

## Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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Course Number \_\_\_\_\_ or Degree Plan(s) POLS BA major

State the requested change and reason. A memo may be attached if more space is necessary.

The Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice is revising its BA in political science to reflect two course deletions and altering the capstone. We have also removed one of the two places POLS 492 was in a menu. The total number of hours has changed as well as the number of elective hours. There is an accompanying memorandum explaining the several improvements being made in the Department.

Circle the number that corresponds to the requested change. Degree plan changes are on the second page.

|                    |                                                                                                                   | COUNCIL <sup>3</sup> |                  |       |     |      |      |      |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------|-----|------|------|------|
|                    |                                                                                                                   | Dept./School         | College Academic | Deans | TEC | UGEC | UUAC | GRAD |
| Change to a Course |                                                                                                                   |                      |                  |       |     |      |      |      |
| 1.                 | Title (description unchanged)                                                                                     | A                    | A                | A     |     | I    |      | I    |
| 2.                 | Description (not affecting content)                                                                               | A                    | A                | A     |     | I    |      | I    |
| 3.                 | Content (substantive change)                                                                                      | A                    | A                | A     |     | I    |      | A    |
| 4.                 | Number of hours (lecture, lab, contact)                                                                           | A                    | A                | A     |     | A    |      | A    |
| 5.                 | Course number within the hundred                                                                                  | A                    | A                | I     |     | I    |      | I    |
| 6.                 | Course number beyond the hundred                                                                                  | A                    | A                | A     |     | A    |      | A    |
| 7.                 | Prerequisites                                                                                                     | A                    | A                | A     |     | I    |      | I    |
| 8.                 | Course fee(s)                                                                                                     | A                    | --               | A     |     | --   |      | A    |
| 9.                 | From U to G or G to U                                                                                             | A                    | A                | A     |     | A    |      | A    |
| 10.                | Cross list with another department: U or G level                                                                  | A                    | A                | A     |     | A    |      | A    |
| 11.                | Department of record                                                                                              | A                    | A                | A     |     | A    |      | A    |
| 12.                | Open or closed course                                                                                             | A                    | A                | A     |     | A    |      | A    |
| 13.                | New course — See website for application and process.<br>This change includes combining or splitting a course(s). | A                    | A                | A     |     | A    |      | A    |

Note: When an academic unit does not have a council, the UGEC and/or UUAC will serve as its academic council, depending on the nature of the issue.

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|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----|----|---|--|--|--|-----------|---------|---------|------|------|------|-----|-------|------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
|     |                                                                                                             |                      |    |    |   |  |  |  |           |         |         |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              |                         |
| 1.  | University Requirements — Change in approved course content <sup>6</sup>                                    | A                    | A  | A  | A |  |  |  | A         | --      | A       |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              | --                      |
| 2.  | University Requirements — Add or drop a required course from the University Requirements chart <sup>6</sup> | A                    | A  | A  | A |  |  |  | A         | A       | A       |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              | --                      |
| 3.  | University Requirements — Add or drop a course from a menu within the University Requirements <sup>6</sup>  | A                    | -- | -- | A |  |  |  | A         | --      | A       |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              | --                      |
| 4.  | University Requirements — Change hours within a menu on the University Requirements chart <sup>6</sup>      | A                    | A  | A  | A |  |  |  | A         | A       | A       |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              | --                      |
|     |                                                                                                             |                      |    |    |   |  |  |  |           |         |         |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              |                         |
| 5.  | Major — Revision of major <sup>4,5</sup>                                                                    | A                    | A  | A  | A |  |  |  | A         | --      | A       |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              | --                      |
| 6.  | Major — Adopt or change admission requirements                                                              | A                    | A  | A  | A |  |  |  | A         | --      | A       |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              | --                      |
| 7.  | Major — Add <sup>4,5</sup>                                                                                  | A                    | A  | A  | A |  |  |  | A         | A       | A       |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              | I                       |
| 8.  | Major – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)                                                 | A                    | A  | A  | A |  |  |  | A         | A       | A       |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              | I                       |
| 9.  | Major – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)                                                               | See below.           |    |    |   |  |  |  |           |         |         |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              |                         |
|     |                                                                                                             |                      |    |    |   |  |  |  |           |         |         |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              |                         |
| 10. | GPA — Revise major or cumulative requirement                                                                | A                    | A  | A  | A |  |  |  | A         | A       | A       |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              | --                      |
|     |                                                                                                             |                      |    |    |   |  |  |  |           |         |         |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              |                         |
| 11. | Minor — Revise course selection                                                                             | A                    | A  | A  | I |  |  |  | I         | --      | I       |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              | --                      |
| 12. | Minor — Add <sup>4,5</sup>                                                                                  | A                    | A  | A  | A |  |  |  | A         | --      | A       |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              | --                      |
| 13. | Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)                                                 | A                    | A  | A  | A |  |  |  | A         | --      | A       |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              | --                      |
| 14. | Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)                                                               | See below.           |    |    |   |  |  |  |           |         |         |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              |                         |
|     |                                                                                                             |                      |    |    |   |  |  |  |           |         |         |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              |                         |
| 15. | Degree -- Add                                                                                               | A                    | A  | A  | A |  |  |  | A         | A       | A       |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              | I                       |
| 16. | Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)                                                | A                    | A  | A  | A |  |  |  | A         | A       | A       |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              | I                       |
| 17. | Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)                                                              | See below.           |    |    |   |  |  |  |           |         |         |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              |                         |
| 18. | Any change to a graduate degree program                                                                     | A                    | A  | A  | A |  |  |  | A         | --      | A       |      |      |      |     |       |                  |              | --                      |

| COUNCIL <sup>3</sup> |                                                                |         |            |      |     |      |          |         |           |                   |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------|------|-----|------|----------|---------|-----------|-------------------|
|                      | Provost-Proposed Change                                        | Provost | Department | Dean | TEC | UUAC | Graduate | Faculty | President | Board of Trustees |
| 1.                   | Major/Graduate Program – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost) | A       | R          | R    | A   |      |          | A       | A         | I                 |
| 2.                   | Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)                  | A       | R          | R    | A   |      |          | A       | A         | I                 |
| 3.                   | Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)                 | A       | R          | R    | A   |      |          | A       | A         | I                 |

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|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-------|------|------|------|---------|---------|-----------|
|                      | Change to the Catalog Information                                                                                            | Dept./School | College Academic | Deans | UGEC | UUAC | GRAD | Provost | Faculty | President |
| 1.                   | General requirements for graduation including course requirements that are common to all majors for all degrees <sup>7</sup> | --           | --               | --    | A    |      |      | A       | A       | A         |
| 2.                   | Admission requirements                                                                                                       | --           | --               | --    | A    |      |      | A       | A       | A         |
| 3.                   | Policies governing academic probation and suspension                                                                         | --           | --               | --    | A    |      |      | A       | A       | A         |
| 4.                   | Requirements for graduating with honors                                                                                      | --           | --               | --    | A    |      |      | A       | A       | A         |
|                      |                                                                                                                              |              |                  |       |      |      |      |         |         |           |
| 5.                   | Other academic policy changes                                                                                                | --           | --               | --    | A    |      |      | A       | --      | A         |

<sup>1</sup> Councils may request additional information about “Information” items. These items are approved as “Consent Agenda.”

<sup>2</sup> The Dean and Department should respond to the Provost’s recommendation to close a program in writing. Advise & Respond (R) requires that the voting body should receive the written responses at least one week prior to the vote.

<sup>3</sup> All courses that meet University Requirements for general education must go through UGEC. Courses or degrees offered only to students seeking teacher certification must go through the Teacher Education Council. All undergraduate changes must go before the UUAC. All graduate degree plan changes must go through the Graduate Council.

<sup>4</sup> A minimum of 30 hours is required for a major. A maximum is specified for each degree (e.g., BA, BS). The university minimum for elective hours is 6, unless the requirements of external accrediting bodies make it impossible.

<sup>5</sup> Program or course changes that apply to any major that includes Teacher Certification will be reviewed by the college, the Teacher Education Council (TEC), and then the UUAC.

<sup>6</sup> Courses that satisfy ACU’s University Requirements (General Education) will normally have lower-level numbering, be free of prerequisites and co-requisites, appeal to more than one or two majors, and “not narrowly focus on those skills, techniques, and procedures specific to a particular occupation or profession” (SACS 2.7.3). Departments may request exceptions to the first three criteria.

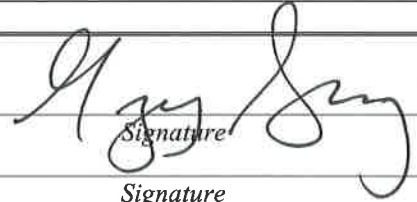
<sup>7</sup> The UUAC approved the clarification that “general requirements for graduation” means the enumerated items in the “General Requirements for Bachelor’s Degrees” section of the catalog.

