

University of Connecticut  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Committee on Curricula and Courses

## **Proposal to Change an existing Major**

Last revised: Tuesday, April 8, 2003

See "[Instructions for completing CLAS CC&C forms](#)" for general instructions and specific notes.

1. Date: 4-15-2014
2. Department requesting this change: Pols
3. Title of Major: Political Science
4. Nature of Change:

Add courses added to the catalog in 2013-2014 academic year to the major so that they can count for the subfield distribution requirements.

Then we wanted to limit the number of S/U fieldwork credits that majors could apply to the major. In doing so we have explicitly limited the number of 3991 credits that students can take.

### **5. Existing catalog Description of the Major:**

#### **Political Science**

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**A.** Students majoring in Political Science must pass introductory 1000-level courses in three of the following four subdivisions: Theory and Methodology (1002), Comparative Politics (1202 or 1207), International Relations (1402), and American Politics (1602). It is recommended that these courses should be taken during the student's first two years of study.

**B.** All majors in political science must pass at least one course in four of the following six subdivisions (total of 12 credits). A W or Q course may be substituted for the same numbered course. Cross-listed courses may count only once toward this distribution requirement:

- I. I. Theory and Methodology: 2072, 3002, 3012, 3022, 3032, 3042, 3052, 3062
- II. II. Comparative Politics: 2222, 3202, 3206, 3208, 3212, 3214, 3216, 3225, 3228, 3232, 3235, 3237, 3245, 3252, 3255
- III. III. International Relations: 3402, 3406, 3410, 3412, 3414, 3418, 3422, 3432, 3437, 3438, 3442, 3447, 3452, 3457, 3462, 3464, 3472, 3476
- IV. IV. American Politics: 2607, 2622, 3602, 3604, 3612, 3615, 3617, 3622, 3625, 3627, 3632, 3642, 3647, 3652, 3662, 3667, 3850
- V. V. Public Administration, Policy and Law: 3802, 3807, 3812, 3817, 3822, 3827, 3832, 3834, 3837, 3842, 3847, 3852, 3857
- VI. VI. Race, Gender, and Ethnic Politics: 3052, 3210, 3216, 3218, 3252, 3418, 3464, 3632, 3642, 3647, 3652, 3662,

3667, 3807, 3834, 3837

POLS 2998 and 3995 may be counted toward this distribution only with consent of advisor. POLS 3426, 3991, 3993, 3999, 4994, 4997W may not be counted toward the Group B distribution requirement.

The writing in the major requirement may be satisfied by passing any 2000-level W course. Advanced information literacy exit requirements are incorporated into all Ws in the major, and students who successfully complete political science W courses will have met this requirement.

A minor in Political Science is described in the "Minors" section.

## Description of the major in the plan of study:

### PLAN OF STUDY: Department of Political Science (2013-2014)

Name of student _____	Expected date of graduation _____
Peoplesoft ID # _____	Date _____

**MAJOR COURSES:** A minimum of 24 credits in Political Science numbered 2000 or higher (none on a pass-fail basis). Inter-departmental courses may not be included in the 24 credits. No more than 6 credits of independent study and/or field work can be counted toward the 24 credits.

**A. A.** Students majoring in Political Science must take introductory 1000-level courses in three of the following four subdivisions: Theory and Methodology (1002), Comparative Politics (1202 or 1207), International Relations (1402), and American Politics (1602). It is recommended that these courses be taken during the student's first two years of study. POLS 1993 and POLS 1007 may not be used towards POLS major.

