

Status: PENDING

PROGRAM REQUEST
Political Science

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Fiscal Unit/Academic Org	Political Science - D0755
Administering College/Academic Group	Social And Behavioral Sciences
Co-administering College/Academic Group	Social And Behavioral Sciences
Semester Conversion Designation	Converted with minimal changes to program goals and/or curricular requirements (e.g., sub-plan/specialization name changes, changes in electives and/or prerequisites, minimal changes in overall structure of program, minimal or no changes in program goals or content)
Current Program/Plan Name	Political Science
Proposed Program/Plan Name	Political Science
Program/Plan Code Abbreviation	POLSCI-MA
Current Degree Title	Master of Arts

Credit Hour Explanation

Program credit hour requirements		A) Number of credit hours in current program (Quarter credit hours)	B) Calculated result for 2/3rds of current (Semester credit hours)	C) Number of credit hours required for proposed program (Semester credit hours)	D) Change in credit hours
Total minimum credit hours required for completion of program		45	30.0	30	0.0
Required credit hours offered by the unit	Minimum	30	20.0	21	1.0
	Maximum	45	30.0	30	0.0
Required credit hours offered outside of the unit	Minimum	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Maximum	0	0.0	0	0.0
Required prerequisite credit hours not included above	Minimum	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Maximum	0	0.0	0	0.0

Program Learning Goals

Note: these are required for all undergraduate degree programs and majors now, and will be required for all graduate and professional degree programs in 2012. Nonetheless, all programs are encouraged to complete these now.

Program Learning Goals •

Assessment

Assessment plan includes student learning goals, how those goals are evaluated, and how the information collected is used to improve student learning. An assessment plan is required for undergraduate majors and degrees. Graduate and professional degree programs are encouraged to complete this now, but will not be required to do so until 2012.

Is this a degree program (undergraduate, graduate, or professional) or major proposal? Yes

Does the degree program or major have an assessment plan on file with the university Office of Academic Affairs? No

Program Specializations/Sub-Plans

If you do not specify a program specialization/sub-plan it will be assumed you are submitting this program for all program specializations/sub-plans.

Pre-Major

Does this Program have a Pre-Major? No

Attachments

- Chair's letter 2 to College.doc: letter requested
(Letter from Program-offering Unit. Owner: Deyoung,Wayne Michael)
- MA_Program_Proposal_Revision3.doc: MA Proposal Revised
(Program Proposal. Owner: Thompson,Alexander Sackett)
- Division Cover Letter for Political Science.doc: Division Letter
(Letter from the College to OAA. Owner: Mumy,Gene Elwood)

Comments

- We need a list of courses covering the 30 hours needed for the degree; and exactly what is needed to acquire the degree in a program plan more descriptive than what is in the rationale. Do not bother sending this back until you provide that.

Gene Mumy May 24, 2011 *(by Mumy,Gene Elwood on 05/24/2011 10:32 PM)*

Workflow Information

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May 24, 2011

Chairs of Arts and Sciences CCI and CAA

Dear Chairs:

At the undergraduate level the Department of Political Science has one major program, the Bachelor of Arts Political Science major. In his cover letter, Department Chair Herb Weisberg mentions the revision of the major two years ago and notes that at this point there is no reason to change the major for the conversion to semesters. As a result the conversion is a straightforward adaption of the quarter version to an isomorphic semester version

The conversion plan was reviewed by me and the Social Sciences Disciplinary Advisory Panel (SS DAP) and we found it to be appropriate for semesters and submit them to you for CCI's consideration.

At the undergraduate level Political Science also has seven minors. In addition to the General Political Science minor, there are six specialized minors:

- A) Campaigns and Elections
- B) Comparative Politics
- C) Judicial Politics
- D) Political Decision Making
- E) Political Theory
- F) World Politics

The General Political Science minor was significantly revised and the six specialized minors were developed during late 2006 and all were approved in Spring, 2008. The semester versions are straight conversions of the relatively new quarter versions. The SS DAP has endorsed the semester versions and I have approved them and submit them for CCI's consideration.

At the graduate level Political Science offers the Ph.D. and MA. In his letter, Department Chair Weisberg describes the departmental process that lead to the decision to convert both programs with only minimal changes.

The approval process for all Ph.D. and MA programs in SBS was that all of them were first examined and discussed for feedback and improvement by the SBS Graduate Committee, which is made up of the graduate directors. When ready for final consideration in the Division they move to the Social Sciences Disciplinary Advisory Panel (SS DAP). For other graduate programs in SBS the departments work with the associate dean and then the programs are sent to the SS DAP when ready.

