

GRADUATE CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

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From: Rebecca Reid, Department of Political Science and Public Administration 

Through: Gaspare Genna, Chair, Dept of Political Science and Public Administration

Through: Selfa Chew-Melendez, LACC

Through: Dean Bencomo, College

To: Martine Ceberio, Graduate Council

Proposal Title: Expanding Fast Track Course Options

We seek to expand the graduate courses eligible for Fast Track students. Currently, only 5 classes are available for Fast Track students, which limits their ability to complete the Fast Track program since these courses are not offered every semester. Expanding course eligibility for Fast Track students will increase graduate course enrollments and attract students to the Fast Track program.

The current courses open to Fast Track students are: POLS 5300 (Quantitative Research Methods I), POLS 5315 (American Institutions and Process), POLS 5330 (International Politics), POLS 5344 (Border Theory)--which has since been deactivated, and POLS 5348 (Politics of Latin America).

There is no reason to exclude the other courses our graduate program offers. As such, we want to allow Political Science Fast Track students to take, under the approval of the Political Science Director of Graduate Studies, the following courses (in addition to those courses already eligible):

POLS 5301 (Qualitative Research Methods)
POLS 5302 (Quantitative Research Methods II)
POLS 5310 (American Political Behavior)
POLS 5313 (Political Communication)
POLS 5320 (Public Law)
POLS 5331 (International Organizations/International Law)
POLS 5332 (Foreign Policy Decision Making)
POLS 5334 (Comparative Political Development)
POLS 5338 (International Political Economy)
POLS 5339 (Comparative Political Institutions)
POLS 5343 (Border Politics)

POLS 5345 (Comparative Electoral Systems)
POLS 5346 (Political Economy of Development)
POLS 5347 (International Security)
POLS 5364 (Public Policy Analysis)
POLS 5368 (Conflict Analysis)

Changes to an Existing Fast-Track Program

College: College of Liberal Arts

Graduate Degree: MA Political Science

Undergraduate Degree: Political Science

*****Maximum Number of Graduate Credit Hours Allowed (up to 15 hours)*****

Graduate Course Inventory Changes

Additions

Course Prefix & No. POLS 5339

Title: Seminar in Comparative Political Institutions

Course Prefix & No. POLS 5320

Title: Seminar in Public Law

Course Prefix & No. POLS 5301

Title: Seminar in Qualitative Research Methods

Course Prefix & No. POLS 5302

Title: Seminar in Quantitative Research Methods II

Course Prefix & No. POLS 5346

Title: Seminar in Political Economy of Development

Course Prefix & No. POLS 5331

Title: Seminar in International Organizations/International Law

Course Prefix & No. POLS 5364

Title: Seminar in Public Policy Analysis

Course Prefix & No. POLS 5343

Title: Seminar in Border Politics

Course Prefix & No. POLS 5310

Title: Seminar in American Political Behavior

Course Prefix & No. POLS 5347
Title: Seminar in International Security

Course Prefix & No. POLS 5338
Title: Seminar in International Political Economy

Course Prefix & No. POLS 5345
Title: Seminar in Comparative Electoral Systems

Course Prefix & No. POLS 5313
Title: Seminar in Political Communication

Course Prefix & No. POLS 5332
Title: Seminar in Foreign Policy Decision-making

Course Prefix & No. POLS 5334
Title: Seminar in Comparative Political Development

Course Prefix & No. POLS 5368
Title: Seminar in Conflict Analysis

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APPROVAL PAGE

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College: Liberal Arts

Department: Political Science and Public Administration

DEPARTMENT CHAIR- Gaspare Genna

I have read the enclosed proposal and approve this proposal on behalf of the department.

3/3/2023

Signature

Date

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR – Selfa Chew-Melendez

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college curriculum committee.

Signature

Date

COLLEGE DEAN - Dean Bencomo

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college. I certify that the necessary funds will be allocated by the college in support of this proposal.

Signature

Date