**A. B.** At least one course must be taken in four of the following subdivisions (total of 12 credits). A W or Q course may be substituted for the same numbered course. **Cross-listed courses may count only once toward this distribution requirement:**

**Theory and Methodology:** 2072, 3002, 3012, 3022, 3032, 3042, 3052, 3062

**Comparative Politics:** 2222, 3202, 3206, 3208, 3212, 3214, 3216, 3225, 3228, 3232, 3235, 3237, 3245, 3252, 3255

**International Relations:** 3402, 3406, 3410, 3412, 3414, 3418, 3422, 3432, 3437, 3438, 3442, 3447, 3452, 3457, 3462,

3464, 3472, 3476

**American Politics:** 2607, 2622, 3602, 3604, 3612, 3615, 3617, 3622, 3625, 3627, 3632, 3642, 3647, 3652, 3662, 3667, 3850

**Public Administration, Policy and Law:** 3802, 3807, 3812, 3817, 3822, 3827, 3832, 3834, 3837, 3842, 3847, 3852, 3857

**Race, Gender, and Ethnic Politics:** 3052, 3210, 3216, 3218, 3252, 3418, 3464, 3632, 3642, 3647, 3652, 3662, 3667,

3807, 3834, 3837

Pols 2998 and 3995 may be counted toward this distribution only with consent of advisor. Pols 3426, 3991, 3993, 3999, 4994, 4997 may **NOT** be counted toward the Group B distribution requirement.

**A. C.** Other 2000 level (or higher)  
Political Science courses totaling a minimum of 12 credits:

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Credits</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Credits</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

**RELATED COURSES:** At least 12 credits in courses related to Political Science courses taken from one or more other departments. These courses must be numbered 2000 or higher and cannot be taken on a pass-fail basis. All 2000-level (or higher) courses in Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Philosophy, and Sociology will meet this requirement. Certain Inter-departmental courses and courses in other majors, such as English, Journalism, Linguistics, Psychology and Communication Science, may be approved as related courses at the discretion of your adviser.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Course Number</u>
<u>Credits</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Are you pursuing a Minor? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, with what department \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a double major or dual degree? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, with what other department or school \_\_\_\_\_

POLS Assessment Test complete \_\_\_\_\_

_____	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Student Signature</b>	_____
_____	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Major Advisor Signature</b>	_____

## 6. Proposed catalog Description of the Major:

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### Political Science

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- III. III. International Relations: 3402, 3406, 3410, 3412, 3414, 3418, 3422, 3429, 3432, 3437, 3438, 3442, 3447, 3452, 3457, 3462, 3464, 3472, 3476
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Description of the major in the plan of study (section describing university/college requirements is unchanged):

#### PLAN OF STUDY: Department of Political Science (2014-2015)

<b>Name of student</b> _____	<b>Expected date of graduation</b>
_____	
<b>Peoplesoft ID #</b> _____	<b>Date</b> _____

**MAJOR COURSES:** A minimum of 24 credits in Political Science numbered 2000 or higher (none on a pass-fail basis). Inter-departmental courses may not be included in the 24 credits. No more than 6 credits of independent study and/or field work (of which no more than 3 credits may be for POLS 3991) can be counted toward the 24 credits.

- A. D. Students majoring in Political Science must take introductory 1000-level courses in three of the following four subdivisions: Theory and Methodology (1002), Comparative Politics (1202 or 1207), International Relations (1402), and American Politics (1602). It is recommended that these courses be taken during the student's first two years of study. POLS 1993 and POLS 1007 may not be used towards POLS major.
- A. E. At least one course must be taken in four of the following subdivisions (total of 12 credits). A W or Q course may be substituted for the same numbered course. **Cross-listed courses may count only once toward this distribution requirement:**

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A. **F.**

Other 2000 level (or higher)

Political Science courses totaling a minimum of 12 credits:

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_____	_____	_____	_____

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<u>Credits</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Are you pursuing a Minor? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, with what department \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a double major or dual degree? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, with what other department or school \_\_\_\_\_

POLS Assessment Test complete \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Effective Date (semester, year -- see Note R):  
(Note that changes will be effective immediately unless a specific date is requested.)

## **Justification**

1. Why is a change required?

These represent additions to the major done since we last updated the major description.

2. What is the impact on students?

Makes more classes automatically available in the major's subcategories, which allows for easier planning. Inclusion of classes in the major is especially important for the political science minors who otherwise cannot get credit (we are submitting an update to their plan of study as well).

3. What is the impact on regional campuses? none

4. Dates approved by (see Note Q):

Department Curriculum Committee: April 2, 2014

Department Faculty: April 2, 2014

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