

**Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet – form is available on-line as an interactive PDF**

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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 / PRE-LAW TRACK

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>8-27-2012</u>
College Curriculum Committee Chair	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>9/15/12</u>
College Dean	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>9/12/12</u>
Director of Liberal Studies (as needed)	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>9/18/12</u>
Director of Honors College (as needed)		
Provost (as needed)		
Additional signature (with title) as appropriate		
UWUCC Co-Chairs	<u>Gail Speer</u>	<u>11/13/12</u>

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## Part II. Description

### 1. Catalog Description

#### Bachelor of Arts -- Political Science/Pre-Law Track

**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)

**Other Requirements: Pre-Law Interdisciplinary Track** 21

Seven courses, including at least one from each of six disciplines:

Business: ACCT 201, ACCT 202, BLAW 235

Criminology: CRIM 210, 215, 255

Economics: ECON 121, 122, 332

English: ENGL 212, 265, 310, 321

History: HIST 320, 321, 346

Philosophy: PHIL 101, 110, 222, 450

**Free Electives:** 13-20

**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 Pre-Law Major Track		New PLSC Pre-Law Major Track	
Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications:	46-47	Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications:	46-47
Mathematics: 3 cr.		Mathematics: 3 cr.	
Social Science: PLSC 111		Social Science: PLSC 111	
Liberal Studies Electives: 6 cr., no courses with PLSC prefix		Liberal Studies Electives: 6 cr., no courses with PLSC prefix	
College:		College:	
Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1)	0-6	Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1)	0-6
Major:	33	Major:	33

<p><b>Required Courses:</b>            PLSC 101 World Politics 3 cr.            PLSC 111 American Politics * cr. (2)            Controlled Electives: <u>30</u> cr.            At least one course in three of the first four areas:            American Studies: PLSC 251, <u>300</u>, 346, 350, 351, 353, 354, 355, 356, <u>357</u>, 358, 359            Political Theory: PLSC 360, PLSC 361, PLSC 362            Public Policy and Administration: PLSC 250, 370, 371, <u>444</u>            International Studies: PLSC 280, 282, 283, 285, <u>320</u>, <u>321</u>, <u>380</u>, 382, 383, 384, 385, <u>386</u>, 387, 388, 389 (4)  <u>General Political Science: PLSC 300 (strongly recommended), PLSC 377, 480, 481, 482, 485, 493</u></p> <p><b>Other Requirements: Pre-Law Interdisciplinary Track</b> <u>15-21</u>            Seven courses, including at least one from each of six disciplines:            Business: ACCT 201, ACCT 202, BLAW 235            Criminology: CRIM 210, 215, 255            Economics: ECON 121, 122, 332            English: ENGL 212, 265, 310, 321            History: HIST 320, 321, 346            Philosophy: PHIL 101, 110, 222, 450</p> <p><b>Free Electives:</b> <u>13-26</u></p> <p><b>Total Degree Requirements:</b> 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>	<p><b>Required Courses:</b>            PLSC 101 World Politics 3 cr. (2)            PLSC 111 American Politics * cr. (3)  <b>PLSC 260 Contemporary Political Ideas</b> 3 cr.  <b>PLSC 300 Research Methods</b> 3 cr.            Controlled Electives: <b>24</b> 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, <b>422, 465</b> (4)</p> <p><b>Other Requirements: Pre-Law Interdisciplinary Track</b> <b>21</b>            Seven courses, including at least one from each of six disciplines:            Business: ACCT 201, ACCT 202, BLAW 235            Criminology: CRIM 210, 215, 255            Economics: ECON 121, 122, 332            English: ENGL 212, 265, 310, 321            History: HIST 320, 321, 346            Philosophy: PHIL 101, 110, 222, 450</p> <p><b>Free Electives:</b> <b>13-20</b></p> <p><b>Total Degree Requirements:</b> 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>
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## 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 regardless of the particular track. 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 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 to the similar revision of the Bachelor of Arts – Political Science.

**Part VI. Letters of Support**

No letters are necessary.