

## **Prerequisites, Admission, Enrollment and Graduation Requirements Political Economy Graduate Interdisciplinary Studies Program**

**Prerequisites:** In order to be admitted into this Certificate granting program a candidate must have an undergraduate or graduate degree in some area of the social sciences or business, or be enrolled in graduate degree in the social sciences or business. In exceptional circumstances, a Certificate Advisor and the Certificate Chair may determine that a student who does not satisfy the above formal criteria but has an equivalent background, may be admitted to the Certificate. Non-traditional students must still be admitted to CSU through the process specified by the Graduate School. Plans of study must also be approved by the candidate's Committee Chair and Certificate Advisor, in the case of traditional students, and the student's Certificate Advisor and the Certificate Chair, in the case of non-traditional students, to ensure cohesion and appropriateness.

**Admission:** The application process for non-traditional students will be the same as that followed when applying to any other C.S.U. program. The application forms are available through the C.S.U. graduate school's web site at <http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/Grad/>. The application will be submitted to the Graduate School, and then to post-Baccalaureate Certificate Programs. Assuming the applicant meets the basic requirements for admission to the Graduate School (either Track I or Track II), the application will be considered by the participating department (Anthropology, Economics, History, Journalism and Technical Communication, Political Science or Sociology) to which the rest of the application materials were sent. If the application meets the department's requirements for acceptance as a graduate student, it is then up to a Certificate Advisor (please see Participating Faculty) in that department to accept the student into the Certificate, in consultation with the Certificate Chair. That department then becomes the candidate's Home Department. Acceptance for the purposes of the Certificate does not constitute automatic acceptance to a regular program. Continuation in a regular M.A. or Ph.D. program must go through the standard application and acceptance process employed within the Home Department, in the same manner that a student wishing to go from an M.A. to a Ph.D. would have to apply for acceptance into the departmental Ph.D. Program.

### **Enrollment:**

Traditional students from any Department of the University can enroll into the Certificate with the approval of their Committee Chair and a Certificate Advisor, who will then serve as their Certificate Advisor (the Committee Chair and the Certificate Advisor may be the same person).

Non-traditional students can enroll with the approval of the admitting Certificate Advisor in consultation with the Certificate Chair (these could also be the same person).

Enrollment forms must be submitted in triplicate and are available at the Department of Political Science main office, where the records of the Certificate will also be kept.

### **Graduation Requirements:**

- (1) A minimum of fifteen (15) credits from among the approved courses.
- (2) A minimum of nine (9) credits from the list of Core Courses. These must be from three (3) different departments.
- (3) A maximum of six (6) credits from the list of Elective Courses.
- (4) A maximum of three (3) upper level undergraduate credits.
- (5) A GPA of at least 3.0 in the Certificate courses.
- (6) All prerequisite requirements for the various courses remain valid, including approval of instructor.
- (7) This allocation of courses will allow the student to gain a broad exposure to the study of political economy as well as focus on more particular areas, in consultation and with the approval of his/her Committee Chair and Certificate Advisor, in the case of traditional students, and his/her Certificate Advisor and the Certificate Chair, in the case of non-traditional students. For example, students can build cohesive streams or strands of emphasis, e.g., theoretical approaches to PE, PE of environmental issues, history of PE, PE of social change, PE of globalization, and other combinations that reflect the growing strengths and synergies of the participating faculty.
- (8) Upon successful completion of the requirements, a statement that the Graduate Certificate in Political Economy has been awarded shall be placed on the official C.S.U. transcript of the student. The student will also receive a Certificate signed by the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, the Graduate Dean, the Certificate Chair and the candidate's Certificate Advisor.