



April 24, 2008

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Dear Kay:

I am pleased to forward the proposal for a revision to the Major in Political Science. The proposal was approved by the ASC Committee on Curriculum and Instruction (CCI) on April 18, 2008. Prior to that, it received endorsement by the CCI Subcommittee on Social and Natural Science (Subcommittee "C") on February 27, 2008, and the SBS Curriculum Committee on November 7, 2007.

The proposal received a very careful vetting by the CCI subcommittee, which discussed it at three meetings over the course of several months. Endorsement by the subcommittee following this process was unanimous, as was the subsequent vote of the ASC CCI.


The changes to the major include the following:

- the addition of a required pre-major course from a list of eight courses at the 100 and 200 level
- an increase in total credit hours by five, from the current 45 hours to 50, accounting for an increase of one additional advanced undergraduate Political Science course toward fulfillment of the major
- an increase in the distribution of courses to a requirement for at least one course in each of four sub-fields, from the current requirement for courses in three sub-fields
- a depth requirement mandating four courses from one single sub-field of Political Science
- a limit on the number of internship credits that can be used toward the major to 10
- changes to the requirements toward the fulfillment of an Honors Contract for students who plan to graduate "With Honors in the Arts and Sciences" with a major in Political Science

Part of the rationale for the addition of a fourth sub-area required for the major involves the addition of new faculty in the area of Political Theory, allowing for sufficient course work in this discipline to be added to the major.

I look forward to assisting the Council in any way I can during its consideration of these revisions to the major.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Adelson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Edward Adelson
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Chair, ASC Committee on Curriculum and Instruction

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