Rowan University Senate

**PROCESS B** General Education Curriculum Proposal

**Library Resource Form Required for New Courses**

**Submission Deadlines:** Fall - October 10, 2006 Spring - February 13, 2007

**TITLE** Comparative Political Systems

**Sponsor(s)**
Larry Butler
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**DEPARTMENT**
Political Science
Liberal Arts and Sciences

If LAS-check: 

- History/Humanities
- Social/Behavioral Sciences
- Math/Science

**X** UNDERGRADUATE **GRADUATE**

- Minor changes to existing General Education course
- Request new or existing course receive the following description:
- Writing Intensive
- Literature
- Multicultural-Global
- Lab Science
- Changes to General Education requirements of a degree or program
- New or Existing course to be placed in the General Education Bank:
- Fine/Performing Arts
- LAS: Humanities
- LAS: Social Behavior
- LAS: Math/Science
- Communication Studies

**Signatures Required:** representing approval before submission to Office of the Senate

Department Chair: 
Date: 

Department CURRICULUM Chair: 
Date: 

Academic DEAN: 
Date: 

**UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

**OPEN HEARING:**
Date: 
Approved: 
Not Approved: 

**Senate Curriculum Chair Signature:**
Announced to Senate:
Comments:

Signature: Executive Vice President/Provost: 
Date:  
Approved: 
Not Approved: 

Signature: REGISTRAR 
Date: 2/12/07 
Course Description Received & Approved 
Hegis Taxonomy & Course

Notification Forward:

- SCC CHAIR
- IR
- CAP
- Registrar

- Academic Dean
- Department Chair
- VP/Student Affairs
- Other- 

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Minor Curriculum Change Proposal  
Department of Political Science  

October 10, 2006

Details

a. Change Requested: Prerequisite Change for Comparative Political Systems  
   (POSC 07230) From: None To: American Government (POSC 07110)
b. Sponsor: Larry Butler, Curriculum Chair, Department of Political Science

Rationale

a. Experience has demonstrated that students need to have a strong introduction to  
   American Government in order to successfully complete this course. This is  
   particularly necessary now that New Jersey high schools no longer require  
   students to take American Government. Having students that are all  
   knowledgeable about the American political system gives the instructor a  
   common frame of reference to use in class lecture and discussions for purposes of  
   comparison.
b. This change continues a reform of our curriculum that has proved successful so  
   far. By making American Government a gateway class to our upper division  
   courses, we have helped to ensure that students are adequately prepared to do well  
   in such classes. The change will have minimal negative impact on students. We  
   offer multiple sections of American Government every semester so they should  
   have no problem achieving the prerequisite. Nor do we anticipate that this will be  
   a barrier to transfer students seeking to complete program requirements in two  
   years as Comparative Political Systems is not a prerequisite for any other course.

Results of Consultation

a. Last year, when considering this proposal, the curriculum committee requested  
   that we seek consultation with the history department and the international studies  
   concentration.
Dear Larry,

We in the history department have no problem with these proposed changes.

Thanks,

Jim

James Heinzen
Acting Chair and Associate Professor of History
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From: Butler, Roger L.
Sent: Tue 10/10/2006 6:42 PM
To: Heinzen, James W.; Smith, Edward C., III
Subject: Proposed Curriculum Changes

Attached are two curriculum proposals from our department. One would make American Government a prerequisite for Comparative Political Systems. The other would raise Contemporary World Problems from a 200-level to a 300-level course. Since these are both GenEd courses, this proposal went to full senate curriculum committee last year. They requested that we consult with your two departments before they would move forward. I never got around to it so I am resubmitting this year with the requested consultations.

The deadline for curriculum proposals is Tuesday, October 17 so I would appreciate your e-mailing me you comments before that date.

Thanks,
Larry Butler
Kevin, the following is a consultation letter from the International Studies concentration related to the two Political Science curriculum proposals offered under Process B.

-----Original Message-----
From: Smith, Edward C., III
Sent: Tue 12/19/2006 1:04 PM
To: Butler, Roger L.
Subject: Curriculum Proposals

Dear Larry,

I support the proposals your forwarded:

The prerequisite of "American Government" for the course "Comparative Political Systems," and the change of "Contemporary World Problems" from a 200 to a 300 level course.

Both changes serve to better structure your program and to enhance its academic level.

Thank you for letting me review the proposals.

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