

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

August 20, 2010

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Douglas Estry, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education  
and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

FROM: Dr. Linda O. Stanford, Associate Provost for Academic Services

RE: Request for a New Linked Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science  
(General) and Master of Public Policy Degree in Public Policy

For Transmittal to the University Committee on Academic Policy  
(UCAP)

The request referenced above is being sent to the University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP) in accordance with the *Bylaws for Academic Governance*, 4.4.

### UCAP Response Requested:

Please ask the UCAP to consider the request referenced above and provide consultative commentary. Please mail the related materials referenced under the heading Attachments at the end of this memorandum to the UCAP members.

After receiving UCAP's consultative response, the Provost will make a determination to forward or not to forward the request to the University Committee on Curriculum for its approval of curriculum and degree requirements.

If you have any questions, please call Joy Speas, University Curriculum Administrator, at 5-8420.

Thank you.

### Attachments:

1. Request to Establish a New Academic Program form dated February 24, 2010: Linked Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science (General) and Master of Public Policy Degree in Public Policy and attachments.



## University Curriculum and Catalog

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## COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

1. Request to establish a **Linked Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science (General) and Master of Public Policy Degree in Public Policy** in the Department of Political Science. The University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP) will consider this request at its September 16, 2010 meeting. The University Graduate Council (UGC) will consider this request at its September 13, 2010 meeting.

Per University policy:

A candidate for a Linked Bachelor's-Master's Degree from Michigan State University may request the application of up to 9 credits toward the master's program for qualifying 400-level and above course work taken at the undergraduate level at Michigan State University or an external accredited institution. The number of approved credits, not to exceed 9, are applied toward the credit requirement of the master's degree. Credits applied to the Linked Bachelor's-Master's Program are not eligible to be applied to any other graduate degree program.

- a. Add the following statement to the Department of Political Science:

***LINKED BACHELOR'S-MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC POLICY***  
***Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science (General)***  
***Master of Public Policy Degree in Public Policy***

The department welcomes applications from Michigan State University Political Science (General) undergraduate students during the fall semester of their junior year in order to begin the program during the fall semester of their senior year. Admission to the program requires a minimum undergraduate grade-point average of 3.50 and an approved program of study for the Master of Public Policy degree in Public Policy at the time of admission. Admission to the Linked Bachelor's-Master's Program allows the application of up to 9 credits toward the master's program for qualifying 400-level and above course work taken at the undergraduate level at Michigan State University or an external accredited institution. The number of approved credits, not to exceed 9, are applied toward the credit requirement of the master's degree. Credits applied to the Linked Bachelor's-Master's Program are not eligible to be applied to any other graduate degree program.

Effective Spring 2011.

<b>View a Program</b>		<b>Main Menu</b>
Joy Speas, RO	Wednesday, 2/24/2010	
<b>Program Name: Linked BA/MPP Program</b> <b>Degree: MPP Sequence Number: 1</b>	Program Request ID: 1641	
<b>Effective Dates: Fall 2010 - Open Status: Interim Initial Action: New</b>		
<b>Requested Date: 11/24/2009 3:32:50 PM</b>		
<p><b>1. Department/School/College:</b> 38676 ... Department of Political Science</p> <p><b>2. Name of Program:</b> Linked BA/MPP Program</p> <p><b>3. Name of Degree:</b> MPP</p> <p><b>4. Type of Program:</b> Other</p> <p><b>5. Effective Start Semester:</b> Fall 2010</p> <p><b>6. Target student audience for the program:</b> PLS Undergraduates with high graduate student potential</p> <p><b>7. Enrollment:</b> <b>What is the expected enrollment per year: 10</b> <b>What is the minimum enrollment acceptable: 2</b></p> <p><b>8. Source of budget for the program:</b> To align academic planning and curricular change, ALL requests for NEW funds must be included in the College's annual planning letter. Provost approval of new funds and the effective date for the new program must align. If funding is not approved, then the program request will not be forwarded to Academic Council.  If new funds, was this request included in the College's annual planning letter? Indicate yes or no. If no, then this is a department or college fund reallocation (If the program is implemented, no additional resources are required.).</p> <p><b>9. Projected Costs as compared to other programs in unit:</b> Lower</p> <p><b>10. Staff requirement:</b> How many additional staff will be required: 0  Who will provide the primary instruction. Describe any external linkages(industry, government, etc.):</p>		

