

Request Status PENDING

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General Information

Fiscal Unit/Academic Org Political Science - D0755

Administering College/Academic Group Social And Behavioral Sciences

Co-administering College/Academic Group

- Arts And Sciences
- Social And Behavioral Sciences

Semester Conversion Designation

Converted with minimal changes to program goals and/or curricular requirements (e.g., sub-plan/specialization name changes, changes in electives and/or prerequisites, minimal changes in overall structure of program, minimal or no changes in program goals or content)

Current Program/Plan Name [https://assist-](https://assist-erp.osu.edu/assistCurriculum/currentPlan.html) Political Science



[erp.osu.edu/assistCurriculum/currentPlan.html](https://assist-erp.osu.edu/assistCurriculum/currentPlan.html)

Proposed Program/Plan Name Political Science

Program/Plan Code Abbreviation POLSCI-BA

Current Degree Title Bachelor of Arts

Credit Hour Explanation <https://assist-erp.osu.edu/assistCurriculum/credit.html>



Program credit hour requirements		A) Number of credit hours in current program (Quarter credit hours)	B) Calculated result for 2/3rds of current (Semester credit hours)	C) Number of credit hours required for proposed program (Semester credit hours)	D) Change in credit hours
Total minimum credit hours required for completion of program		50	33.3	33	0.3
Required credit hours offered by the unit	Minimum	40	26.7	27	0.3
	Maximum	50	33.3	33	0.3
Required credit hours offered outside of the unit	Minimum	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Maximum	10	6.7	6	0.7
Required prerequisite credit hours not included above	Minimum	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Maximum	5	3.3	3	0.3

Program Learning Goals

Note: these are required for all undergraduate degree programs and majors now, and will be required for all graduate and professional degree programs in 2012. Nonetheless, all programs are encouraged to complete these now.

Program Learning Goals

- Majors in political science are expected to:
 - Acquire basic knowledge across the four major fields of political science—American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory.
 - Gain deeper knowledge of the scho

Assessment

Assessment plan includes student learning goals, how those goals are evaluated, and how the information collected is used to improve student learning. An assessment plan is required for undergraduate majors and degrees. Graduate and professional degree programs are encouraged to complete this now, but will not be required to do so until 2012.

Is this a degree program (undergraduate, graduate, or professional) or major proposal? Yes

Does the degree program or major have an assessment plan on file with the university Office of Academic Affairs? Yes

Summarize how the program's current quarter-based assessment practices will be modified, if necessary, to fit the semester calendar.

We do not anticipate any changes to the current assessment plan. An accounting of our plan is included in second attachment requested below.

Program Specializations/Sub-Plans (<https://assist-erp.osu.edu/assistCurriculum/specializations.html>)

If you do not specify a program specialization/sub-plan it will be assumed you are submitting this program for all program specializations/sub-plans.

Pre-Major (<https://assist-erp.osu.edu/assistCurriculum/preMajor.html>)

Does this Program have a Pre-Major? Yes

One of these courses must be completed prior to declaration of the major.

- 1) Polit Sc 1100 – Introduction to American Politics (3 hours)
- 2) Polit Sc 1200 – Introduction to Comparative Politics (3 hours)
- 3) Polit Sc 1300 – Global Politics (3 hours)
- 4) Polit Sc 2150 – Voters and Elections (3 hours)
- 5) Polit Sc 2300 – American Foreign Policy (3 hours)
- 6) Polit Sc 2400 – Introduction to Political Theory (3 hours)

Attachments (<https://assist-erp.osu.edu/assistCurriculum/programAttachments.html>)

File Name	Description	Attachment Type	Owner
PS Major Conversion Template.docx (#)	Attachment 2	Program Proposal	Deyoung,Wayne Michael
PS Major Curriculum Map.docx (#)	Curricular map	Curricular Map(s)	Deyoung,Wayne Michael
Chair's letter 2 to College.doc (#)	letter requested	Letter from Program-offering Unit	Deyoung,Wayne Michael

Comments

There are currently no comments

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October 11, 2010

Gene Mumy
ASC/SBS

Dear Gene,

I am writing to convey the Political Science degree programs for the semester conversion process.

