PROGRAM TERMINATION FORM
Board of Governors, State University System of Florida

UNIVERSITY: University of Florida

PROGRAM NAME: International Relations

DEGREE LEVEL: Ph.D.  *CIP CODE: 45.0901
(List type, e.g., Ph.D.) (*Classification of Instructional Programs)

ANTICIPATED TERMINATION DATE: January 2008

This is the form to be used for university requests to terminate doctoral or specialist degree programs. The request should be approved by the University Board of Trustees (UBOT) prior to submission to the Board of Governors, State University System of Florida for approval. Please fill out this form completely for each program to be terminated in order for your request to be processed as quickly as possible. Attach additional pages as necessary to provide a complete response. In the case of baccalaureate or master’s degree programs, the UBOT may approve termination in accordance with Section 1001.74 (7) FS, with notification sent to the Division of Colleges and Universities. The issues outlined below should be examined by the UBOT in approving termination.

1. Provide a narrative rationale for the request to terminate the program.

Faculty members in the Department of Political Science unanimously support terminating the Ph.D. in International Relations. Two PhD majors are currently supported by the department, 1) Political Science and 2) Political Science in International Relations. The department feels the existence of the degree program is both misleading and bureaucratically confusing. International Relations is not considered a separate discipline, but a subfield within the discipline of Political Science. The department has one doctoral program, in which students select a major and a minor field from a set of seven subfields. Ph. D. students with an interest in International Relations can pursue the doctorate in Political Science with International Relations as their major subfield. In order to eliminate the confusion, they are requesting to terminate the Ph.D. in International Relations.
2. **Indicate on which campus(es) the program is being offered and the extent to which the proposed termination has had or will have an impact on enrollment, enrollment planning, and/or the reallocation of resources.**

The degree is offered at the University of Florida. Eliminating the PhD degree in Political Science in International Relations will have no adverse impact on enrollment, enrollment planning, students or faculty. No students are enrolled in this degree program and only 2 students have been awarded this degree since summer 2000.

3. **Provide an explanation of the manner in which the University intends to accommodate any students or faculty who are currently active in the program scheduled to be terminated. State what steps have been taken to inform students and faculty of the intent to terminate the program?**

Students interested in doctoral studies in international relations pursue a specialization under the PhD in Political Science. No students are currently enrolled in the PhD in International Relations in Political Science. Departmental faculty members who specialize in international relations support the PhD in Political Science.

4. **Provide data (and cite source) on the gender and racial distribution of students and faculty. For faculty also list the rank and tenure status of all affected individuals.**

No students are enrolled in the program.

Political Science faculty members who specialize in international relations (list obtained from the department):
Badredine Arfi, Assistant Professor (male, white); Samuel Barkin, Associate Professor (male, white) Leann Brown, Associate Professor (female, white); Aida Hozic, Assistant Professor (female, white) Anna Margheritis (female, hispanic); Ido Oren, Professor (male, white) Zachary Selden, Assistant Professor (male, white)

They will not be impacted with the elimination of the PhD in International Relations.

5. **Identify any potential negative impact of the proposed action on the current representation of females, minorities, faculty, and students.**

None
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Signature of Requestor/Initiator

Signature of Campus EO Officer

Signature of College Dean

Signature of Vice President for Academic Affairs

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