PLS & Econ. Faculty at MSU:

**11. Will additional equipment be required:**

Approximate cost: 0

Source of funding:

**12. Will additional library materials be required:**

Approximate cost: 0

Source of funding: None needed, current materials can be used.

**13. Will additional space be required:**

Type:

Approximate amount:

**14. If the program requirements contain a named concentration, do you wish for the concentration to be noted on the student's transcript?:**

No

**15. Detailed Description:**

**PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A LINKED BACHELOR'S-/MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC POLICY**

The Department of Political Science requests permission to establish a linked Bachelor's-Master's Degree Program in Public Policy. This program would enable students to complete both a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's of Public Policy (MPP) Degree in a total of five years (plus one summer) of coursework rather than the normal six.

The MPP program is designed for students who want to pursue professional careers in policy analysis, program management, and policy advocacy. The program teaches students to address complex societal problems, reconcile conflicting political and ethical values in policymaking, make informed decisions about program activities, and provide effective leadership in policy development and implementation. The Linked Bachelor's-Master's Degree Program in Public Policy will enable highly-qualified and motivated MSU undergraduate students to complete their Master's Degrees in less time. This will facilitate the recruitment of academically strong MSU undergraduates into the MPP program at MSU. And, the Linked BA/MPP program will provide a definite advantage for students in today's highly-competitive job market where advanced degrees are more and more of a necessity for obtaining entry-level professional positions.

Students should apply to the Linked program during the fall semester of their junior year in order to start the program during the fall semester of their senior year. The program will be restricted to current MSU undergraduates. Admission into the program will be competitive. Successful applicants should have a minimum undergraduate grade-point average of 3.50, and they should have done well in undergraduate Political Science, Economics, and Public Policy courses. Admission to the program allows students to apply a maximum of 9 approved credit hours from their undergraduate degree programs toward the 39 graduate credit hours required to earn the MPP degree.

In order to be considered for the program, a student must submit the following application

materials:

- ¥ A program application for the Linked Bachelor's-Master's Degree in Public Policy that includes an approved program of study for the Linked Degree.
- ¥ A current academic transcript
- ¥ A personal statement which describes the applicant's motivation for pursuing a graduate degree in public policy.
- ¥ Two letters of recommendation from faculty members addressing the student's potential for graduate work in public policy and their ability to fulfill both BA and MPP requirements within 5 years.

**[CATALOG INSERT: AFTER DESCRIPTION OF UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS BEFORE THE DESCRIPTION OF GRADUATE PROGRAMS]**

***LINKED BACHELOR'S- MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC POLICY***

***Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science***

***Master of Public Policy Degree***

The department welcomes applications from Michigan State University Political Science undergraduate students for a Linked Bachelor's-Master's Degree in Public Policy Program, Students should apply to the program during the fall semester of their junior year in order to start the program during the fall semester of their senior year. Admission to the program requires a minimum undergraduate grade-point average of 3.50 and an approved program of study for the Master of Public Policy Program at the time of admission. Admission to the Linked Bachelor's-Master's Degree in Public Policy Program allows the application of up to 9 approved credits toward the master's program for qualifying 400-level and above course work taken at the undergraduate level at Michigan State University or an external accredited institution. Credits applied to the Linked Bachelor's-Master's Degree in Public Policy Program are not eligible to be applied to any other graduate degree program.

