

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

Date: 11/29/22
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Proposal Title: Removing Political Theory Sections from Degree Plans

Political Science has not had a permanent faculty member offering political theory courses for several years. We are thus removing the political theory course requirements from the Political Science Law and Politics Concentration, as well as deactivating them for our majors and our minor. This streamlining of the curriculum will improve student graduation as a) the curriculum and degree plans better match our regularly offered courses and b) it eliminates the need for frequent course substitutions in order for students to graduate. We seek to deactivate all courses in the political theory concentration, except POLS 4344: Spec Topics in Political Theory as this course is occasionally offered cross-listed with the Philosophy Dept.

Hence, for Political Science majors and minors, the political theory section will be removed entirely. Thus, we will have five subfield concentrations instead of six. For the Law and Politics Concentration, we add a course requirement for Major Electives section, increasing it to four elective courses (instead of three) to replace the deactivated theory course requirement.

BA in Political Science (No concentration)

Code	Title	Hours
Minor Required		
This program requires the selection of a minor.		18
University Core Curriculum		
Complete the University Core Curriculum requirements.		42
Political Science Major (This area requires a minimum GPA of 2.0)		
Required Courses:		
POLS 2310	Introduction to Politics	3
POLS 2311	American Gover & Politics	3
Subfields:		
POLS 3600	Research in Political Science °	6
Select one course in three of the following subfields:		9
American Political Behavior:		
POLS 3312	Party System, Campaigns Elect.	
POLS 3313	Pub Opinion/Media & Technology	
POLS 3314	Ethnicity & Race In Amer Pol	
POLS 4304	Envir. Just. & Min. Comm U.S.	
POLS 4310	American Legislatures	
POLS 4311	The Presidency	
POLS 4313	Southwestern Border Politics	
POLS 4314	Women, Power and Politics	
POLS 4315	Latinos In Amer Political Syst	
POLS 4317	U.S. Constitutional Structure	
POLS 4318	Teaching Democracy	
POLS 4319	Special Topics in Am. Politics	
Law and Politics:		
POLS 3315	Judicial Process	
POLS 3320	Constitutional Law	
POLS 3321	Civil Rights & Liberties	
POLS 3322	Law and Society	
POLS 3323	Internatl & Comparative Courts	
POLS 3324	Indigenous Law and Politics	
POLS 4320	Judicial Politics	
POLS 4322	Legal Reasoning	

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POLS 4323	Courts in Action	
POLS 4324	Introduction to Private Law	
POLS 4325	Spec Topics in Law & Politics	
International Relations:		
POLS 3360	International Relations	
POLS 3361	International Security	
POLS 3362	International Law and Politics	
POLS 4330	Foreign Policy of the U.S.	
POLS 4339	US-Latin American Relations	
POLS 4363	North American Relations	
POLS 4364	Internat'l Political Economy	
POLS 4365	International Organizations	
POLS 4366	Sp Topics/Internat'l Relations	
POLS 4367	Ethnic Conflict and Civil Wars	
POLS 4368	Conflict Analysis	
Comparative Politics:		
POLS 3325	Peru: Politics of Surprise	
POLS 3326	Politics of East Asia	
POLS 3332	Political Geography	
POLS 3334	Politics in World Regions	
POLS 3337	Latin American Politics	
POLS 3339	Comparative Political Systems	
POLS 3345	Democracy and Democratization	
POLS 4328	Politics of China	
POLS 4329	Elections Around the World	
POLS 4337	The Politics of Mexico	
POLS 4343	Politics of Brazil	
POLS 4346	Russia's Challenges/21st Cent	
POLS 4347	European Union Politics	
POLS 4348	Politics/Developing Countries	
POLS 4350	Sp Topics in Comparative Gov	
Political Thought and Theory:		
POLS 3340	Western Political Heritage I	
POLS 3341	Western Political Heritage II	
POLS 3342	American Political Thought	
POLS 4340	The American Constitution	

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POLS 4342	Contemporary Political Thought	
POLS 4344	Sp Topics in Political Theory	
Public Administration:		
POLS 3350	Intro to Public Administration	
POLS 3351	The Public Policy Process	
POLS 3353	State and Local Administration	
POLS 4356	Non-Profit Organizations	
POLS 4357	Leadership/Civic Participation	
POLS 4358	Special Topics in Public Admin	
POLS 4359	Urban Planning	
Additional Hours:		
Select fifteen hours of the following:		15
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POLS 3353	State and Local Administration	
POLS 3354	Internship	
POLS 3360	International Relations	

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POLS 3361	International Security	
POLS 3362	International Law and Politics	
POLS 3365	Political Simulations	
POLS 4300	Adv Rsrch Methods/Pol Science	
POLS 4304	Envir. Just. & Min. Comm U.S.	
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POLS 4365	International Organizations	
POLS 4366	Sp Topics/Internat'l Relations	
POLS 4367	Ethnic Conflict and Civil Wars	
POLS 4368	Conflict Analysis	
POLS 4370	Independent Reading in Pol Sci	
Open Electives		
Select additional hours to complete a total of one hundred twenty hours		
Foreign Language		
Select six credit of Foreign Language. All six credits must be in the same language sequence. ¹		6
Block Electives		
Complete twelve upper-division hours from the blocks below, with three to six hours in each		12
Total Hours		120

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Course requires a grade of C or better.

CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

APPROVAL PAGE

Proposal Title: Removing Political Theory Sections from Degree Plans

College: Liberal Arts

Department: Political Science & Public Administration

DEPARTMENT CHAIR- Gaspare Genna

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



12/13/2022

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 – Anadeli 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