New Track, Minor, or Certificate Proposal Form

Instructions: All track, minor, or certificate proposals must be signed by the Chair and Dean and submitted to the Office of the Provost.

Faculty Initiating Request: Dr. Christopher Lawrence  Submission Date: 03/24/2016

Department/School: History and Political Science/College of Arts and Sciences

Proposed Addition: ☐ Track ☐ Minor ☐ Certificate  Effective Date: Fall 2016

Program Title: European Union Studies Certificate

Provide a description of the new Track, Minor, or Certificate course exactly as it will appear in the catalog.

European Union Studies (Certificate)
The certificate in European Union Studies is designed to provide in-depth study on a topic that cuts across traditional academic disciplines and typically has a "real life" application in a professional context. Its purpose is to certify an individual as competent in a subject area outside conventional degree programs.

Curriculum for the Certificate in European Union Studies
EURO 3234 Introduction to the European Union Credit: 3 hours
EURO 4830 European Union Studies Capstone Course Credit: 3 hours

Choose three courses from among the following, including at least one course in each of two different discipline areas (Social Sciences, Humanities & Fine Arts, Business & Economics, and Natural & Health Sciences):
• EURO 4130 - EU Law and Legal Systems  • EURO 4330 - EU Science and Technology Policy
• EURO 4160 - Federalism and Multilevel Governance in the EU  • EURO 4430 - EU Environmental Policy
• EURO 4230 - Doing Business in the EU  • EURO 4530 - European Social Policy
• EURO 4260 - European Monetary Union  • EURO 44630 - Communications and Media
• EURO 4730 - EU Foreign Policy  • EURO 4760 - US-EU Relations
• Any upper division course that deals substantially with a particular aspect of the EU or European integration; deals substantially with the impact or consequences of the EU or European integration; or has a comparative scope with at least twenty-five percent of the course focused on the EU, as approved by the EU Studies campus representative.

Total Hours: 15 hours

Areas of Distinction: the certificate also highlights special achievements by providing a notation of "distinction" in three areas for students who complete the necessary additional credits:
• practicum experience: an overseas experience (including study or research abroad) or an internship, as approved by the EU Studies campus representative and Executive Director. (3–6 credit hours)
• foreign language proficiency: successful completion of two upper-division foreign language courses. (6 credit hours)
• composition of a thesis. (3 credit hours)

Faculty Member  4/18/16  Assistant Provost of Academic Planning & Policy  4/5/2016
Chair  4/12/16  Provost  5/13/16
Dean  4/16/16  Chair Academic Affairs Committee  8/2/16
Chair Faculty Senate  5/11/16

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MGA's strategic goal #1, "Quality and distinctiveness of student success," includes the initiative "Advance international educational experiences and partnerships abroad." This certificate is part of that initiative. A program that focuses on the European Union, the U.S.'s largest trading partner, is an important addition to our university-level offerings. This certificate offers students multiple possibilities for distinctive success, including study abroad, earning a distinction in foreign language, earning a distinction by completing a thesis, and earning a version of the certificate jointly conferred with a European university.

Strategic goal #1 also includes the initiative "Identify potential new baccalaureate programming that integrates arts, sciences, and professional outcomes." This certificate advances that initiative by offering students an interdisciplinary learning opportunity that focuses on in-depth knowledge of political, cultural, business, and economic practices in the European Union.

As a signatory to the European Union Studies Program of the University System of Georgia, MGA will offer this certificate program both as a learning opportunity for students and as a professional development and pedagogical opportunity for faculty.

Does this new track, minor, or certificate require new courses be added to the catalog?  Yes  No
(Attach course proposals)

Will the new track, minor, or certificate require new faculty lines or other institutional resources?  Yes  No

If yes, explain:

The EU Studies Program memorandum of understanding, signed by President Blake in February 2016, requires that MGA add the EU Studies Certificate and EU Studies Program courses to our catalog. These online courses are available to students at all institutions participating in the program.

The program offers MGA faculty the opportunity to propose and teach EU Studies courses as part of their normal teaching load or as overloads. Tuition collected for EU Studies Program enrollment is remitted to the Program agency account housed at Valdosta State University; home institutions are then compensated at the adjunct instructor rate (if a course is taught as part of the normal teaching load) or at 9% of the faculty member’s base salary (if the course is an overload), and the faculty member receives a $1,000 fee to update course materials.

For new minors:
Does the new minor adhere to BoR guidelines (http://www.usg.edu/academic_affairs_handbook/section2/C731/)?  Yes  No  (Attach BoR minor notification form)

For new certificates:
Does the new certificate adhere to BoR guidelines (http://www.usg.edu/academic_programs/changes/certificates_guidelines)?  Yes  No  (Attach BoR certificate notification form)