**16. Are there admissions requirements for this program?:**

Grade or grade-point average requirements and if so in which course(s), portfolio requirement, audition, essay, etc. If there are not admission requirements other than those required by the University policy indicate "none".

A minimum undergraduate G.P.A. of 3.5.

**DEPARTMENT LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS**

Approved: Department of Political Science  
2/24/2010 10:36:39 AM by Jeanne Kalin for Richard Hula, Chairperson

**SIGNOFFS STATUS**

Signed Off: Department of Political Science  
2/24/2010 10:36:56 AM by Jeanne Kalin for Richard Hula, Chairperson

**COLLEGE LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS**

Approved: College of Social Science  
2/24/2010 10:37:26 AM by Jeanne Kalin for Thomas Summerhill, Acting Associate Dean

# DEPARTMENT of POLITICAL SCIENCE

*Richard C. Hula, Chairperson*

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The undergraduate majors in political science are designed to provide students with a broad education in political and other social sciences with the analytical skills essential in many professions. The wide range of career opportunities open to political science graduates includes administrative positions in local, state, and federal government, or in public and private agencies; work with citizen's action groups and voluntary organizations; employment in the foreign service and various governmental and private international agencies; and careers as teachers and policy analysts. Because additional training beyond the bachelor's degree is necessary for some careers, many students in political science plan to attend law or graduate school.

Students in the Department of Political Science may select from three majors:

1. Political Science (General)
2. Political Science—Prelaw
3. Public Administration

## POLITICAL SCIENCE (GENERAL)

### Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science (General)

1. The University requirements for bachelor's degrees as described in the *Undergraduate Education* section of this catalog; 120 credits, including general elective credits, are required for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science (General).  
The University's Tier II writing requirement for the Political Science (General) major is met by completing one of the following courses: Political Science 420, 421, 422, 440, 460, 461, 470. Those courses are referenced in item 3. a. (4) below.
2. The requirements of the College of Social Science for the Bachelor of Arts degree.  
The completion of Economics 201 and 202 referenced in item 3. b. (1) below partially satisfies the College of Social Science SOCIAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENT (referenced in section I. A. under the heading *Graduation Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Degrees* in the college statement).  
The completion of the History or Philosophy course referenced in item 3. b. (2) below partially satisfies the College of Social Science NATURAL SCIENCE, AND ARTS AND LETTERS, REQUIREMENT (referenced in section I. B. under the heading *Graduation Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Degrees* in the college statement).
3. The following requirements for the major:

	CREDITS
a. The following courses in the Department of Political Science: . . .	33
(1) Two of the following courses (6 credits):	
PLS 100 Introduction to American National Government. . . . .	3
PLS 140 Government and Politics of the World. . . . .	3
PLS 160 Introduction to International Relations. . . . .	3
PLS 170 Introduction to Political Philosophy . . . . .	3
(2) Both of the following courses (8 credits):	
PLS 200 Introduction to Political Science . . . . .	4
PLS 201 Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis. . . . .	4
(3) At least five additional political science courses at the 300-400 level to total at least 15 credits. Only one of the following courses may be counted toward this requirement:	
PLS 494 Field Experience in Political Science	
or	
PLS 495 Independent Study	
(4) One of the following courses (4 credits):	
PLS 420 American Politics and Public Administration (W). . . . .	4
PLS 421 Moot Court and Legal Research in	

Federal Law (W) .....	4
PLS 422 Seminar in Political Science (W) .....	4
PLS 440 Comparative Politics (W) .....	4
PLS 460 International Relations (W) .....	4
PLS 461 Refugees, Displaced Persons, Exiles (W) .....	4
PLS 470 Political Thought (W) .....	4

NOTE: Of the courses taken to satisfy the requirements for 3.a. (1) and 3. a. (3), at least two courses must be in American politics (PLS 100 and PLS 301-339), at least two courses must be in comparative/international politics (PLS 140, PLS 160, PLS 342-359, and PLS 361-369), and at least two courses must be in political philosophy (PLS 170 and PLS 370-379). Students should consult with their academic advisor with questions concerning this requirement.

