

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

March 4, 2011

## 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-  
Prelaw 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 March 4, 2011: Linked Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science-Prelaw and Master of Public Policy Degree in Public Policy and attachments.

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<b>View a Program</b>		<b>Main Menu</b>
Joy Speas, RO	Friday, 3/4/2011	
<b>Program Name: Political Science-Pre Law and Public Policy Linked</b> <b>Degree: LINKBAMPP Sequence Number: 1</b>		Program Request ID: 1984
<b>Effective Dates: Fall 2011 - Open Status: Interim Initial Action: New</b>		
<b>Requested Date: 3/2/2011 1:30:24 PM</b>		
<p><b>1. Department/School/College:</b> 38676 .... Department of Political Science</p> <p><b>2. Name of Program:</b> Political Science-Pre Law and Public Policy Linked</p> <p><b>3. Name of Degree:</b> LINKBAMPP</p> <p><b>4. Type of Program:</b> Other</p> <p><b>5. Effective Start Semester:</b> Fall 2011</p> <p><b>6. Target student audience for the program:</b></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.):                      PLS &amp; Economics faculty at MSU</p>		

**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: n

**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 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.

**DEPARTMENT LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS**

Approved: Department of Political Science  
 3/2/2011 1:33:09 PM by Kelly Fenn for Richard Hula, Chairperson

**COLLEGE LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS**

Approved: College of Social Science  
 3/4/2011 11:15:23 AM by Jeanne Kalin for Chris Maxwell, Associate Dean

## COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

1. Request to establish a Linked **Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science-Prelaw 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. The University Graduate Council (UGC) will consider this request at its April 11, 2011 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-Prelaw***  
***Master of Public Policy Degree in Public Policy***

The department welcomes applications from Michigan State University Political Science-Prelaw 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 Fall 2011.

## TEACHER CERTIFICATION OPTIONS

A political science disciplinary minor is available for teacher certification and is available only to students pursuing a major in Comparative Cultures and Politics, International Relations, Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy, Social Relations and Policy, Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science, Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science: Social Science Education, or History with a teacher certification option.

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.

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

### *Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics Master of Public Policy Degree in Public Policy*

The department welcomes applications from Michigan State University Economics 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.

## 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.

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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 politi-

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***Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science-Prelaw***  
***Master of Public Policy Degree in Public Policy***

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**LINKED BACHELOR'S-MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC POLICY**  
***Bachelor of Arts Degree in Public Policy***  
***Master of Public Policy Degree in Public Policy***

The department welcomes applications from Michigan State University Public Policy 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.



cal 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.

**Admission**

A bachelor's degree from an accredited educational institution is required for admission. Applicants should have the equivalent of an undergraduate major in political science, in a related social science, or in mathematics, statistics, or computer science. Some background in social science research methods, statistics, and/or basic mathematical operations is recommended. Normally, a minimum grade-point average of 3.20 in the last two years of undergraduate work is required for admission.

Applicants must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test. Official results from this examination should be sent to the Department of Political Science.

Admission to the doctoral program is limited to **fall semester only**. For the Master of Public Policy program, most students are admitted for fall semester; applications for the spring semester will be considered on the basis of available openings. Applications for admission and financial aid should be submitted by March 1. Applications for admission alone will be accepted until approximately May 15.

**Academic Standards**

Graduate students must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.00. Only those courses completed with a grade of 2.5 or higher may be counted toward the requirements for the master's or doctoral degree. A student who received two grades of 2.5 or below, or one grade of 2.0 or below, may be withdrawn from the program. A student who received three grades of 2.5 or below, or two grades of 2.0 or below, will be withdrawn from the program.

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**Master of Arts**

The Master of Arts program is designed to prepare students for doctoral studies. Those accepted are judged by the committee on admissions as qualified to enter the doctoral program, and it is anticipated they plan to complete this program at Michigan State University.

