

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
December 6, 2007**

SUBJECT: Ph.D. in International Relations, University of Florida

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Termination of the Ph.D. in International Relations at the University of Florida
(Classification of Instructional Program Code 45.0901)

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution
Board of Governors Regulation 8.012

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The University of Florida has requested that the Ph.D. degree in International Relations be terminated. The Department of Political Science at the University of Florida believes that the Ph.D. in International Relations is misleading and confusing as International Relations is not a separate discipline, but a subfield within the discipline of Political Science. Ph.D. students with an interest in International Relations would still be able to pursue the doctorate in Political Science with International Relations as their major subfield. There are currently no students enrolled in the Ph.D. program in International Relations, and termination of this program will have no impact on enrollment, enrollment planning, or reallocation of resources. Only two degrees have been awarded in the program since 2000.

The termination of this program was approved by the UF Faculty Senate on December 14, 2006 and was formally approved by UF's Board of Trustees on March 30, 2007. If approved by the Board of Governors, the termination will be effective in January 2008.

Supporting Documentation Included: Provided with Committee Materials

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