. If you are deleting a minor, please identify all programs that will be affected. If you are adding or changing a minor, please explain any overlap with existing programs at the College.

See attached for a letter of support from the political science department chair, Gibbs Knotts. He notes that this proposal has no negative impact on that program.

H. COSTS. List all of the new costs or cost savings (including new faculty/staff requests, library, equipment, etc.) associated with your request.

There is no additional cost to this change.

I. CHECKLIST.

☑ I have completed all relevant parts of the form.

☑ I have attached a cover letter that describes my request and lists all the documents I am submitting.

☐ I have attached a Course Form for each newly-created or modified course.

☑ (For proposals that affect other departments in any way) I have attached an acknowledgement from the relevant department.

☑ I have provided the complete curriculum for the minor, including the description and course list, exactly as it should appear in the catalog.

☑ I have submitted one Signature Form that lists all of the different forms I am submitting.

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Geography Minor

Credit Hours: 18

Minor Requirements:

A minor in geography requires detailed study of particular places at different scales, from the Lowcountry to Africa, and teaches students to understand and appreciate the physical and social processes that shape the world we live in. Students are introduced to the discipline of geography through World Regional Geography, a required course. All declared minors also take Reading the Lowcountry Landscape, which is a field-intensive methods course that builds geographic skills by analyzing the various processes that have shaped the Lowcountry. The minor is offered by the Department of Political Science and administered by a steering committee of faculty. Additional geography electives and cognate courses may be proposed by other departments for inclusion at any time.

Students are required to take one systematic course in geography: environmental, political or urban geography. From there, students choose geography and cognate electives for a total of 18 credit hours in the discipline.

The core requirement for the minor includes two courses:

**POLI 104**  World Regional Geography

**GEOG 219**  Reading the Lowcountry Landscape

Plus any one of the following:

**POLI 305**  Urbanization and Urban Geography

**POLI 368**  Political Geography

**POLI 397**  Environmental Geography

Students must also take 9 credit hours of electives

One elective must be drawn from the following list of geography courses:

**POLI 305**  Urbanization and Urban Geography

**POLI 306**  Urban Policy

**POLI 333**  Suburbia: People, Places, and Politics

**POLI 352**  Geographies and Politics of the European Union

**POLI 353**  Geographies and Politics of Food
The Geography of International Conflict
Political Geography
Environmental Geography
Special Topics in Geography
Special Topics in Geography
Reading and Independent Study in Geography

The remaining two electives can be selected from the list of geography courses above and/or these cognate courses:
Cuban Revolution
Southern Politics
Politics of Latin America
Politics of Africa
Politics of East Asia
Politics of the Middle East
Politics of China
Southeast Asian Politics
Politics of Contemporary Brazil

*NOTE: a maximum of 9 hours of coursework in the Geography Minor may be applied to the requirements for the major in Political Science.
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Adding these classes will have no negative impact on our department. In fact, many of our majors also minor in Geography.
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SIGNATURE PAGE

- In section A, list ALL of the forms covered by this signature page. If you submit a form that is not listed in A, your proposal will be held back until we receive a new, updated signature page.
- You must obtain the signature of your department chair and dean before submitting your proposal.

A. FORMS COVERED BY THIS SIGNATURE PAGE. List each form you are submitting—for instance, PSYC 383, Course Form; PSYC, Change of Major Form; PSYC, Change of Minor Form.

  change of minor form

B. APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES.

1. Signature of Department Chair or Program Director:

   [signature] Date: 2-20-14

2. Signature of Academic Dean:

   [signature] Date: 2/20/14

3. Signature of Provost:

   [signature] Date: 2/29/14

4. Signature of Business Affairs (only for course fees):

   [signature] Date: 

   □ fee approved on 
   □ BOT approval pending

5. Signature of Curriculum Committee Chair:

   [signature] Date: 

6. Signature of Budget Committee Chair (only for new programs):

   [signature] Date: 

7. Signature of Academic Planning Committee Chair (only for new programs):

   [signature] Date: 

8. Signature of Faculty Senate Secretary:

   [signature] Date: 

Date Approved by Faculty Senate: 