We have the following degree programs that we are converting:

B.A. in Political Science

7 minors: Campaigns & Elections; Comparative Politics; Judicial Politics; Political Decision-Making; Political Science; Political Theory; World Politics

Ph.D. in Political Science

M.A. in Political Science

The Department has had on-going review of all of our degree programs in the last few years, including a major revamping of our graduate program, instituting the 6 new focused minors, and then revising our B.A. program. These changes are all very recent, so much so that students enrolling in them have not yet completed their degrees. We are analyzing the effectiveness of some of these changes, but we need to wait for more data on most of them. In any case, the faculty in our several subfields met to discuss how to convert their programs to semesters, our Undergraduate Affairs Committee and Graduate Studies Committee both met to make recommendations about the conversion of our degree programs to semesters, and we considered their recommendations at a meeting of the entire faculty and voted on specifics.

I recommend approval of our conversion proposals.

Sincerely,

Herb Weisberg
Professor and Chair

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Letter from Program-offering Unit

August 30, 2010

On behalf of the Department of Political Science, I recommend approval of our conversion proposal from quarters to semesters.

The Department proposal was worked through our regular curriculum process, including our Undergraduate Affairs Committee, our Graduate Studies Committee, meetings of all of our departmental fields, and a general faculty meeting.

Our programs include a BA in Political Science; undergraduate minors in Political Science, Campaigns and Elections, Comparative Politics, Judicial Politics, Political Decision Making, Political Theory, and World Politics; an MA in Political Science; and a PhD in Political Science. We also participate in the Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Survey Research. We are not withdrawing any current program.

Sincerely,

Herb Weisberg

Professor & Chair

PROGRAM TEMPLATE: **POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR**

I. GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. **Program Name:** Political Science Major
2. **Degree Title:** Bachelor of Arts

3. **Academic Unit:** Department of Political Science
4. **Type of Program:** Undergraduate Bachelors degree
5. **Semester Conversion Designation:** Conversion to semesters will occur with *minimal changes to program goals and curricular requirements.*

II. Rationale for proposed program changes:

The Political Science major was revised very recently, effective the 2008-09 academic year, so we have made minimal changes in the major for the semester conversion. We are changing all of our courses from 5 credits to 3 credits, and we are changing the required number of credits for a major from 50 to 33 credit hours.

Our recent major program reforms required students to take a pre-major course, increased breadth by requiring students to take at least one course in each of the four conventional Political Science fields (American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory), and increased depth by requiring students to complete a focus area comprising four courses in one of those four fields. While these reforms are too new for a freshman admitted under them to have graduated, the initial feedback we have received from students has been favorable. But it would be appropriate to wait until they fully affect a graduating class before making further changes.

III. List of Semester Courses in the program:

I. Pre-major courses (3 hours)

One of these courses must be completed prior to declaration of the major.

- 1) Polit Sc 1100 – *Introduction to American Politics* (3 hours)
- 2) Polit Sc 1200 – *Introduction to Comparative Politics* (3 hours)
- 3) Polit Sc 1300 – *Global Politics* (3 hours)
- 4) Polit Sc 2150 – *Voters and Elections* (3 hours)
- 5) Polit Sc 2300 – *American Foreign Policy* (3 hours)

6) Polit Sc 2400 – *Introduction to Political Theory*

(3 hours)

II. Course-level Distribution

Students must take eight out of the eleven courses minimally required for the major at the 4000 level or higher.

III. Field Distribution: Four Courses

Students must take a minimum of one course from each of four fields in political science: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory.

IV. Focus Requirement

Students must complete a four-course focus in one of the four fields in political science: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory.

