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Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet - University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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Check all appropriate lines and complete all information. Use a separate cover sheet for each course proposal and/or program proposal.

1. Course Proposals (check all that apply)

New Course Course Prefix Change Course Deletion
 Course Revision Course Number and/or Title Change Catalog Description Change

Current course prefix, number and full title: _____

Proposed course prefix, number and full title, if changing: _____

2. Liberal Studies Course Designations, as appropriate

This course is also proposed as a Liberal Studies Course (please mark the appropriate categories below)

Learning Skills Knowledge Area Global and Multicultural Awareness Writing Intensive (include W cover sheet)
 Liberal Studies Elective (please mark the designation(s) that applies – must meet at least one)

Global Citizenship Information Literacy Oral Communication
 Quantitative Reasoning Scientific Literacy Technological Literacy

3. Other Designations, as appropriate

Honors College Course Other: (e.g. Women's Studies, Pan African)

4. Program Proposals

Catalog Description Change Program Revision Program Title Change New Track
 New Degree Program New Minor Program Liberal Studies Requirement Changes Other

Current program name: BACHELOR OF ARTS - POLITICAL SCIENCE

Proposed program name, if changing: _____

5. Approvals	Signature	Date
Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s)	<u>Sarah Wheeler</u>	<u>8/27/12</u>
Department Chairperson(s)	<u>John F. Sitton</u>	<u>8/27/12</u>
College Curriculum Committee Chair	<u>Randy Jarmon</u>	<u>9-15-12</u>
College Dean	<u>A. Ann</u>	<u>9/14/12</u>
Director of Liberal Studies (as needed)		
Director of Honors College (as needed)		
Provost (as needed)	<u>Michael Solomon</u>	<u>9/18/12</u>
Additional signature (with title) as appropriate		
UWUCC Co-Chairs	<u>Crail Schriest</u>	<u>11/13/12</u>

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Part II. Description

1. Catalog Description

Bachelor of Arts -- Political Science

Liberal Studies: As outlined in the Liberal Studies section with the following specifications: 46-47

Mathematics: 3 cr.

Social Science: PLSC 111

Liberal Studies Electives: 6 cr., no courses with PLSC prefix

College: Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1) 0-6

Major: 33

Required Courses:

PLSC 101 World Politics 3 cr. (2)

PLSC 111 American Politics * cr. (3)

PLSC 260 Contemporary Political Ideas 3 cr.

PLSC 300 Research Methods 3 cr.

Controlled Electives: 24 cr.

At least one course in three of the four areas:

American Studies: PLSC 251, 346, 350, 351, 353, 354, 355, 356, 358, 359

Political Theory: PLSC 360, PLSC 361, PLSC 362

Public Policy and Administration: PLSC 250, 370, 371

International Studies: PLSC 280, 282, 283, 285, 382, 383, 384, 385, 387, 388, 389, 422, 465 (4)

Free Electives: 34-41

Total Degree Requirements: 120

- (1) Intermediate-level Foreign Language may be included in Liberal Studies electives.
- (2) PLSC 101 satisfies the Global and Multi-Cultural Awareness requirement.
- (3) Credits for PLSC 111 are counted in the Liberal Studies Social Science requirements.
- (4) PLSC 280 or 285 recommended as prerequisite to PLSC 382 through 389.

2. a. Table comparing old and new programs

Old PLSC Major	New PLSC Major
Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications: 46-47 Mathematics: 3 cr. Social Science: PLSC 111 Liberal Studies Electives: 6 cr., no courses with PLSC prefix College: Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1) 0-6 Major: 33 Required Courses: PLSC 101 World Politics 3 cr. PLSC 111 American Politics * cr. (2) Controlled Electives: 30 cr. At least one course in three of the first four areas: American Studies: PLSC 251, 300, 346, 350, 351, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359 Political Theory: PLSC 360, PLSC 361, PLSC 362 Public Policy and Administration: PLSC 250, 370, 371, 444 International Studies: PLSC 280, 282, 283, 285, 320, 321, 380, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389 (4) <u>General Political Science: PLSC 300 (strongly recommended), PLSC 377, 480, 481, 482, 485, 493</u> Other Requirements: 18-27	Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications: 46-47 Mathematics: 3 cr. Social Science: PLSC 111 Liberal Studies Electives: 6 cr., no courses with PLSC prefix College: Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1) 0-6 Major: 33 Required Courses: PLSC 101 World Politics 3 cr. (2) PLSC 111 American Politics * cr. (3) PLSC 260 Contemporary Political Ideas 3 cr. PLSC 300 Research Methods 3 cr. Controlled Electives: 24 cr. At least one course in three of the four areas: American Studies: PLSC 251, 346, 350, 351, 353, 354, 355, 356, 358, 359 Political Theory: PLSC 360, PLSC 361, PLSC 362 Public Policy and Administration: PLSC 250, 370, 371 International Studies: PLSC 280, 282, 283, 285, 382, 383, 384, 385, 387, 388, 389, 422, 465 (4) Free Electives: 34-41

