

## **ATTACHMENT 2C-1 LETTER OF NOTIFICATION – 3**

### **NEW OPTION, CONCENTRATION, EMPHASIS**

(Maximum 18 semester credit hours of new theory courses and 6 credit hours of new practicum courses)

1. Institution submitting request: University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
2. Contact person/title: Sharon L. Gaber/ Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs
3. Phone number/e-mail address: 479-575-5459/sgaber@uark.edu
4. Proposed effective date: Fall 2015
5. Title of degree program: Minor in Southern Studies
6. CIP Code: 05.0122
7. Degree Code:
8. Proposed option/concentration/emphasis name: Minor in Southern Studies
9. Reason for proposed action: To consolidate courses already being offered in this area; to provide an interdisciplinary minor for students across the college interested in regional studies; to enhance existing majors in history, English, and political science.
10. New option/concentration/emphasis objective: To expose students to interdisciplinary approaches to important problems and academic questions regarding southern history, politics, and literature.
11. Provide the following:
  - a. List of required courses: SOST 2003 (approval pending) Introduction to Southern Studies
  - b. New course descriptions: (see attached sample syllabus)
  - c. Program goals and objectives: to prepare students who pursue careers in business, education, law, or post-graduate work in history, literature, or political science, regarding the complex dynamics inherent to the southern region of the United States and its relationship to the country at large.
  - d. Expected student learning outcomes: Students are well-versed in the key theories and methodological approaches used to interpret regional identity. Students have a more nuanced understanding of the diversity of the American South.
12. Will the new option be offered via distance delivery? No.
13. Mode of delivery to be used: traditional classroom
14. Explain in detail the distance delivery procedures to be used: N/A
15. Is the degree approved for distance delivery? N/A
16. List courses in option/concentration/emphasis. Include course descriptions for new courses.

Students who minor in Southern Studies will be required to take Introduction to Southern Studies, a 3-credit hour interdisciplinary course that explores the history, politics, literature, and culture of the U.S. South from the colonial era to the present. Students must also take an additional 15 credit hours (5

courses) from among numerous options listed below: A maximum of 6 hours may be counted towards other majors and/or minors.

AAST 3233 & HIST 3233 African American History to 1877  
AAST 3243 & HIST 3243 African American History Since 1877  
AAST 4093 & HIST 4093 The History of African Americans and Social Justice  
AAST 4293 & PLSC 4293 African American Politics  
AAST 4383 & HIST 4383 The American Civil Rights Movement  
AAST 4933 & PLSC 4933 African American Political Ideology  
ANTH 3253 & PLSC 3273 Culture of the South  
ENGL 3013 Folklore  
ENGL 3863 Topics in Literature and Culture of the American South  
ENGL 3853 Topics in African-American Literature and Culture  
ENGL 5803 & AAST 499V Politics and Immobility in African American Literature  
HIST 4503 History of the Political Parties in the United States, 1789-1896  
HIST 4563 The Old South, 1607-1865  
HIST 4573 The New South, 1860 to the Present  
HIST 4653 Antebellum America, 1828-1850  
HIST 4663 Rebellion to Reconstruction 1850-1877  
HIST 4673 The American Civil War  
PLSC 3213 The South and the Law: Race, Gender, and Citizenship  
PLSC 3983 Politics in Literature (American South)  
PLSC 4333 Southern Politics  
HIST 4583 Arkansas in the Nation\* or HIST 3383 Arkansas and the Southwest\*  
PLSC 3223 Arkansas Politics\*

\* a maximum of 6 hours can be taken in Arkansas-specific courses.

17. Specify the amount of the additional costs required, the source of funds, and how funds will be used.

No additional resources will be required

Board of Trustees Approval Date:

Chief Academic Officer

Date: