

Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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Course Number _____ or Degree Plan(s) BA- POLS-IRCP

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

See Memo

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

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

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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	Change to a Degree Plan	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	TEC	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD	Provost	Faculty	President	Board of Trustees
1.	University Requirements — Change in approved course content ⁶	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
2.	University Requirements — Add or drop a required course from the University Requirements chart ⁶	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	--
3.	University Requirements — Add or drop a course from a menu within the University Requirements ⁶	A	--	--	A				A	--	A	--
4.	University Requirements — Change hours within a menu on the University Requirements chart ⁶	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	--
✓5.	Major — Revision of major ^{4,5}	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
6.	Major — Adopt or change admission requirements	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
7.	Major — Add ^{4,5}	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	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 ³										
	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	--
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 ⁷	--	--	--	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

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

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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.

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Department/School Chair(s)	
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	03/25/2020
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Dean(s)	
 Greg Straughn (Mar 26, 2020)	
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Teacher Education Council	
Chair's signature	Approval date

General Education Council	
Chair's signature	Approval date

Undergraduate Academic Council	
Chair's signature	Approval date

Graduate Council	
Chair's signature	Approval date

Provost	
Signature	Approval date

Faculty	
Chair of faculty senate	Approval date

President	
Signature	Approval date

Memo

We are submitting an approval chart to change the title, description and course terms for POLS 315. We are also revising our degree plans to reflect this change to POLS 315.

POLS 315 has long been in the Catalog, but the Department has used SOCI 415 the last several years because we were short on a faculty with methodology. Chris Riley finishing his MPA has given us the opportunity to teach POLS 315 regularly again and to make it available to Criminal Justice students. In addition, this change allows us to give CJ majors the same options the POLS students already have--to choose POLS 315 or SOCI 415 for their methodology requirement.

On behalf of the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice, we respectfully request that the following changes be accepted:

Change to POLS 315

1. The POLS 315 course title:
 - a. Old: Political Science Research Methods
 - b. New: Political Science and Criminal Justice Research Methods.
2. The course description
 - a. Old: Theories, methods and statistical analyses used in political science research will be evaluated, compared and critiqued. Students will gain a healthy appreciation of research design, statistical analysis, and of the computer application of these principles. This course is available for variable credit. Please see your advisor for more information. Prerequisite: [MATH 120](#) or higher; junior standing or consent of department chair. For majors only.
 - b. New: "Theories, methods and statistical analyses used in political science and criminal justice will be evaluated, compared and critiqued. Students will gain an appreciation of research design, statistical analysis, and the application of these principles. Prerequisite: Math 120 or higher; junior standing or consent of the department chair. For majors only."
3. Change the course term from Fall only to Fall and Spring.
4. Change course hours from variable 3 or 4 hour with a lab option to a three hour course with no lab.

Change to Degree plans

1. Revise degree plan for BA in Criminal Justice
 - a. Add POLS 315 as two-course menu option with SOCI 415.
2. Revise degree plan for BA in POLS
 - a. Change total major hours from 33-34 to just 33, to reflect the change to hours in POLS 315. Change elective hours to 27.
3. Revise degree plan for BA in POLS-IRCP
 - a. Change total major hours from 36-37 to just 36, to reflect the change to hours in POLS 315. Change elective hours to 18
4. Revise degree plan for BS in CJ.
 - a. Add POLS 315 as a two-course menu option with SOCI 415.