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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: MINOR - POLITICAL SCIENCE

Proposed program name, if changing: _____

5. Approvals	Signature	Date
Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s)	<u>Janet 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 Seach</u>	<u>9-12-12</u>
College Dean	<u>Tom</u>	<u>9/14/12</u>
Director of Liberal Studies (as needed)		
Director of Honors College (as needed)		
Provost (as needed)	<u>David W. Hillman</u>	<u>9/19/12</u>
Additional signature (with title) as appropriate		
UWUCC Co-Chairs	<u>Gail Sechrist</u>	<u>11/13/12</u>

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Part II. Description

1. Catalog Description

Minor – Political Science 18

Required Courses:

PLSC 101 World Politics 3 cr.

PLSC 111 American Politics 3 cr.

Electives:

Any four courses in PLSC, at least one of which must be at the 300 level or higher 12 cr.

2. a. Table comparing old and new programs

Old PLSC minor	<u>15</u>	New PLSC Minor	18
Required Courses:		Required Courses:	
PLSC 101 World Politics	3 cr.	PLSC 101 World Politics	3 cr.
PLSC 111 American Politics	3 cr.	PLSC 111 American Politics	3 cr.
Controlled Electives:		Controlled Electives:	
<u>Three</u> additional PLSC courses	<u>9</u> cr.	Four additional PLSC courses, at least one of which must be at the 300 level or higher. 12 cr.	

2. b. Associated course changes

None.

2. c. Rationale for change

An 18 credit minor, with the requirement that at least one course must be at the 300 level or above, will deepen the student’s knowledge of political science and therefore be more useful to students in their future careers.

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 enrolled at IUP. The revised requirements will apply to new applicants for the minor who enroll under the 2013-2014 Undergraduate Catalog or later.

2. Are faculty resources adequate?

Yes.

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 hope for an increase. If that occurs, we will increase the frequency of offerings of 100 and 200 level courses, since these will bear most of the weight of the minor, with a corresponding decrease in the frequency of offerings of other courses. We will then monitor overall frequency as need arises.

Part IV. Periodic Assessment

1. Evaluation plan

Evaluation of the minor will be part of the department’s five year review process. The minor will be judged according to its usefulness and attractiveness to its intended audience. The department will conduct an email survey of its listed minors in Political Science and International Studies for input on how the minors could be strengthened.

2. Frequency of evaluation

It will be evaluated as part of the department's five year review.

3. Evaluating entity

The department serving as a committee of the whole, working from a draft written by the most recent previous Chair of Political Science.

Part V. Course Proposals

Not applicable.

Part VI. Letters of Support

Not necessary.