The SS DAP has approved the Political Science Ph.D. and MA programs and I endorse those decisions and now submit the programs to CAA and the Graduate School for their consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene E. Mumy".

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October 11, 2010

Gene Mumy
ASC/SBS

Dear Gene,

I am writing to convey the Political Science degree programs for the semester conversion process.

We have the following degree programs that we are converting:

B.A. in Political Science

7 minors: Campaigns & Elections; Comparative Politics; Judicial Politics; Political Decision-Making; Political Science; Political Theory; World Politics

Ph.D. in Political Science

M.A. in Political Science

The Department has had on-going review of all of our degree programs in the last few years, including a major revamping of our graduate program, instituting the 6 new focused minors, and then revising our B.A. program. These changes are all very recent, so much so that students enrolling in them have not yet completed their degrees. We are analyzing the effectiveness of some of these changes, but we need to wait for more data on most of them. In any case, the faculty in our several subfields met to discuss how to convert their programs to semesters, our Undergraduate Affairs Committee and Graduate Studies Committee both met to make recommendations about the conversion of our degree programs to semesters, and we considered their recommendations at a meeting of the entire faculty and voted on specifics.

I recommend approval of our conversion proposals.

Sincerely,

Herb Weisberg
Professor and Chair

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Professor and Chair

PROGRAM TEMPLATE: POLITICAL SCIENCE M.A.

I. GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. **Program Name:** Political Science M.A.
2. **Degree Title:** Masters of Arts
3. **Academic Unit:** Department of Political Science
4. **Type of Program:** Graduate M.A. degree
5. **Semester Conversion Designation:** Conversion to semesters will occur with *minimal changes to program goals and curricular requirements.*

Program Rationale

The Political Science Department graduate program is primarily a Ph.D. granting program. Nonetheless, the department has occasionally admitted students to a Master's degree and a student enrolled as a doctoral candidate may obtain an M.A. either on the way to the doctorate or in the event that the student withdraws from graduate study without completing the doctorate.

The Master's degree requires 30 credit hours of courses at the graduate level, at least 21 of which must be graded. With the approval of the Graduate Studies Committee, students may count courses from other departments toward the Master's degree, but at least 21 credit-hours must be taken in Political Science. In addition to these course requirements, students who seek the M.A. without passing the Ph.D. Candidacy Examination must either complete a Master's thesis or pass a Master's examination through the non-thesis option.

For the Master's thesis, a student must select a committee of at least two faculty members to work with, the advisor and one other member of the Political Science faculty. A draft of the completed thesis must be circulated to the Master's committee and must be approved by the master's examination committee before the student takes the examination. The nature of the examination is determined by the members of the committee but it must include an oral portion. If the student satisfactorily completes the master's examination and if the student presents an acceptable thesis, the master's examination committee members indicate approval of the thesis by signing the Thesis Approval form.

The non-thesis Master's examination requires a two-member examination committee comprised of the faculty advisor and at least one other member of the Political Science faculty. The committee is responsible for the construction, conduct and evaluation of the examination, in consultation with other faculty members in the relevant fields. The exam must include a written portion of at least four hours and may include an oral portion.

Beyond these department-level expectations, the thesis and non-thesis options follow the guidelines provided in Section VI of the Graduate School Handbook.

Students who have passed the Ph.D. Candidacy Examination may obtain the M.A. using the Ph.D. Candidacy Examination in place of the examination requirements of the non-thesis option. Students following this procedure must submit an Application to Graduate form to the Graduate School at the beginning of the semester during which they take their Ph.D. Candidacy Examination.

Semester Advising Sheet

The Master's degree in Political Science has program-wide requirements and additional requirements specific to our various major and minor fields. All students must select a major concentration from among the five major fields (American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Politics, Political Methodology, and Political Theory) and a minor concentration from among the five major fields or four minor fields (Formal Theory, Political Economy, Political Psychology, and Race, Gender and Ethnicity). More individualized programs, including those that include coursework in other departments and schools, may be developed in conjunction with a student's adviser and with the approval of the Graduate Studies Committee.

To be eligible for the MA degree, students must meet the program-wide, major and minor requirements outlined in the table below. In the spring of the first year, students must submit a proposed Program of Study, indicating which courses they have taken and which they plan to take. These must be approved by the faculty in the student's major and minor fields and by the Graduate Studies Committee.