Semester Advising Sheet (DRAFT)

Political Science major effective for students entering the university June 1, 2012 or after

[Students who entered the university before June 2012 should consult with the transition policies from quarters to semesters and with a political science adviser]

Prior to declaring a major in Political Science, a student must have at least one course from Political Science 1100, 1200, 1300, 2150, 2300, and 2400.

Revised requirements for the undergraduate major in Political Science:

1. An undergraduate major in Political Science is a coherent program of courses amounting to a minimum of 33 hours of course work numbered at the 2000 level or higher.
2. (A) At least 24 of the 33 hours of course work must be numbered at the 4000 level or higher. These 24 hours do not include course work taken in other departments that are approved as part of the Political Science major program.
(B) A minimum of 21 credit hours must be taken at The Ohio State University; this limits to twelve hours course work transferred from other universities; taken in other cities or countries through study at a foreign or domestic institution; or other Ohio-State sponsored, off-campus programs; and it ensures that more than half of a student's major is taken from Ohio State instructors. At least fifteen of these 21 credit hours must be numbered at the 4000 level or higher.
3. Major programs must include at least one course from each of four fields in Political Science. The fields are American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory.
4. Major programs must include a four-course focus in a field, chosen from American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, or Political Theory. An individualized focus may be created in consultation with an adviser or faculty member.

5. A grade of “C-” or better is necessary in order for a course to count as part of a major program. A student must earn a Cumulative Point-Hour Ratio of 2.0 or higher in all courses included on the major.
6. A maximum combined total of six credit hours in the major can be included from the following categories: independent study; internships; and undergraduate research courses.
7. As many as six credit hours of the 33 required for the major program may be courses with subject matter related to Political Science in other departments. There is no official list of acceptable courses; students should request prior approval from an adviser in the department before scheduling such courses as part of their major programs.

Quarter-Based Advising Sheet

THE MAJOR PROGRAM

A political science major must meet the basic course and credit hour requirements set down by the USAS for the Bachelor of Arts degree. (Information on the BA curriculum is available from USAS in Denney Hall and is also contained in Book 5 of the University Bulletin Series.)

EFFECTIVE FOR STUDENTS ENTERING THE UNIVERSITY AUTUMN 2008 OR AFTER

Prior to declaring a major in Political Science, a student must have at least one course from Political Science 100, 101, 145, 201, 210, 211, and 245.

Revised requirements for the undergraduate major in Political Science:

1. An undergraduate major in Political Science is a coherent program of courses amounting to a minimum of 50 hours of course work numbered at the 200 level or higher.
2. (A) At least 35 of the 50 hours of course work must be numbered at the 400 level or higher. These 35 hours do not include course work taken in other departments that are approved as part of the Political Science major program. (B) A maximum of 20 hours of transfer credit can be used toward a major program in Political Science, insuring that more than half of a student's major earns Ohio State credit. (C) A minimum of 30 credit hours must be taken at The Ohio State University, limiting to twenty hours course work taken in other cities or countries through study at a foreign or domestic institution or other Ohio-State sponsored, off-campus programs, and ensuring that more than half of a student's major is taken from Ohio State instructors. At least twenty of the 30 credit hours must be numbered at the 400 level or higher.
3. Major programs must include at least one course from each of four fields in Political Science. The fields are American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory.
4. Major programs must include a four-course focus in a field, chosen from American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, or Political Theory. An individualized focus may be created in consultation with an adviser or faculty member.
5. A grade of "C-" or better is necessary in order for a course to count as part of a major program. A student must earn a Cumulative Point-Hour Ratio of 2.0 or higher in all courses included on the major.
6. A maximum of ten credit hours in the major can be included from the following categories: independent study; internships; and undergraduate research courses.
7. As many as ten credit hours of the 50 required for the major program may be courses with subject matter related to Political Science in other departments. There is no official list of acceptable courses; students should request prior approval from

an adviser in the department before scheduling such courses as part of their major programs.

