

**The following emails refer to Political Science and International Studies MA and PhD proposals addressed in the Graduate Studies Committee minutes.**

**From Mar 3, 2006, Graduate Studies Committee Minutes**

New Business: James Magee and Dan Green attended the meeting to respond to two items related to changes proposed in the Political Science and International Relations program. The Committee had questioned the use of America in the proposed course POSC 867 “America and the Global System.” Dr. Magee explained that “America” is regularly used in the discipline to represent the U.S. of America and that he would take the issue back to the faculty for a final decision on whether to revise the proposed name of the course. The second item of discussion related to the request of the Committee to clarify requirements of an applicant to the PhD program who holds an M.A. degree from another university. It was agreed that a statement in the admission section of the program policy document would indicate that each student’s requirements for satisfying the master’s equivalency would be determined and that qualified applicants who do not meet the master’s equivalency requirement at the time of admission will be required to do so while at the University of Delaware in order to continue in the Ph.D. program.

**From Feb 1, 2006, Graduate Studies Committee Minutes**

The Committee reviewed the changes presented for the MA and PHD programs in Political Science and International Relations. The Committee requested that the name of the proposed new course to be required for the degrees to be USA and the Global System rather than America and the Global System. The primary change to the degree requirements was to add the new course, PSIR 807, as a required course in both the MA and PHD. In addition, one free elective course was dropped from the PHD requirements to permit the addition of the new course.

**Charles Mason**

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**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2006 6:21 AM  
**Attach:** jjimagee.vcf  
**Subject:** Re: Grad Studies Committee Recommendations for POSC

Chuck, sorry about not getting back . . . I turned this over to Dan Green who was with me at the meeting. We agreed to change the title and to incorporate the Mary's suggested language (from Econ) regarding students entering with a Master's degree. Thanks for your help, and it was a pleasure to meet you. Let me know if you have any other questions. Jim

Charles Mason wrote:

> Jim:  
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> Can you give me an idea of what you think your department response  
> will be on the recommendations we discussed last week at the Graduate  
> Studies Committee Meeting? I need to meet with the Coordinating  
> Committee on Monday and I would like to be in a position to respond if  
> a question comes up about your program.  
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> Chuck  
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Cc: "Karren Helsel-Spry" <[Karren@udel.edu](mailto:Karren@udel.edu)>  
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2006 2:25 PM  
Subject: Re: [Fwd: Program Approval by Grad Studies Committee]

> Matt:

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> Thanks for your response so soon. Since you submitted your proposal on the  
> old approval form, I was not certain who the originator was, so that is why  
> my message went initially to Professor Magee.

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> At the end of your message, you refer to my second item, but I believe you  
> mean my third item pertaining to the graduate program policy. As a general  
> practice, we are requesting the latest approved version of the policy with  
> all changes made in the proposal also to be included in the policy document.  
> I have attached the copy of your document from last year for your reference,  
> which is the latest electronic version the senate office and I have on hand.  
> Although I received 4 hard copies of your handbook from Cindy Waksmonski, we  
> did not receive an electronic file of this with any of the materials. As  
> one example, your MA electives are showing as 11 credits in the attached  
> file, whereas you are proposing this be changed to 8.

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> Regarding the other points you mention, I will get back to you later after  
> feedback from the committee. We do note that the History Department uses  
> United States in their course titles.

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> Best Regards,  
> Chuck

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Matthew Hoffmann" <[mjhoffud@yahoo.com](mailto:mjhoffud@yahoo.com)>  
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> Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2006 12:59 PM  
> Subject: Re: [Fwd: Program Approval by Grad Studies Committee]

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>> Dear Charles,

>> Thank you for the feedback on our program revisions--I  
>> apologize for the delay in getting back to you as I  
>> was abroad for winter and am just getting back in the  
>> groove. I have a response for both points and would  
>> like your clarification for how you would like us to  
>> proceed.

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>> 1. We can change the name of the course, but question  
>> the necessity. The label 'American' is well accepted

>> in the parlance of political science to refer to the  
>> US. Note that the course American Foreign Policy is  
>> ubiquitous across political science departments and  
>> one of the subfields of political science is American  
>> Politics (meaning US politics).

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>> 2. We have a de facto policy for students coming in  
>> with an MA of going through their transcripts and  
>> exempting them from some specific courses. We can  
>> make this a formal policy, though it will require a  
>> meeting with our graduate policy committee. We would  
>> prefer to leave the policy as is, to provide us the  
>> flexibility we need to deal with a wide-range of prior  
>> experience in our graduate students. Perhaps it would  
>> be satisfactory to include a line in our handbook  
>> similar to:

>> "Students arriving with an MA are required to complete  
>> all core requirements, but may be exempt from specific  
>> elective courses."

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>> The second request caught us a bit by surprise as the  
>> whole graduate program was reviewed last year, but we  
>> are happy to make necessary changes to be in  
>> compliance with the committee's standards.

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>> I look forward to your clarification.

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>> Cheers,

>> Matt

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>>> Subject: Program Approval by Grad Studies Committee

>>> Date: Wed, 1 Feb 2006 18:26:12 -0500

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>>> Program Approval by Grad Studies Committee

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>>> Dear Professor Magee:

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>>> Your department's proposals on revision of the MA  
>>> and PhD were approved by the Faculty Senate Graduate  
>>> Studies Committee with the following provisions:

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>>> 1) Change in the title of POSC 807. Based on the  
>>> description of the proposed new course, the

>>> committee feels that the title of the course is more  
>>> accurately reflected as "USA and the Global System"  
>>> or a comparable representation. Use of America in  
>>> the title implies the whole American continent,  
>>> which is not reflected in the course description.  
>>> This needs to be done in the proposals for program  
>>> revisions as well as the new course proposal on line  
>>> for the course challenge list.

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>>> 2) We feel that the requirements for the student  
>>> coming to your program with a master's degree need  
>>> to be addressed. The graduate program policy  
>>> document (exhibited as "graduate handbook" in the  
>>> submitted materials) needs to have a statement or  
>>> section that explains the process for students  
>>> applying to the PhD program who already hold a  
>>> master's degree from another institution or program.  
>>> If they already have completed courses listed in  
>>> your MA program, we assume they can be applied to  
>>> meeting the requirements if they satisfy the  
>>> department's criteria for transfer. We assume that  
>>> courses not completed in the master's would have to  
>>> be taken at U of D or could be waived and an  
>>> explanation is needed to make this clear also.

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>>> 3) Submit your graduate policy document in  
>>> electronic form, if possible in PDF, but if not,  
>>> send it in Word format and we will convert it to  
>>> PDF.

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>>> Please make the changes or incorporate the  
>>> suggestions stated above. If the changes or  
>>> suggestions seem to be out of order, please specify  
>>> why in your response. If necessary, we will take  
>>> your response back to the committee for  
>>> reconsideration. After completing these, send an  
>>> updated electronic file or files of your updated  
>>> academic approval form(s) (if any changes were made)  
>>> and any updated companion documents as attached  
>>> files accompanying an email to me with a copy to  
>>> Mary Martin. For your reference, you can access  
>>> your program proposal at the following web location  
>>> <http://www.udel.edu/facsen/Graduate/> under a recent  
>>> agenda. Once everything has been completed, I will  
>>> forward your proposal on to the Faculty Senate  
>>> Coordinating Committee on Education. >>> Chuck Mason