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Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet - University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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Proposing Department/Unit Political Science	Phone x72290

Check all appropriate lines and complete all information. Use a separate cover sheet for each course proposal and/or program proposal.

1. Course Proposals (check all that apply)

☐ New Course	☐ Course Prefix Change	☐ Course Deletion
☐ Course Revision	☐ Course Number and/or Title Change	☒ Catalog Description Change

Current course prefix, number and full title:

Proposed course prefix, number and full title, if changing:

2. Liberal Studies Course Designations, as appropriate

This course is also proposed as a Liberal Studies Course (please mark the appropriate categories below)

☐ Learning Skills	☐ Knowledge Area	☐ Global and Multicultural Awareness	☐ Writing Across the Curriculum (W Course)
☐ Liberal Studies Elective (please mark the designation(s) that applies – must meet at least one)			
☐ Global Citizenship	☐ Information Literacy	☐ Oral Communication	
☐ Quantitative Reasoning	☐ Scientific Literacy	☐ Technological Literacy	

3. Other Designations, as appropriate

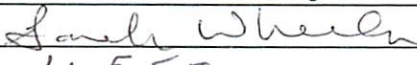
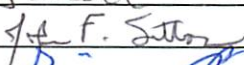
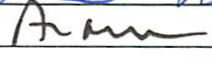
☐ Honors College Course	☐ Other: (e.g. Women's Studies, Pan African)
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4. Program Proposals

☐ Catalog Description Change	☐ Program Revision	☐ Program Title Change	☐ New Track
☐ New Degree Program	☒ New Minor Program	☐ Liberal Studies Requirement Changes	☐ Other

Current program name: **Homeland Security**

Proposed program name, if changing:

5. Approvals	Signature	Date
Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s)		9/30/13
Department Chairperson(s)		9/30/2013
College Curriculum Committee Chair		10/2/13
College Dean		10/2/13
Director of Liberal Studies (as needed)		
Director of Honors College (as needed)		
Provost (as needed)		
Additional signature (with title) as appropriate		
UWUCC Co-Chairs		10/24/13

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Part II. Description of Curricular Change.

Catalog Description.

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Minor–Homeland Security

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Required Courses:

PLSC 101	World Politics (1)	3cr
PLSC 111	American Politics (1)	3cr
PLSC 283	American Foreign Policy	3cr
PLSC/CRIM 344	Terrorism	3cr
PLSC 388	Dimensions of National Security	3cr
PLSC 465	Intelligence Process and Policy	3cr

(1) Must be completed prior to taking additional course in the minor.

Rationale/Justification. A minor in Homeland Security is appropriate for many majors in the social sciences and natural sciences. The United States Department of Homeland Security aligned twenty-two agencies under a single department with a mission that includes prevention and protection against threats and disasters of all kinds. The Homeland Security minor is designed to assist students in gaining knowledge of the political aspects of this subject area. The minor requires eighteen credits in PLSC courses, with the exception that CRIM 344 can be substituted for PLSC 344. The 100 level courses must be completed prior to taking the remaining four courses.

Minors in Homeland Security (or a close variant) are offered at many colleges and universities, e.g., the University of Maryland (online), SUNY – Canton, and Penn State (online, “World Campus”). Penn State also offers an M.A. and a Certification in the field. California University of Pennsylvania offers a M.S. in Legal Studies: Homeland Security (online, “Global Campus”), and Westmoreland County Community College offers a Certificate.

Part III. Implementation.

1. Faculty resources are adequate. The courses required for this minor already are offered in the department, with the exception of PLSC 344 which is in the process of being cross-correlated with the existing course CRIM 344. The Department of Criminology will assist in offering the required course PLSC 344/CRIM 344 Terrorism.

2. Space, equipment, and supplies are adequate.

3. It is hoped that the addition of this minor will boost enrollments in various PLSC courses, especially the two introductory courses. However, with the addition of the authorized new tenure-track faculty member in Middle East Politics, Fall 2014, the department will be able to accommodate additional students.

4. Intended Implementation date: Spring 2014

Part IV. Periodic Assessment.

A thorough assessment of all minors in Political Science is undertaken as part of the Department Five Year Review. More frequent informal assessments will be completed by the Chair and the course instructors. The criteria of assessment will primarily be (1) enrollments in the minor and (2) usefulness of the minor to various majors. The latter will include student input based on emails to declared minors.

Part V. Course Proposals.

Submitted simultaneously with this proposal is the new course proposal PLSC 344 Terrorism, a cross-correlated listing of an existing course in Criminology, CRIM 344.

Part VI. Letters of Support or Acknowledgement.

Please see the attached letter by Randy Martin, Chair of the Department of Criminology.

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Re: Minor and 344

Subject: Re: Minor and 344

From: "Randy L Martin" <rmartin@iup.edu>

Date: 9/26/2013 10:22 PM

To: "John A Lewis" <mfyj@iup.edu>, "John Sitton" <jfsitton@iup.edu>

John,

I agree with John on all counts. I see no issues with the proposal and the Department has no concerns. We support the proposal.

Randy

Randy Martin, Chair

Department of Criminology

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

On Thu, 26 Sep 2013 14:17:25 -0400

"John A Lewis" <mfyj@iup.edu> wrote:

John and Randy,

The only major change to the minor was omission of the PLSC students from this minor, which was your department's call, so I do not see anything in the minor proposal that would negate our approval of the minor (use of CRIM 344).

As for the PLSC/CRIM 344 the course description and the objectives remained unchanged from the proposal CRIM submitted so I see no issue with this proposal either.

John