Revised 1-29-16

## Curriculum/Catalog Changes Signature Page

| Department/School Chair(s)                                                                     |                          |
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| <br>Signature | 3-28-16<br>Approval date |
| _____<br>Signature                                                                             | _____<br>Approval date   |

| College Academic Council(s)                                                                    |                          |
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| Dean(s)                                                                                        |                          |
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| Teacher Education Council  |                        |
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| General Education Council  |                        |
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| _____<br>Chair's signature | _____<br>Approval date |

| Undergraduate Academic Council |                        |
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| _____<br>Chair's signature     | _____<br>Approval date |

| Graduate Council           |                        |
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| _____<br>Chair's signature | _____<br>Approval date |

| Provost            |                        |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| _____<br>Signature | _____<br>Approval date |

| Faculty                          |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| _____<br>Chair of faculty senate | _____<br>Approval date |

| President          |                        |
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| _____<br>Signature | _____<br>Approval date |

## BA: POLITICAL SCIENCE DEGREE PLAN (POLS)

### UNIVERSITY Requirements

Please see the University Requirements section of this catalog  
(page 39).

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

#### Non-Advanced Course Work

- POLS 225 National Government ..... (3)<sup>1</sup>
- POLS 226 States and Federal System or
- POLS 227 Introduction to International Relations ..... 3

#### Advanced Course Selections

##### American (choose two courses): ..... 6

- POLS 341 American Public Policy
- POLS 381 American Political Process
- POLS 382 American Presidency
- POLS 383 Congress and Legislative Process
- POLS 385 American Foreign Policy

##### Public Administration (choose one course): ..... 3

- POLS 395 Public Administration (recommended)
- POLS 494 Public Administration Management
- POLS 497 Topics in Public Administration

##### International Relations (choose one course): ..... 3

##### ~~POLS 481 International Relations Theory~~

- POLS 484 International Law and Organization
- POLS 485 International Political Economy
- POLS 487 Terrorism Studies
- POLS 488 Topics in International Politics

##### ~~POLS 489 International Relations and Christianity~~

##### Comparative Politics (choose one course): ..... 3

- POLS 344 Comparative Politics
- POLS 345 Comparative Public Policy
- POLS 357 West European Politics
- POLS 358 CIS and East European Politics
- POLS 360 Politics of Developing Countries
- POLS 361 Politics of the Middle East

##### Political Theory (choose two courses): ..... 6

- POLS 393 Peace, Power, and Politics
- POLS 490 Early Political Theory
- POLS 491 Recent Political Theory
- POLS 492 American Political Thought (~~writing-course~~)
- POLS 493 Topics in Contemporary Political Thought (~~writing-intensive-course~~)

##### Public Law (choose one course): ..... 3

- POLS 384 American Judicial Process
- POLS 431 Constitutional Law: Powers

POLS 432 Constitutional Law: Civil Rights

~~POLS 492 American Political Thought (writing-intensive course)~~

POLS 493 Topics in Contemporary Political Thought (~~writing~~ — ~~intensive course~~)

### Research Methods

POLS 315 Research Methods or

SOCI 415 Social Research (~~capstone and~~ writing-intensive course)

..... 3-4

~~Advanced POLS Selection ..... 3~~

POLS 499 Public Service Internship

(capstone course-writing intensive)..... 3

**TOTAL** ..... **33-34**

<sup>1</sup>Hours (in parentheses) may also fulfill university requirements  
and are not included in total major hours

### SUPPLEMENT FOR MAJOR

BIBL:—BIBP 486 Ethics ..... (3)<sup>1</sup>

#### ECONOMICS:

ECON 260 Macroeconomics ..... (3)<sup>1</sup>

ECON 261 Microeconomics ..... 3

#### ENGLISH:

Sophomore (or higher) Literature ..... 3

#### FOREIGN LANGUAGE:

FLLA, FREN, GER, SPAN 221, 222 ..... 6

~~—Sophomore Literature ..... 3~~

**TOTAL** ..... **12**

<sup>1</sup>Hours (in parentheses) may also fulfill university requirements  
and are not included in total major hours

### ELECTIVES

Minimum ..... ~~23-24~~26-27

**TOTAL MAJOR HOURS** ..... **72**

### OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Minimum grade for each course in major ..... C

Minimum GPA in major ..... 2.25

Minimum GPA for graduation ..... 2.00

Minimum advanced hours ..... 33

Minimum total hours ..... 128

*Courses numbered 0\*\* do not count in  
minimum hours required for degree.*

include those with the following designation: POLS and SOCI.

BA: POLITICAL SCIENCE (CONCENTRATION IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND  
COMPARATIVE POLITICS) DEGREE PLAN (POLS) (IRCP)

UNIVERSITY Requirements

Please see the University Requirements section of this catalog (page 39).