IV. Transition Policy

Students who entered the university before Autumn 2008 will complete nine courses to complete their majors; all distribution requirements regarding course level and field will remain the same, with five-quarter-hour courses replaced on a one-for-one basis with three-semester-hour courses.

Students who entered the university Autumn 2008 or after but before Summer 2012 will complete ten courses to complete their majors; all distribution requirements regarding course level, field, and focus, will remain the same, with five-quarter-hour courses replaced on a one-for-one basis with three-semester-hour courses.

V. ASSESSMENT CONVERSION

Description of how program's current quarter-based assessment practices will be modified.

The program uses two mechanisms to assess performance within the major: (1) assigning grades to courses within the major and monitoring their trajectory (oversight provided by individual instructors, faculty advisor, and director of undergraduate studies); and (2) use of senior exit survey. Responses from the senior exit survey, which was only implemented in 2010, are used primarily to gauge student goals and satisfaction towards curriculum, departmental personnel, and learning outcomes. We also hope that the survey will become an effective means of tracking student placement. At this point, we foresee no major changes being made to our assessment tools.

VI. CAA Reviewer's Aid and Expansion Check

Program requirements	Current credit hours (Quarter credit hours)	Result for 2/3rds current hours	New credit hours (Semester credit hours)
Premajor courses			
1) Polit Sc 1100	5	3.3	3
2) Polit Sc 1200	5	3.3	3
3) Polit Sc 1300	5	3.3	3
4) Polit Sc 2150	5	3.3	3
5) Polit Sc 2300	5	3.3	3
6) Polit Sc 2400	5	3.3	3
Four-course field distribution			

	20	13.2	12
Four-course focus	20	13.2	12
Double counted courses Polit Sc 4551	Data Analysis GE course		
Total Major Courses 11 courses; at least 8 at 4000 level or higher. May include 2000-level pre-major courses (Quarter major: 10 courses with 7 at 400 level or higher)	45	29.7	33
Total required for program completion	45 or 50*	29.7 to 33*	33 to 36*

*If pre-major is at 100 or 1000 level, it cannot count toward major; hence the larger of the two numbers. If pre-major course is at 200 or 2000 level, then the smaller number pertains because the pre-major course can count toward the major.

Rationale for credit hour change: Not applicable.

Curriculum Map: How and at what level do program courses facilitate student attainment of program learning goals?

Program Learning Goals:

Political science is the study of public power: its mobilization, exercise, and transformation by governments, political parties, interest groups, and mass behavior. Political scientists examine the causes and effects of political power and institutions in decision-making and governance at various levels, from the local to the global. We employ both scientific and humanistic perspectives and a variety of methodological approaches to analyze political structures and processes in all regions of the world.

Majors in political science are expected to:

1. *Acquire basic knowledge* across the four major fields of political science—American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory.
2. *Gain deeper knowledge* of the scholarly literature in one of the four major fields.
3. *Become familiar with debates* about theories, research methods, and substantive issues, and learn to engage and assess contributions to the literature.
4. *Develop analytic and critical thinking skills* that will enable them to rigorously evaluate competing arguments and to appraise value-based claims.

Political science majors will acquire a knowledge foundation and an array of skills enabling them to pursue a wide variety of professional and leadership roles and to become responsible and well-informed citizens. We prepare our students for post-graduate studies in numerous areas including public policy, international affairs, law, business, and political science. Our department's challenging and supportive learning environment gives students the confidence to assume progressively greater initiative and independence through their undergraduate years and beyond.

PROGRAM LEARNING GOALS

Pre-Major Courses	Goal # <i>i</i>	Goal # <i>ii</i>	Goal # <i>iii</i>	Goal # <i>iv</i>
Polit Sc 1100	✓			✓
Polit Sc 1200	✓			✓
Polit Sc 1300	✓			✓
Polit Sc 2150	✓	✓		✓
Polit Sc 2300	✓	✓		✓
Polit Sc 2400	✓	✓		✓
Field Distribution	✓	✓	✓	✓
Focus Area		✓	✓	✓