Advising Table: Course Requirements for MA Degree

	# of Courses or Credits	Required Courses*	Methods Requirement
Program-Wide	Minimum of 30 credit-hours (at least 21 in political science)	None	Three courses on “research methods” selected in consultation with relevant faculty
MAJORS			
American Politics	6	PS 7100	Courses chosen in consultation with faculty
International Politics	7	PS 7300	Courses chosen in consultation with faculty
Comparative Politics	6	PS 7200	Courses chosen in consultation with faculty.
Political Theory	6	PS 7400	None
Political Methodology	7	PS 7551, PS 7552	N/A
MINORS			
American Politics	3	PS 7100	None
International Politics	4	PS 7300	None
Comparative Politics	4	PS 7200	None
Political Theory	4	PS 7400	None
Political Methodology	5	PS 7551, PS 7552	N/A
Political Economy	4	PS 7880, PS 7682	None
Political Psychology	3	PS 7700, PS 7705	None
Formal Theory	3	None	None
Race, Gender, Ethnicity	4	PS 7140, PS 7170	None

Transition Policy

All quarter-long courses will translate on a 5-to-3 basis to semester courses. The number of credit hours required under quarters (45) will translate on a two-thirds basis to 30 credit hours under semesters.

List of Semester Courses

All courses are converted from 5 to 3 credit-hours unless otherwise noted.

6194. Contemporary American Political Problems

Contemporary Political Problems

6294. Contemporary Comparative Political Problems

Contemporary Political Problems

6394. Contemporary International Political Problems

Contemporary Political Problems

6411. Ancient and Medieval Political Thought

The study of major works in ancient and medieval political thought, including texts by Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli and others.

6412. Early Modern Political Thought

The study of major works in early modern political thought including texts by Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau and others.

6413. Modern Political Thought

The study of major works in 19th-century political thought, including texts by Marx, Mill, Nietzsche and others.

6414. Topics in Contemporary Political Thought

A graduate-level survey of significant debates in contemporary political theory.

6494. Contemporary Theoretical Political Problems

Contemporary Political Problems

6594. Contemporary Political Problems

Contemporary Political Problems

6197. Study at a Foreign Institution

An opportunity for students to study at a foreign institution and receive Ohio State credit for that work.

7000. Foundations of Political science

Introductory study of diverse efforts to ground knowledge of politics, positivist and post-positivist views of science, sources of formal rigor, and interpretation and evaluation.

7095. Teaching Political Science

Examination of issues in teaching political science in colleges and universities and preparation for teaching careers.

7100. Foundations in American politics

Introduction to central research areas and literature of the field of American politics.

7101. Classics in American Politics

Examination of basic concepts and approaches; consideration of methodological and substantive problems encountered at various levels of analysis.

7110. The American Presidency

Examination of presidential research and analysis of literature on selected aspects of the presidency.

7115. Bureaucratic Politics

Intensive readings in the research literature on American political bureaucracy.

7120. Legislative Politics

Analysis of the functioning and policy product of American legislatures; intensive reviews of selected aspects of the legislative literature to be conducted.

7125. Intergovernmental Relations

Intensive review of selected aspects of the literature on state and local politics in the United States.

7130. Judicial Politics

Examination of the judicial process with emphasis on the work of trial courts and the roles of courts as policy makers.

7140. Race and Ethnicity

An examination of the role of race and ethnicity in American politics, including public opinion, political incorporation, electoral behavior, and minority representation.

7150. Readings in American Political Parties

Intensive study of literature on selected aspects of American political parties.

7155. Interest Groups

Roles and impact of interest groups in American politics, including formation, recruitment, and maintenance of organizations; grassroots mobilization; and lobbying in legislatures, courts, and bureaucracies.

7160. Public Opinion

Intensive analysis of literature on selected topics in public opinion.

7164. Political Behavior

Intensive examination of literature on selected topics in the area of participation and voting behavior in the United States.

7168. Political Communication

A graduate-level examination of the role of communication in American politics, acquainting the student the the literature on political communication and stimulating ideas for original research in political communication.

7170. Gender and Politics

An examination of the role of gender in American politics, including public opinion, electoral behavior, political institutions, and policy making.

7190. Readings on the Policy Process

Consideration of the basic theories, concepts, and techniques used in policy analysis; the determinants of public policy; and the impact and evaluation of public policy.

7193.01 American Politics

Individual studies in political science; student work is evaluated by papers and/or special examinations. American Politics.

7193.02 Comparative Politics

Individual studies in political science; student work is evaluated by papers and/or special examinations. Comparative Politics.

7193.03 International Politics

Individual studies in political science; student work is evaluated by papers and/or special examinations. International Politics.

7193.04 Political Theory

Individual studies in political science; student work is evaluated by papers and/or special examinations. Political Theory.