<p><u>Second major, minor, or concentration as approved by advisor with maximum of 15 credits outside College of Humanities and Social Sciences unless specifically approved</u></p> <p>Free Electives: <u>7-23</u></p> <p>Total Degree Requirements: 120</p> <p>(1) Intermediate-level Foreign Language may be included in Liberal Studies electives. (2) PLSC 101 satisfies the Global and Cultural Awareness requirement. (3) Credits for PLSC 111 are counted in the Liberal Studies Social Science requirements. (4) PLSC 280 or 285 recommended as prerequisite to PLSC 382 through 389.</p>	<p>Total Degree Requirements: 120</p> <p>(1) Intermediate-level Foreign Language may be included in Liberal Studies electives. (2) PLSC 101 satisfies the Global and Multi-Cultural Awareness requirement. (3) Credits for PLSC 111 are counted in the Liberal Studies Social Science requirements. (4) PLSC 280 or 285 recommended as prerequisite to PLSC 382 through 389.</p>

2. b. Associated course changes

Deletions: PLSC 357 Labor and Business in Politics, PLSC 380 Soviet Politics, PLSC 386 Atlantic Community, and PLSC 444 Science/Tech and Publi [sic].

2. c. Rationale for change

Requiring PLSC 260 Contemporary Political Ideas and PLSC 300 Research Methods ensures core competencies of graduates in Political Science. The University of Pittsburgh requires both a theory course and a methods course of all undergraduates in Political Science (PS 600, PS 700), Penn State requires contemporary political ideas (PLSC 007), and Slippery Rock University requires research methods (POLS 310).

The existing program requires a second major, minor, or “concentration.” Although our majors are strongly encouraged to obtain a second major or minor, it can be unnecessarily cumbersome to actually require it. A “concentration” was apparently intended to be a collection of courses around some theme that did not actually coalesce into a recognized major or minor. It is an arbitrary and not very meaningful requirement that should be deleted.

The other changes indicated are mostly “housekeeping.” Four courses that have not been used for a long time and are very unlikely to be resurrected in the future are being deleted: PLSC 357, PLSC 380, PLSC 386, and PLSC 444. PLSC 300 is no longer listed as an optional course because it will now be a required course. PLSC 320 and PLSC 321 have been replaced with PLSC 422 International Law and Organizations, approved by the Senate in April 2012. PLSC 465 Intelligence Process and Policy is a relatively recent addition that needs to be included in the course options.

The program category "General Political Science" will be deleted from the catalog copy. It is confusing to have a distribution requirement of three of four categories and then list five categories. It is also unnecessary.

Part III. Implementation

1. How will the proposed revision affect students already in the existing program?

With some qualifications, students are under the catalog requirements existing at the time they entered IUP or at the time they change majors. ("Undergraduate Catalog Applicability Time Frame," *Undergraduate Catalog 2012-2013*, p. 43.) Therefore the proposed revision will not affect students already in the program. The revision will apply to new students entering the department in Fall 2013 and after.

2. Are faculty resources adequate?

Yes. Making PLSC 260 and PLSC 300 core courses will require that these courses be taught every semester rather than every other semester, as at present. Other courses taught by the relevant faculty will be scheduled less frequently. For example, instead of PLSC 362 American Political Thought being taught once a year it will now be taught once every three semesters. Students will still have adequate opportunities to take the full range of courses in the department.

3. Are other resources adequate?

Yes.

4. Do you expect an increase or decrease in the number of students? How will the department adjust?

We expect no change as a result of this revision.

Part IV. Periodic Assessment

1. Evaluation plan

Evaluation of all major tracks is a part of the department's five year review process. Major tracks are evaluated on the basis of whether they are current in the discipline and useful and attractive to students. The department already incorporates student input from our majors organization (PSSLC) on department offerings as part of the five year review. Additional student input will be part of the department's developing Outcomes Assessment plan.

2. Frequency of evaluation

It will be evaluated as part of the department's five year review and will also be incorporated into the department's Outcomes Assessment plan (in process).

3. Evaluating entity

For the five year review, the department serving as a committee of the whole, following a draft written by the most recent previous Chair of Political Science. Outcomes Assessment will provide additional data (surveys of majors, exit interviews, etc.).

Part V. Course Proposals

Course deletion form attached.

Part VI. Letters of Support

Not necessary.