

**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON COURSES AND CURRICULA
March 21, 2014**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Approval of minutes**
- 3. Course proposals by college/school:**

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

+Maymester	PS 1001	First Year Seminar
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- 4. Degree proposals by college/school:**

FOREST RESOURCES

Deletion	Certificate	Forest Entrepreneurship
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**APPROVAL FORM FOR
MAYMESTER COURSES
MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY**

NOTE: This form is a cover sheet that must accompany a proposal for inclusion of a course in the Maymester. Please fill out appropriate form, A or B and attach. Both cover sheet and proposal should be submitted, along with all required copies, to UCCC, Garner Hall, Room 279, Mail Stop 9702.

College or School: Academic Affairs **Department:** Center for Teaching and Learning

Contact Person: Dr. Linda Morse **Phone:** 325-2083 **E-mail:** LMorse@colled.msstate.edu

Note: All First-Year Seminars are coordinated by the Center for Teaching and Learning, which reports directly to the Provost's Office. The CTL does not have a faculty of its own, but rather draws participating faculty from academic departments across the campus through a call for participation.

Date Initiated: March 2014 **Effective Date:** May 2014 (anticipated)

Experimental Course: PS 1001 First-Year Seminar

Current Listing in Catalog:

Symbol ___ (Note: First-Year Seminars take on different prefixes depending on which Department is home to the instructor.) **Number** 1001 **Title** First-Year Seminar (Note: First-Year Seminar is a general title; it is followed by whatever title the instructor assigns to it: In this case, State and Local Elections: Simulation-Based Learning **Credit Hours** 1

Current Catalog Description: First-year seminars explore a diverse array of topics that provide students with an opportunity to learn about a specific discipline from skilled faculty members. (Note: This is a generic description of all ___ 1001 First-Year Seminar courses. About two dozen different First-Year Seminars are taught each year and do not have individual catalog descriptions.)

Approved:	Date:
<u>Linda Morse</u>	<u>3-17-2014</u>
Department Head (CTL)	<u>3-17-2014</u>
<u>John Dodge</u>	
n/a	
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Dean of College or School	
<u>n/a</u>	
Chair, University Committee on Courses and Curricula	
<u>n/a</u>	
Chair, Graduate Council (if applicable)	
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Chair, Deans Council	

Maymester Course Proposal
Form A: Existing Course

Explain below how you can effectively deliver this course in an abbreviated (three week) format. Please keep this explanation to no more than one page. Attach your course syllabus.

This First-Year Seminar course (PS1001) is taught in conjunction with the American Legion Boys State conference that is held on campus each summer. It is offered to those eligible students who can enroll as freshmen at MSU. This particular First-Year Seminar is appropriate for this situation because it introduces the students to the field of Political Science, and illustrates specifically how decision-making occurs through participation in the voting process. Instructor-student class contact comfortably exceeds 15 hours. In fact, Maymester is a more desirable time period for this type of course, which emphasizes simulations and processes, because more than more than an hour per week can be devoted to the course topics within this format.

FYE courses are typically offered in the fall, and occasionally in the spring of the regular semesters. They are designed to acquaint the new students (mostly freshmen just out of high school) with an introduction to a field that is taught by an excellent instructor. These courses also introduce the students to MSU and to other freshmen programs such as the Maroon Edition, the common book program. Each year, the FYE instructors are asked to discuss the book during one class period. Last year, Dr. Travis, the instructor, discussed *Physics for Future Presidents*, a particularly timely topic for political science, during this course. Again, since the course isn't limited to an hour a week, the Maymester option provides additional time for book discussion and for answering questions the students may have about MSU.

The original approval (Fall, 2008) for the FYE courses suggested fall and spring offerings of the courses. With increased emphasis on summer freshmen programs, it is possible that FYE might be offered in other programs during the summer months (e.g., College Ready; Summer Developmental Programs).

This course was proposed by Dr. Travis last year as an FYE course and was approved by Linda Morse, CTL Director, and Dr. K. C. Morrison, Political Science and Public Administration Department Head. It was offered during last Maymester with an exception from the UCCC approved by Dr. Bourgeois. This First-Year Seminar, PS 1001 State and Local Elections: Simulation-Based Learning, was designed specifically for use in Maymester. It was taught with great success in May 2013.

We are now seeking approval to teach this FYE course during the Maymester on a regular basis. The Maymester is actually the ideal format for this course, as this is an intensive, full-time experience for the participants. The shortened format does not detract from the course.

The syllabus for PS 1001 from last Maymester follows. The only anticipated change for 2014 is that the new Maroon Edition book will be *The Invisible Girls*.

Syllabus for Proposed Maymester course:

PS 1001
State & Local Elections: Simulation-Based Learning

Professor: Rick Travis	Department of Political Science and Public Administration
Office: Allen 224	Term: Maymester 2013
rtravis@deanas.msstate.edu	tel. 325-2846

Course Overview

This course introduces students to a variety of issues related to state and local governance. Participants in this course will be exposed to basic elements of campaigns and elections as they prepare their own efforts at simulated local and state-wide political competition. This course is held in conjunction with the 2013 American Legion Boy's State conference. Students will also be exposed to topics which will be covered in the fall 2013 Maroon Edition reading program centering around the book *Physics for Future Presidents*. Students will also have the chance to interact with elected officials ranging from local Mayors to U.S. Senators.

Learning Outcomes

Students will understand the role of political parties in selecting and promoting candidates for public office.

Students will understand the differences and similarities in local and state-wide elections.

Students will understand different political leadership styles as exhibited by the guest speakers and as displayed by fellow students.

Method(s) of Evaluation

50% - Active Participation in electoral and governance processes

40% - Team Project preparation of campaign materials including party platforms, campaign strategies, and campaign signs, slogans commercials and speeches

10% - Attendance

Honor Code

Mississippi State University has an approved Honor Code that applies to all students. The code is as follows:

"As a Mississippi State University student I will conduct myself with honor and integrity at all times. I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor will I accept the actions of those who do."

Upon accepting admission to Mississippi State University, you as a student immediately assumed a commitment to uphold the Honor Code, to accept responsibility for learning, and to follow the philosophy and rules of the Honor Code. Students will be required to state their commitment on examinations, research papers, and other academic work. Ignorance of the rules does not exclude any member of the MSU community from the requirements or the processes of the Honor Code. For additional information visit:
<http://www.msstate.edu/dept/audit/1207A.html>

DEGREE PROGRAMS

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

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Department: Forestry

Contact Person: Andrew Ezell

Mail Stop: 9681

E-mail: aezell@cfr.msstate.edu

Nature of Change: Delete certificate

Date Initiated: 3/6/14

Effective Date: 3/6/14

Degree to be offered at: N/A

Current Degree Program Name: Forest Entrepreneurship Certificate

Major: Forestry

Concentration: N/A

New Degree Program Name: N/A

Major: N/A

Concentration: N/A

Summary of Proposed Changes:

Delete certificate program due to lack of students and lack of interest. We see no reason to continue the program.

Approved:

Date:

Andrew Ezell
Department Head

3/6/14

Sam Pfeel
Chair, College of School Curriculum Committee

17 March 2014

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certificate program

Subject: certificate program

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Sam:

Information you may need on the certificate deletion request:

We have NO students in the program and NO students will be impacted.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks-

Andy

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