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TO: Sarah Fishman-Boyd, Associate Dean, CLASS  
FROM: Gregory Weiher, Chair, Political Science  
SUBJECT: Reinstatement of 3 Approved Substitutes for all students for POLS 1337  
DATE: February 24, 2011

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This proposal is to request the reinstatement of POLS 3355, 3364, and 3369 as approved options for all UH students seeking to meet the Core Political Science 1337 U.S. Government requirement. These three courses were listed as options for all students in place of POLS 1337 in all UH catalogs going back as far as the 1990's. When updates were made in the Fall 2008 catalog to the Government requirement, these courses were not included in the revised options. These three courses are intensive components of the Political Science 1337 course and it is in the best interest of UH students to keep these options available across the catalogs. Note - If approved, it is recommended for the reinstated course options for POLS 1337 apply to all UH students.

Current Catalog Wording with suggested update listed as #2:

### Constitutions of the U.S. and Texas

Students may satisfy the state requirements in the constitutions of the U.S. and Texas in any of the following ways:

1. By successfully completing POLS 1336 AND 1337.
2. By successfully completing POLS 1336
  - AND POLS 3355, OR 3364, OR 3369
3. By successfully completing POLS 1336H and three additional hours of advanced political science credit from the subfields of public administration, public law, and American politics, or from POLS 3331, 3349, 4361, and 4366.
4. By receiving American Government **AP score of 3 or better** or **CLEP score of 50 or better** (POLS 1337 - 3 hours) **and**
  - Successfully completing POLS 1336 - **OR** -
  - Passing a 3 hour departmental credit exam for Texas Government, Politics and Constitution (POLS 1336) - **OR** -
  - Completion of 3 credit hours of an advanced Political Science course from the subfields of Public Administration, Public Law and American Politics or from POLS 3331, 3349, 4361, and 4366.

**AND**

Completion of a 1 credit hour course for Federal and Texas Constitutions (POLS 1107 - 1 hour) or by passing a departmental credit exam.

See attached:

1. Examples from other Texas Public Institutions that allow additional options for GOVT Core
2. Historical Records of prior UH catalog government core options

Examples of broader GOVT options at other Texas Public Institutions from Coordinating Board Website

<http://statecore.its.txstate.edu/cat.pl?cat=70>

**University of Texas at Austin-August 2010**

**70 - Government (2 courses)**

Choose from

Government 310L - American Government

plus one of these

Government 312L - Issues & Policies in American Government

Government 312P - America's Constitutional Principles: Core Texts

Government 312R - America's Constitutional Principles: the Challenge of Equality

Government 105 - Texas Government (this course is designed for out-of-state and other transfer students who have 5 or more semester hours of coursework in American government and need Texas government to fulfill the legislative requirement.)

**University of Texas at San Antonio-Oct. 2003**

**70 - Government (2 courses)**

6 credit hours

Political Science 1013 - Introduction to American Politics

and

Political Science 1133 - Texas Politics & Society

or

Political Science 1213 - Topics in Texas & American Politics

**University of North Texas-August 2005**

**70 - Government (2 courses)**

6 credit hours

Political Science 1040 - American Government

Political Science 1050 - American Government

Political Science 1041 - Honors American Government

Political Science 1051 - Honors American Government

Political Science 1060 - American Government Topics

3 hours in advanced American Government may be substituted for Political Science 1050.

**Alamo Community College District-November 2009**

**70 - Government (2 courses)**

6 credit hours

Government 2301 - American/Texas: National & State

Government 2302 - American Government: Problems & Policies

or

Government 2305 - National Government

Government 2306 - State Government

course falls into the general chronological time period before 1877 and the other course falls into the general time period after 1877. Students may also choose to take one 2000- or 3000-level course in United States history in combination with either HIST 1377 or 1378, as long as the time period of this 2000- or 3000-level course is not the same as the time period covered in HIST 1377 or 1378. Only three semester hours of Texas history may count toward fulfilling the United States history requirements.

- 3. Up to six semester hours of courses in United States history at the 4000-level, according to the guidelines in 2, above, as long as students have received the permission of the appropriate instructor or have successfully passed the advanced placement or advanced standing exam in United States history.

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- 1. By successfully completing POLS 1336 and 1337.
- 2. By successfully completing either POLS 1336 or POLS 1337 and three hours of advanced political science credit from the following:

Substitutes for POLS 1336: POLS 3349, 3365, 3366, 3367;

Substitutes for POLS 1337: POLS 3355, 3364, 3369.

- 3. By receiving three hours of credit in American government by examination (AP or CLEP) and three additional hours of advanced political science credit from the subfields of public administration, public law, and American politics, or from POLS 3331, 3349, 4361, and 4366.
- 4. By successfully completing POLS 1336H and three additional hours of advanced political science credit from the subfields of public administration, public law, and American politics, or from POLS 3331, 3349, 4361, and 4366.

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### Double Major



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Senate Bill 254, passed by the 54th Legislature and amended by House Bill 935 of the 60th Legislature, provides that no individuals may receive an undergraduate degree unless they have credit for six semester hours or its equivalent in American history and six semester hours credit in the constitutions of the United States and Texas. Three semester hours of each six-hour requirement may be satisfied by advanced placement or advanced standing examination. Students may satisfy the state requirements in American history and in the constitutions of the U.S. and Texas in any one of the following ways:

1. American History: HIST 1376 or 1377 and 1378 or 1379 or equivalent.
2. Up to six semester hours of courses in United States history at the 2000 and 3000 levels, as long as one course falls into the general chronological time period before 1877 and the other course falls into the general time period after 1877. Students may also choose to take one 2000- or 3000-level course in United States history in combination with either HIST 1376/ 1377 or 1378/ 1379, as long as the time period of this 2000- or 3000-level course is not the same as the time period covered in HIST 1377 or 1378. Only three semester hours of Texas history may count toward fulfilling the United States history requirements.
3. Up to six semester hours of courses in United States history at the 4000 level, according to the guidelines in 2, above, as long as students have received the permission of the appropriate instructor or have successfully passed the advanced placement or advanced standing exam in United States history.

Students may satisfy the state requirements in the constitutions of the U.S. and Texas in any one of the following ways:

1. By successfully completing POLS 1336 and 1337.
2. By successfully completing either POLS 1336 or POLS 1337 and three hours of advanced political science credit from the following: Substitutes for POLS 1336: POLS 3349, 3365, 3366, 3367; Substitutes for POLS 1337: POLS 3355, 3364, 3369.
3. By receiving three hours of credit in American government by examination (AP or CLEP) and three additional hours of advanced political science credit from the subfields of public administration, public law, and American politics, or from POLS 3331, 3349, 4361, and 4366.
4. By successfully completing POLS 1336H and three