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

**Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree in Political Science**

The program is available only under Plan B (without thesis). The student must meet the requirements specified below:

- |  | CREDITS |
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| 1. Complete at least 30 credits distributed as follows:  |         |
| a. At least 24 credits in Political Science courses at the 800-900 level including Political Science 800, 801, and 802 . . . .   | 24      |
| b. No more than 6 credits in courses at the 400-900 level in related disciplines . . . . .   | 6       |
| 2. Submit two substantial research papers acceptable to the department. These papers normally will be written in graduate seminars in Political Science and will be evaluated by the instructor(s) of the courses. |         |
| With the written approval of the department, a student may complete fewer than 24 credits in Political Science courses and more than 6 credits in courses in related disciplines.                                  |         |

**Academic Standards**

The student must maintain an overall grade-point average of 3.00 or higher.

**Transfer Credits**

For students who have been admitted to the dual JD-MA program with Michigan State University - College of Law, a maximum of 12 credits from Michigan State University - College of Law may be transferred to the MA program with a major in political science.

**PUBLIC POLICY**

The Master of Public Policy degree in Public Policy is designed to provide students with theoretical knowledge and specific skills essential for professional achievement in the public and non-profit sectors. The objective of this program is to develop an analytical approach to the public decision-making process through the systematic study of policy and policy analysis. Current professionals in the field of public policy or others who are interested in a career in public policy in the non-profit sector or in government will find this program appealing.

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

**Requirements for the Master of Public Policy Degree in Public Policy**

The program is available only under Plan B (without thesis). The student must complete 39 credits in courses approved by the director of the Master in Public Policy program and distributed as follows:

	CREDITS
1. Complete all of the following courses:	
PPL 801 Quantitative Methods in Public Policy . . . . .	3
PPL 802 Quantitative Methods in Public Policy II . . . . .	3
PPL 805 Microeconomic Theory . . . . .	3
PPL 806 Policy Evaluation . . . . .	3
PPL 807 Public Policy . . . . .	3
PPL 808 Policy Development and Administration . . . . .	3
PPL 809 Cost-Benefit Analysis in Public Policy . . . . .	3
PPL 813 Public Finance . . . . .	3
PPL 890 Policy Workshop . . . . .	3
PPL 891 Issues in Public Policy . . . . .	6
2. Complete an additional 6 credits of course work at the 800-level or above as approved by the director of the program.	
3. Students with no professional experience will be required to complete 3 credits of Public Policy 894 Field Experience Practicum.	
4. Successful completion of a final examination or evaluation.	

**Doctor of Philosophy**

The doctoral degree is generally undertaken by students wishing to teach political science and government at the college level and by those seeking professional careers in political and social research. Special attention is given at the doctoral level to intensive training in political research.

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

**Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Political Science**

The doctoral student must:

	CREDITS
1. Earn at least 39 credits in political science courses including:	
a. All of the following courses (15 credits):	
PLS 800 Proseminar: Political Theory and Research Methods . . . . .	3
PLS 801 Quantitative Techniques in Public Policy and Political Science I . . . . .	3
PLS 802 Quantitative Techniques in Public Policy and Political Science II . . . . .	3
PLS 804 Analytical Tools for Public Policy . . . . .	3
PLS 809 Proseminar in Formal Theory . . . . .	3

- b. Four courses in a major field, approved by the student's guidance committee, selected from one of the following political science fields: American politics, comparative politics, international relations or political thought.
  - c. Three courses in a minor field, approved by the student's guidance committee, selected from one of the following political science fields: American politics, comparative politics, international relations, political thought, public policy, research methodology, or formal theory.
2. Pass a comprehensive examination in both the major and minor field.
  3. Successfully defend the dissertation.
  4. Present the results of the dissertation research at a department colloquium.

### Academic Standards

After the first year of graduate study at Michigan State University, the department evaluates the student's academic record. To be eligible to continue in the Ph.D. program in political science, the student must have:

1. an overall grade-point average of 3.00 or higher.
2. a grade of 2.5 or higher in each Political Science course.
3. no more than two grades of 2.5 or below in Political Science courses.
4. a record of performance in courses that, in the judgment of the faculty, indicates that the student should be capable of completing the Ph.D. degree in Political Science at Michigan State University.