7193.05 Political Methodology

Individual studies in political science; student work is evaluated by papers and/or special examinations. Political Methodology.

7200. Basic Theories in the Study of Comparative Politics

Examination of such concepts and theories as structural-functional analysis; general systems theory; and sociocultural systems as determinants of governmental structures.

7205. Democratic Transitions

Theoretical examination of the dynamics of the transition from authoritarian to democratic regimes, with special attention to Southern Europe and South America.

7206. Comparative Political Institutions

Study of state building process, regime types, and contemporary governmental institutions from a broad cross-national perspective.

7208. State-Building

Where do national states come from? How strong are they? This surveys contemporary answers to both questions examining political, military-strategic, ecological, and cultural explanations for the formation and development of national states in Europe, Latin America, and Asia.

7210. Special Topics in European Politics

Intensive examination of special topics in European politics and government.

7212. Southern European Politics

A comprehensive overview of government and politics in Greece, Italy, Portugal, and Spain.

7214. Northern European Politics

A comprehensive overview of government and politics in the United Kingdom, Germany, France, and the smaller European democracies.

7216. East European Politics

An examination of the transformation of East European societies since the end of the Communist era.

7220. The Politics of the Developing World

Theories, approaches and methods in the analysis of political life in Asia, Africa, and Latin America; discussion of selected case and cross-national studies with theoretical importance.

7230. Chinese Politics

A seminar for the purpose of reading advanced scholarly materials on contemporary Chinese politics.

7234. Contemporary Politics of South Asia

Examination of core theories in the study of South Asian politics. Topics include party and electoral politics, religious violence, economic development and reform, international conflict.

7240. Problems in Latin American Politics

A structured examination of the major theories, concepts and approaches used in the analysis of Latin American politics.

7245. Politics of Development

Political factors that have affected the economic development of the western world and the developing areas.

7250. Comparative Political Parties and Interest Groups

Comparative analysis of the nature and role of political parties and interest groups in contemporary societies.

7264. Comparative Political Behavior

A cross-national examination of political behavior, including such topics as socialization, participation, voting, elite behavior, mass-elite linkages.

7280. Comparative Political Economy

A graduate-level course designed to survey contemporary theories on the interaction between economic policies, domestic institutions, the international economy, and their consequences on the macro-economy.

7281. The Political Economy of Income Inequality, Volatility, and Mobility

Examines patterns, political and institutional foundations, and consequences of income inequality, volatility, and mobility, plus dynamic aspects of income distributions.

7300. Theories of International Relations

Examination of such basic concepts and theories as equilibrium models, balance of power, national interest, geopolitical configurations.

7305. Synthesizing International Political Scholarship

Synthesis of international politics research and writings, intended for advanced graduate students.

7310. Security Policy

Theories of conflict and war causation and an assessment of their durability in a new era of world politics.

7315. Conflict and Peace

Sources and types of social conflict with special attention to international violence; causes of war, their avoidance and control.

7320. Foreign Policy Design

Problems of designing foreign policy including organizational, contextual, economic, and public opinion constraints; how to create an information retrieval system to aid decision-making.

7325. Comparative Foreign Policies

Examines comparatively the courses and classes of behavior of territorial actors in the international political system.

7330. International Organization: Global Governance

Examination of global governance in such terms as changing political, legal, and normative contexts; security, economic, and environmental issues; state and non-state actors; and tools such as force, discipline, and law.

7334. International Organization: Rationalist Approaches

Comprehensive view of international governmental, non-governmental, and business organizations; their roles in solving problems such as poverty, war, pollution; particular attention to the U.N. system.

7340. Social Theories of International Relations

An examination of the main themes, debates, and social theories of world politics.

7360. Game Theory for International Relations

The refinement and application of game theory techniques in such areas as war, deterrence, cooperation, and institution building.

7370. Research Methods in International Politics

Examines a number of research techniques and approaches common in international politics such as content analysis, simulation, mathematical modeling, and factor analysis.

7375. Large-N Studies of International Security

Survey of quantitative empirical studies of war, civil war, militarized disputes, and conflict.

7380. Theories of International Political Economy

Contemporary literatures in international political economy; their ties to classical schools of thought in international relations and political economy; points of contention between them.

7381. Institutions and International Political Economy

Examines international political economy from the perspective of institutions and institutionalist theories in political science, economics, and international relations.

7383. International Security and Political Economy

Examination of connections between economic growth/stagnation and interstate conflict, and the effects of economic ties upon cooperation and armed strife.

7400. Fundamental Concepts in Political Theory

A graduate survey of the scope, concepts, and methods of political theory, examining important debates throughout political science through works of both canonical and contemporary thinkers.

