

<b>Fiscal Unit/Academic Org</b>	Political Science - D0755
<b>Administering College/Academic Group</b>	Social And Behavioral Sciences
<b>Co-administering College/Academic Group</b>	Arts And Sciences
	Social And Behavioral Sciences
<b>Semester Conversion Designation</b>	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)
<b>Current Program/Plan Name</b>	Political Decision-Making
<b>Proposed Program/Plan Name</b>	Political Decision-Making
<b>Program/Plan Code Abbreviation</b>	POLDEC-MN
<b>Current Degree Title</b>	

## Credit Hour Explanation

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		25	16.7	15	1.7
Required credit hours offered by the unit	Minimum	25	16.7	15	1.7
	Maximum	25	16.7	15	1.7
Required credit hours offered outside of the unit	Minimum	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Maximum	0	0.0	0	0.0
Required prerequisite credit hours not included above	Minimum	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Maximum	0	0.0	0	0.0

## 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

## 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? No

## Program Specializations/Sub-Plans

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

Does this Program have a Pre-Major? No

**Attachments**

- Chair's letter 2 to College.doc: letter requested  
*(Letter from Program-offering Unit. Owner: Deyoung, Wayne Michael)*
- Political Decision Making minor template.doc: proposal template  
*(Program Proposal. Owner: Deyoung, Wayne Michael)*
- Division Cover Letter for Political Science.doc: Division Letter  
*(Letter from the College to OAA. Owner: Mumy, Gene Elwood)*

**Comments**

**Workflow Information**

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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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December 3, 2010

Professor Larry Krissek  
Chair, Arts and Sciences CCI

Dear Professor Krissek:

At the undergraduate level the Department of Political Science has one major program, the Bachelor of Arts Political Science major. In his cover letter, Department Chair Herb Weisberg mentions the revision of the major two years ago and notes that at this point there is no reason to change the major for the conversion to semesters. As a result the conversion is a straightforward adaption of the quarter version to an isomorphic semester version

The conversion plan was reviewed by me and the Social Sciences Disciplinary Advisory Panel (SS DAP) and we found it to be appropriate for semesters and submit them to you for CCI's consideration.

At the undergraduate level Political Science also has seven minors. In addition to the General Political Science minor, there are six specialized minors:

- A) Campaigns and Elections
- B) Comparative Politics
- C) Judicial Politics
- D) Political Decision Making
- E) Political Theory
- F) World Politics

The General Political Science minor was significantly revised and the six specialized minors were developed during late 2006 and all were approved in Spring, 2008. The semester versions are straight conversions of the relatively new quarter versions. The SS DAP has endorsed the semester versions and I have approved them and submit them for CCI's consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gene E. Mummy'.

Gene E. Mummy  
Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences/Social and Behavioral Sciences

## 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 Decision Making Minor
2. **Degree Title:** NA
3. **Academic Unit:** Department of Political Science
4. **Type of Program:** Minor
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 Department of Political Science offers a general political science minor, as well as minors focusing on "Campaigns and Elections," "Comparative Politics," "Judicial Politics," "Political Decision Making," "Political Theory," and "World Politics." We have not substantially altered these minors. In every case, we have kept their required courses the same, the number of courses the same [five], and the structure of the minor the same. We have updated course lists to be current and accurate, which was not the case with some of the old minor advising sheets that were available, but otherwise the minors are unchanged.

### III. Course List

Polit Sc 4120	US Congress
Polit Sc 3100	American Politics and Policy Making
Polit Sc 3115	Introduction to the Policy Process
Polit Sc 3910	Identity Politics
Polit Sc 3912	Political Leadership
Polit Sc 4132H	Supreme Court Decision Making
Polit Sc 4137	Politics of Legal Decision Making
Polit Sc 4160	Public Opinion
Polit Sc 4164	Political Participation and Voting Behavior
Polit Sc 4175	Women, Government, and Public Policy
Polit Sc 4320	Strategies for War and Peace
Polit Sc 4331	The United Nations System
Polit Sc 4910 or 4910H	Business-Government Relations

### IV. Semester Advising Sheet Political Decision Making Minor

The minor in Political Decision Making is designed to accommodate the interests and the needs of students from a variety of majors who want to develop a coherent educational program in a sub-field of Political Science. This minor will provide students with the knowledge necessary to understand the methods by which citizens and elites arrive at solutions to political problems.

#### **Required Course:**

Polit Sc 4120	US Congress
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#### **Elective Courses (choose 4):**

Polit Sc 3100	American Politics and Policy Making
Polit Sc 3115	Introduction to the Policy Process
Polit Sc 3910	Identity Politics
Polit Sc 3912	Political Leadership
Polit Sc 4132H	Supreme Court Decision Making
Polit Sc 4137	Politics of Legal Decision Making
Polit Sc 4160	Public Opinion
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Polit Sc 4175	Women, Government, and Public Policy
Polit Sc 4320	Strategies for War and Peace
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## **V. Quarter Advising Sheet Political Decision Making Minor**

### **Political Decision Making:**

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### **Required Course:**

Polit Sc 517            Legislative Politics

### **Elective Courses (choose 4):**

Polit Sc 300            American Politics and Policy Making

Polit Sc 305            Introduction to Public Policy

Polit Sc 503            Public Opinion

Polit Sc 511 or H511   Political Theory, Public Policy, and the Private Sector

Polit Sc 513            Women, Government, and Public Policy

Polit Sc 515            Politics of Legal Decision Making

Polit Sc H521          Supreme Court Decision Making

Polit Sc 545            Foreign Policy Decision Making

Polit Sc 547            Identity Politics

Polit Sc 551            The United Nations System in Global Problem Solving

Polit Sc 574            Political Participation and Voting Behavior

Polit Sc 612            Political Leadership

## **VI. Transition Policy**

All minors will consist of five courses. These courses will be identical with those listed for the minor as of Spring 2012 but under the new numbering system. Students who entered the university before Summer 2012 may treat a semester course as equivalent with a quarter course for purposes of a minor.