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

**Non-Advanced Course Work**

POLS 225 National Government..... (3)<sup>1</sup>

POLS 227 Intro to International Relations..... 3

**Advanced Course Selections**

**American** (choose one course): ..... 3

POLS 341 American Public Policy

POLS 381 American Political Process

POLS 382 American Presidency

POLS 383 Congress and Legislative Process

POLS 385 American Foreign Policy

**Public Administration**

POLS 395 Public Administration ..... 3

**International Relations**

~~POLS 481 International Relations Theory ..... 3~~

Choose two courses: ..... 6

POLS 484 International Law and Organization

POLS 485 International Political Economy

POLS 487 Terrorism Studies

POLS 488 Topics in International Politics

~~POLS 489 International Relations and Christianity~~

**Comparative Politics**

POLS 344 Comparative Politics ..... 3

Choose two courses: ..... 6

POLS 345 Comparative Public Policy

POLS 357 West European Politics

POLS 358 CIS and East European Politics

POLS 360 Politics of Developing Countries

POLS 361 Politics of the Middle East

**Political Theory** (choose one course): ..... 3

POLS 393 Peace, Power, and Politics

POLS 490 Early Political Theory

POLS 491 Recent Political Theory

POLS 492 American Political Thought (~~writing-intensive course~~)

POLS 493 Topics in Contemporary Political Thought (~~writing-intensive course~~)

**Public Law** (choose one course): ..... 3

POLS 384 American Judicial Process

POLS 431 Constitutional Law: Powers



POLS 432 Constitutional Law: Civil Rights

**Research Methods**

POLS 315 Research Methods or

SOCI 415 Social Research (~~capstone~~ and writing-  
intensive course) ..... 3-4

**ACU Study Abroad Program Participation**

**POLS 499 Public Service Internship**

(capstone course and writing intensive)..... 3

**TOTAL** ..... ~~39-40~~**36-37**

<sup>1</sup>Hours (in parentheses) may also fulfill university requirements  
and are not included in total major hours

**SUPPLEMENT FOR MAJOR**

**Bible:**

-BIBP 486 Ethics ..... (3)<sup>1</sup>

**Economics:**

ECON 260 Macroeconomics ..... (3)<sup>1</sup>

ECON 261 Microeconomics ..... 3

**English:**

Sophomore (or higher) Literature ..... 3

**Foreign Language:**

FLLA, FREN, GER, or SPAN 221, 222 ..... 6

Choose two courses: FREN, SPAN 300-499 ..... 6

**TOTAL** ..... **18**

<sup>1</sup>Hours (in parentheses) may also fulfill university requirements  
and are not included in total major hours

**ELECTIVES**

Minimum-..... ~~14-15~~**17-18**

**TOTAL MAJOR HOURS**..... **72**

**OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Minimum grade for each course in major-..... C

Minimum GPA in major-..... 2.25

Minimum GPA for graduation ..... 2.00

Minimum advanced hours ..... 33

Minimum total hours ..... 128

*Courses numbered 0\*\* do not count in  
minimum hours required for degree.*



**MINOR: PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDIES  
(PSJS)**

|                                                              |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Foundations .....</b>                                     | <b>3</b>  |
| PHIL 486 Ethics                                              |           |
| <b>Context .....</b>                                         | <b>3</b>  |
| Choose three hours from:                                     |           |
| HIST 455 Social and Ethnic History in U.S.                   |           |
| POLS 493 <del>Religion and Politics</del> <u>Topics in</u>   |           |
| <u>Contemporary Political Thought</u>                        |           |
| SOCI 480 Inequality and Social Justice                       |           |
| <b>Philosophy .....</b>                                      | <b>6</b>  |
| Choose six hours from:                                       |           |
| PHIL 451 Philosophy and Social Justice                       |           |
| POLS 393 Peace, Power, and Politics                          |           |
| <del>POLS 489 International Relations and Christianity</del> |           |
| <b>Application .....</b>                                     | <b>3</b>  |
| Choose three hours from:                                     |           |
| ECON 438 International Poverty and Development               |           |
| ENGL 328 Social Justice: A Rhetoric                          |           |
| PSYC 305 Peacemaking                                         |           |
| <b>Capstone .....</b>                                        | <b>3</b>  |
| PSJS 499 Peace and Social Justice (capstone<br>course)       |           |
| <b>TOTAL .....</b>                                           | <b>18</b> |

MEMORANDUM

TO: University Undergraduate Academic Council, University General Education Council

CC: Dr. Neal Coates, Dr. David Dillman

FROM: Laura Carroll, Director of Writing Across the Curriculum

DATE: April 27, 2015

RE: Writing Intensive Requirement

I have reviewed the requirements for POLS 499, and they meet the Writing Across the Curriculum guidelines. Therefore, I recommend this course be designated a Writing Intensive Course.