7420. Democratic Theory

Democratic Theory

7470. Interpretation of Texts in Political Theory

Approaches to interpretation of texts of political theory, contemporary as well as classic, grounded in study of selected texts.

7499. Selected Topics in Political Theory

Intensive joint readings and discussions concentrating upon one of the major themes, problems, or movements in political theory; topic information available from instructor.

7500. Political Science Research Methods

Introduction to political science research with emphasis on survey and experimental designs, data generation techniques, data processing, and computer utilization.

7510. Qualitative Political Analysis

An examination of theories and concepts used in modern qualitative political analysis, including attention to political economy and political institutions.

7551. Quantitative Political Analysis: I

Explication, interpretation, and application of techniques for quantitative analysis of political data; descriptive and inferential statistics, with emphasis on bivariate analysis.

7552. Quantitative Political Analysis: II

Descriptive and inferential statistics with emphasis on multivariate analysis; additional topics offered as desired and possible: scaling, index construction, sampling, measurement reliability.

7553. Quantitative Political Analysis: III

A continuation of subjects begun in 7552, including such topics as scaling, index construction, sampling, and measurement reliability.

7555. Causal Mechanisms

A survey of causal mechanisms in political science, including models of processes, equilibration, optimization, learning, integration, aggregation, evolution, complexity, and universal, contextual, and synthetic models.

7599. Selected Topics in Political Methodology

An intensive examination of special topics in political methodology

7681. Formal Theories of Politics I

Major approaches used in modeling politics, including social choice, game theory, and probability models.

7682. Formal Theories of Politics II

Introduction to various mathematical theories of political phenomena and the role of formal analysis in political science.

7683. Formal Theories of Politics III

Design and examination of research focusing on a problem in mathematical political science.

7700. Foundations of Political Psychology

Overview of the field of political psychology; causes, dynamics, and consequences of human thinking and action in politics.

7702. Survey and Questionnaire Design

Theories of the survey research response process and their implications for question working and question order effects.

7705. Experimental Design

Experimental methods appropriate for research in political psychology.

7720. Political Psychology and International Relations

A seminar introducing students to theories of international relations that employ psychological perspectives; cognitive world views and political identity, especially nationalism, receive special attention.

7725. Research on Cognition in International Politics

Problem representation and research in cognition in international politics and foreign policy, including computational research, text analysis, and experimentation examining such cognition.

7789. Survey Research Practicum

Hands-on applications for students interested in the planning, implementation, and analysis of a scientific sample survey.

7880. The Field of Political Economy

The modern field of political economy; the interaction of markets and politics as well as the use of the tools of economics to explain social behavior.

7910. Identity Politics

Explores origins, reproduction, and effects of social identity from perspectives of self, group, society, and state. Includes examination of nation, ethnicity, gender, and race in identity politics.

7912. Political Elites and Leadership

Advanced research seminar on political leadership behavior and political elite structure.

7999. Research in Political Science

Research for thesis purposes only.

8000. Dissertation Workshop

Development and execution of a research design on a selected topic in political science; consultation on substantive and methodological problems offered by faculty.

8094. Contemporary Political Problems

Group Studies to examine specific contemporary political problems.

8100. Research in American Politics

Development and execution of a research design on a selected topic in American politics; consultation on substantive and methodological problems offered by faculty.

8190. Research on Public Policy

Research into the process of policy making and the substance of public policy; consultation on substantive and methodological problems offered by instructor.

8194. Contemporary Political Problems

Group Studies to examine specific contemporary problems in American politics.

8200. Research in Comparative Politics

Research seminar on various topics in comparative politics.

8294. Contemporary Political Problems

Group Studies to examine specific contemporary problems in comparative politics.

8300. Research in International Politics

Research seminar on various topics in international politics.

8380. Research in International Political Economy

Advanced study and research in international political economy.

8394. Contemporary Political Problems

Group Studies to examine specific contemporary problems in international politics.

8400. Research in Political Theory

Research seminar in political theory.

8494. Contemporary Political Problems

Group Studies to examine specific contemporary problems in political theory.

8594. Contemporary Political Problems

Group Studies to examine specific contemporary problems in political-science methodology.

8700. Research in Political Psychology

Development and execution of a research design on a selected topic in political psychology; consultation on substantive and methodological problems offered by faculty.

8892. Workshop

Intensive study of an area of problem in political science.

8889. Interdepartmental seminar

Two or more departments may collaborate in presenting seminars on subjects of mutual interest; topics to be announced.

8999. Research in Political Science

Research for dissertation purposes only.