

# CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

## APPROVAL PAGE

**Proposal Title:** Add Political Psychology course to Political Science undergraduate course catalog

**College:** Liberal Arts      **Department:** Political Science and Public Administration

**Political Science Undergraduate Director – Todd Curry & Dept. Chair – Gaspare Genna**

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



4/2/2025

Signature

Date

**COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR – Selfa Chew-Melendez**

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

Signature

Date

**COLLEGE DEAN – Anadeli Bencomo**

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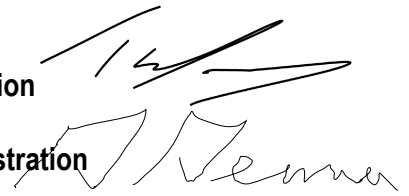
I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college. I certify that the necessary funds will be allocated by the college in support of this proposal.

Signature

Date

# CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

**Date:** 3/18/2025  
**From:** Todd Curry, Department of Political Science and Public Administration  
**Through:** Gaspare Genna, Department of Political Science and Public Administration  
**Through:** Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee Chair, Selfa Chew-Melendez  
**To:** Dean Anadeli Bencomo, College of Liberal Arts



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Select the proposal content (select as many as apply) and provide the rationale.

## Content

- New program or  Program Change
  - Bachelor's
  - Master's
  - Doctoral/Professional
  - Certificate
  - Fast Track
  - Minor
  - Concentration/Track
- New Course
- Closure (program, certificate, minor, concentration)
- Change
  - CIP Code
  - Program/certificate SCH
  - Course Title
  - Course Description
  - Graduate Program Admission Requirements

## Rationale

Adding a political psychology class reflects updated advances in political science curriculum and current trends in the field. A behavioral and psychological approach to politics has become more important in understanding political processes, creating a crucial need for students to learn political psychology topics for a well-rounded political science education.

## COURSE ADD

All fields below are required

Add additional Course Add forms as needed

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College : College of Liberal Arts

Department : Department of Political Science and Public Administration

Effective Term : Fall 2026

### Rationale for adding the course:

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### All fields below are required

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Subject Prefix and # POLS 4312

Title (29 characters or fewer): Political Psychology

Dept. Administrative Code :

[CIP Code](#)

Departmental Approval Required Yes No

Course Level UG GR DR SP

Course will be taught:  Face-to-Face  Online  Hybrid

Course minimum grade: if N leave blank, if Y provide grade: D

- How many times may course be repeated to satisfy minimum grade requirement? Four

How many times may the course be taken for credit? (Please indicate 1-9 times): One

Should the course be exempt from the "Three Repeat Rule?" Yes No

Grading Mode: Standard Pass/Fail Audit

Description and 2-3 keywords (600 characters maximum):

*(Keywords are for Facilitation of course searches and should be words not already included in course title or description)*

This course provides an introduction to the field of political psychology. Political psychologists apply psychological processes to the study of politics that may also include a variety of topics including the connection between biology and politics, how people perceive and process information, how people make decisions, and what individual differences influence political behavior.

**Political cognition, political behavior, politics and the brain**

Contact Hours (per week):    3 Lecture Hours                      Lab Hours                      Other

Types of Instruction (Schedule Type): Select all that apply

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|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Lecture | <input type="checkbox"/> H Thesis                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B Laboratory         | <input type="checkbox"/> I Dissertation                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C Practicum          | <input type="checkbox"/> K Lecture/Lab Combined                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D Seminar            | <input type="checkbox"/> O Discussion or Review (Study Skills) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E Independent Study  | <input type="checkbox"/> P Specialized Instruction             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F Private Lesson     | <input type="checkbox"/> Q Student Teaching                    |

**Fields below if applicable**

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If course is taught during a part of term in addition to a full 16-week term please indicate the length of the course (ex., 8 weeks):

TCCN (Use for lower division courses) :

Prerequisite(s):		
Course Number/ Placement Test	Minimum Grade Required/ Test Scores	Concurrent Enrollment Permitted? (Y/N)
POLS 2310	D	N
POLS 2311	D	N

<b>Corequisite Course(s):</b>


<b>Equivalent Course(s):</b>

<b>Restrictions:</b>	
<b>Classification</b>	
<b>Major</b>	

*The curriculum office recommends consulting with other programs to determine whether there is significant overlap between the proposed course and any existing courses, especially when the course is part of an interdisciplinary program. Evidence of this consultation will facilitate the work of the curriculum committees.*

**Course Syllabus**

**Degree Plan**

*Copy and paste text (if applicable) and degree plan from catalog here*