

Resolution 2015-16.G

Resolution to Approve New Major, National Security and Foreign Affairs, in Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

Recommended by the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

First Reading: January 25, 2016

Second Reading: February 8, 2016

Approved by University Council:

Approved by the President:

First Effective Date to declare Major: Spring 2016

First Effective Date to Graduate: Spring 2018

WHEREAS, a significant number of faculty members in the Department of Political Science have international reputations, active research agendas, outreach activities, and teaching responsibilities in the area of diplomatic and security studies; and

WHEREAS, the current Security and Foreign Policy (SFP) option demonstrates curriculum strength, post-graduation success, and a growing interest in this field of study; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing demand at the federal and state levels for employees specializing in national/homeland security; and

WHEREAS, students in the National Security and Foreign Affairs major will be prepared for pursuing a wide-range of careers in the fields of diplomacy, international organization, defense, intelligence, and homeland security; and

WHEREAS, Security and Foreign Policy has been an option in the Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Studies for many years, and the Major in National Security and Foreign Affairs incorporates courses and foci of the SFP option; and

WHEREAS, the title National Security and Foreign Affairs is recognizable and understandable to high school and college students seeking a program related to security and foreign policy; and

WHEREAS, the Major in National Security and Foreign Affairs will provide better visibility for the program and will provide support to the enrollment management of incoming freshmen and transfer students into the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

WHEREAS, a Major in National Security and Foreign Affairs will be more readily promoted to potential employers and make it easier for students to market themselves; and

WHEREAS, the name “National Security and Foreign Affairs” more clearly and accurately describes the principal foci of the proposed major than does the name “Security and Foreign Policy” of the current option.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Major in National Security and Foreign Affairs be approved for addition to the Bachelor of Arts in International Studies effective Spring 2016 and the proposal forwarded through University governance and to the President for approval.