- b. The following courses outside the Department of Political Science: .....
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| (1) Both of the following courses (6 credits):                         |   |
| EC 201 Introduction to Microeconomics .....                            | 3 |
| EC 202 Introduction to Macroeconomics .....                            | 3 |
| (2) One History or Philosophy course at the 300-400 level (3 credits). |   |

### POLITICAL SCIENCE—PRELAW

The prelaw major is designed to introduce students to the study of law and the judicial process and at the same time to provide an orientation to the law which is more general than that of most law schools. Students who elect this program may plan careers in (1) government and large businesses, (2) law firms, (3) individual or partnership practice of civil law, (4) trial practice, including criminal law, and (5) teaching. Since very few law schools provide information about the political, economic, societal and psychological environment in which the law exists, this background must generally be acquired prior to or after law school. The prelaw major is intended to give students the analytical skills and substantive background in those courses which will most likely contribute to their development.

### Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science—Prelaw

- The University requirements for bachelor's degrees as described in the *Undergraduate Education* section of this catalog; 120 credits, including general elective credits, are required for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science—Prelaw.  
 The University's Tier II writing requirement for the Political Science—Prelaw major is met by completing one of the following courses: Political Science 420, 421, 422, 470. Those courses are referenced in item 3.a.(5) below.
- The requirements of the College of Social Science for the Bachelor of Arts degree.
- The following requirements for the major:

	CREDITS
a. The following courses in the Department of Political Science: .....	33
(1) All of the following courses (11 credits):	
PLS 100 Introduction to American National Government .....	3
PLS 200 Introduction to Political Science .....	4
PLS 201 Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis .....	4
(2) One of the following courses (3 credits):	
PLS 140 Government and Politics of the World .....	3
PLS 160 Introduction to International Relations .....	3
PLS 170 Introduction to Political Philosophy .....	3
(3) One of the following courses (3 credits):	
PLS 320 The American Judicial Process .....	3
PLS 321 American Constitutional Law .....	3
(4) At least four additional political science courses at the 300-400 level to total at least 12 credits. Only one of the following courses may be counted toward this requirement:	
PLS 494 Field Experience in Political Science	
or	
PLS 495 Independent Study	
(5) One of the following courses (4 credits):	
PLS 420 American Politics and Public Administration (W) .....	4
PLS 421 Moot Court and Legal Research in Federal Law (W) .....	4
PLS 422 Seminar in Political Science (W) .....	4
PLS 470 Political Thought (W) .....	4

NOTE: Of the courses taken to satisfy the requirements for 3. a. (2) and 3. a. (4), at least two courses must be in comparative/international politics (PLS 140, PLS 160, PLS 342-359, and PLS 361-369), and at least two courses must be in political philosophy (PLS 170 and PLS 370-379). One of the comparative/international politics courses may be a course from



an approved list of courses, offered outside the Department of Political Science. The approved list of comparative/international politics courses is available in the Department of Political Science. Students should consult with their academic advisor with questions concerning this requirement.

- b. The following courses outside the Department of Political Science: ..... 12 to 14
- (1) Both of the following courses (6 credits):
- EC 201 Introduction to Microeconomics. .... 3
  - EC 202 Introduction to Macroeconomics ..... 3
- (2) Two approved history or philosophy courses at the 300-400 level from a list available in the Department of Political Science (6 to 8 credits).

### **PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION and PUBLIC POLICY**

The Public Administration and Public Policy major is designed to prepare students for careers in the national, state and local public service. It aims at a broad understanding of the goals and problems of public administration and how these relate to the technical specialties of public administration: budget analysis, planning, organization and management methods, and personnel administration. The major is also valuable preparation for those who intend to engage in research for public agencies or voluntary associations interested in the problems of government, including unions, chambers of commerce, business corporations, farm organizations and citizen research organizations. A master's degree program concentrating in public administration is also available for advanced work in preparation for an executive career in government.

