

The University of Texas at El Paso

Curriculum Change Proposal

Approval Page

Proposal Title: Graduate Certificate in Teaching Political Science

Department Chair: Charles Boehmer, Ph.D.

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

Signature

Date

College Curriculum Committee Chairperson: Crystal Herman, MFA

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

Signature

Date

College Dean: Denis O'Hearn, Ph.D.

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

Graduate Council/Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Aaron Velasco, Ph.D.

Council Action: Approved Returned to the College

Date of Action Report: _____

Signature, Chairman

Date

Graduate Curriculum Change Memo

Date: November 30, 2020

From: Charles Boehmer, Chair, Department of Political Science

Through: Denis O' Hearn, Dean--College of Liberal Arts

To: Aaron Velasco, Chair--Graduate Council

Subject: Proposal for Graduate Certificate in Teaching Political Science,
letters of recommendation reduction

The Department of Political Science is requesting approval to reduce the number of letters of recommendation from three required to two for the Certificate in Teaching Political Science program. We are proposing this reduction because we already reduced the number of required recommendation letters down to two for our master's in Political Science program, and thus our certificate now has an unnecessarily higher requirement compared to our master's program. The catalog entry also corrects for a couple of minor typos of missing course titles.

Graduate Certificate in Teaching Political Science

The Graduate Certificate is intended for prospective or current Government/Political Science teachers who plan to teach dual-credit, college level Political Science courses (i.e., courses that count for both high school and college credit). To obtain the certificate, students will take 18 semester credit hours of graduate Political Science content courses. Credit earned for the certificate can be counted towards the MA in Political Science.

Admission Requirements

1. A bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. institution or proof of equivalent education at a foreign institution.
2. The bachelor's degree must be in Political Science or the applicant must have 12 hours of advanced-level Political Science courses.
3. GPA of 3.0 or above.
4. An analytical writing sample.
5. A statement of purpose.
6. ~~Three~~ **Two** professional reference letters

Conditional admittance will be given if the application materials show potential for success but are lacking in one area (such as the GPA). In this case, students will need to take one graduate class in Political Science and receive a B or A in the class before they can be fully admitted into the program.

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Degree Plan

Required Courses: [POLS 5300](#) Sem In Quant Rsrch Methods I is mandatory.

Five Courses from the Following Prescribed Elective Courses:

The Department of Political Science offers a graduate degree and courses of graduate study. Ideally, if the student wants broad preparation he/she will select courses from different areas. However, a student has the option of selecting classes from the following list of courses:

Code	Title	Hours
POLS 5301	Sem in Qual Resrch Methods	3
POLS 5302	Sem Quant Research Methods II	3

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Dual-Credit Certificate in Political Science Proposal		
POLS 5310	Seminar in Am. Pol. Behavior	3
POLS 5313		
POLS 5320	Seminar In Public Law	3
POLS 5330	Seminar-International Politics	3
POLS 5331	Semina-Intn'l Organ/Intn'l Law	3
POLS 5332	Sem-Foreign Policy Dec Making	3
POLS 5334	Seminar-Comparative Pol. Dev.	3
POLS 5336	Sem-Southwestern Border Politi	3
POLS 5338	Sem. In Int. Pol. Econ.	3
POLS 5339	Sem. Comp. Pol. Institutions	3
POLS 5342	Seminar in Comparative Electoral Systems	3
POLS 5343	Seminar in Border Politics	3
POLS 5344	Seminar in Border Theory	3
POLS 5346	Sem in Pol Econ of Developmt	3
POLS 5347	Sem in International Security	3
POLS 5348	Sem in Politics of Latin Amer	3
POLS 5349	Seminar in Political Thought	3
POLS 5350	Field Analysis Seminar (3-3)	3
POLS 5364	Seminar-Public Policy Analysis	3
POLS 5368	Seminar in Conflict Analysis	3
POLS 5380	Selected Problems-Government	3

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