### **Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Public Administration and Public Policy**

1. The University requirements for bachelor's degrees as described in the Undergraduate Education section of this catalog; 120 credits, including general elective credits, are required for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Administration and Public Policy.

The University's Tier II writing requirement for the Public Administration and Public Policy major is met by completing Political Science 420 or 422. These courses are referenced in item 3.a.(4) below.

2. The requirements of the College of Social Science for the Bachelor of Arts degree. The completion of Economics 201 and 202 referenced in item 3.b.(1) below and one of the Economics courses referenced in item 3.b.(3) below satisfies the College Social Science SOCIAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENT (referenced in section I. A. under the heading *Graduation Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Degrees* in the college statement).

The completion of the History or Philosophy course referenced in item 3.b.(2) below partially satisfies the College of Social Science NATURAL SCIENCE, AND ARTS AND LETTERS, REQUIREMENT (referenced in section I.B. under the heading *Graduation Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Degrees* in the college statement).

3. The following requirements for the major:

#### **CREDITS**

- a. The following courses in the Department of Political Science: ..... 33
- (1) All of the following courses (20 credits):
- PLS 100 Introduction to American National Government. .... 3
  - PLS 200 Introduction to Political Science ..... 4
  - PLS 201 Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis. .... 4
  - PLS 310 Public Bureaucracy in the Policy Process. .... 3
  - PLS 313 Public Policy Analysis ..... 3
  - PLS 494 Field Experience in Political Science. .... 3
- (2) One of the following courses (3 credits):
- PLS 140 Government and Politics of the World. .... 3
  - PLS 160 Introduction to International Relations. .... 3
  - PLS 170 Introduction to Political Philosophy ..... 3
- (3) Two additional political science courses at the 300-400 level to total at least 6 credits.
- (4) One of the following courses (4 credits):
- PLS 420 American Politics and Public Administration (W). .... 4
  - PLS 422 Seminar in Political Science (W). .... 4

NOTE: Of the courses taken to satisfy the requirements for 3. a. (2) and 3. a. (3), at least two courses must be in comparative/international politics (PLS 140, PLS 160, PLS 342-359, and PLS 361-369), and one course must be in political philosophy (PLS 170 and PLS 370-379). One of the comparative/international politics courses may be a course from an approved list of courses, offered outside the Department of Political Science. The approved list of comparative/international politics courses is available in the Department of Political Science. Students should consult with their academic advisor with questions concerning this requirement.

- b. The following courses outside the Department of Political Science: ..... 15 to 18
- (1) Both of the following courses (6 credits):
    - EC 201 Introduction to Microeconomics ..... 3
    - EC 202 Introduction to Macroeconomics ..... 3
  - (2) One approved History or Philosophy course at the 300–400 level from a list available in the Department of Political Science (3 or 4 credits).
  - (3) Two approved Economics courses at the 300–400 level from a list available in the Department of Political Science (8 credits).

### TEACHER CERTIFICATION OPTIONS

A political science disciplinary minor is available for teacher certification.

Students who elect the political science disciplinary minor must contact the Department of Political Science.

For additional information, refer to the statement on TEACHER CERTIFICATION in the *Department of Teacher Education* section of this catalog.

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### GRADUATE STUDY

The Department of Political Science offers a Master of Arts and a Doctor of Philosophy degree program in Political Science and a Master of Public Policy degree program in Public Policy.

The graduate degree programs in the Department of Political Science are designed to help students become thoroughly grounded in the knowledge base and research methods of political science. Training is given in the following major fields of political science: American politics, comparative politics, international politics, public policy, political thought, formal theory, and research methodology.

In addition to meeting the requirements of the university and of the College of Social Science, students must meet the requirements specified below.

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