

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

January 12, 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 Bachelor of Arts Degree in World Politics
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 November 15, 2010: Bachelor of Arts Degree in World Politics and attachments.

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University Curriculum and Catalog

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COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

1. Request to establish a **Bachelor of Arts** degree in **World Politics** in the Department of Political Science. The University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP) will consider this request.

a. **Background Information:**

The Department of Political Science conducted a review of its current undergraduate majors from the perspective of students who are most interested in international politics, including comparative government and international relations. It was concluded that our current degree programs are too unfocused for these students and that a new major in world politics would better prepare them for related careers and future studies in international development and diplomacy, as well as many internship and work opportunities outside the United States. The major will also improve prospects for students who want to enter graduate programs related to international politics.

The major is designed to educate students about the comparative analysis of the world's political systems and the dynamics of conflict and cooperation between nations. This knowledge is useful and important for all people living in an era of globalization, but it is of particular concern to those who are most interested in international affairs and cross-cultural understanding. Students graduating from the program will be expected to have a comprehensive understanding of: (1) similarities and differences among the world's governments and political systems, (2) trends in global politics and policy, (3) the terms, themes, and major actors in international relations, and (4) patterns of international economic and military cooperation and competition. Students will also be expected to have a deeper knowledge of political systems in at least one region of the world.

b. **Academic Programs Catalog Text:**

The Bachelor of Arts degree in World Politics is designed to educate students about governments and political systems of many different nations and the interactions among them. It will prepare students for careers in international affairs in the public, private, and non-profit spheres. The major allows students to study the regions of the world that most interest them but also provides broad coverage of international relations and comparative politics.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in World Politics

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 World Politics.
The University's Tier II writing requirement for the World Politics major is met by completing Political Science 422, 440, or 461. Those courses are referenced in item 3. below.
2. The requirements of the College of Social Science for the Bachelor of Arts degree.
The completion of Economics 202 referenced in item 3. b. (1) below and the completion of one history course and one geography course referenced in item 3. b. (2) 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).
3. The following requirements for the major.

CREDITS

- a. All of the following courses in the Department of Political Science (33 credits):

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| (1) | All of the following courses (14 credits): | | |
| PLS | 140 | Government and Politics of the World | 3 |
| PLS | 160 | Introduction to International Relations | 3 |
| PLS | 200 | Introduction to Political Science | 4 |
| PLS | 201 | Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis | 4 |

- (2) Five of the following courses (15 credits):
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| PLS | 342 | Comparative Political Economy | 3 |
| PLS | 344 | Politics in the Third World | 3 |
| PLS | 351 | African Politics | 3 |
| PLS | 352 | Latin American Politics | 3 |
| PLS | 354 | Politics of Asia | 3 |
| PLS | 356 | West European Politics | 3 |
| PLS | 357 | Politics of English Speaking Democracies | 3 |
| PLS | 358 | Politics of the U.S.S.R. and Its Successor States | 3 |
| PLS | 362 | Foreign Policy | 3 |
| PLS | 363 | International Political Conflict | 3 |
| PLS | 364 | International Organization and Cooperation | 3 |
- (3) One of the following courses (4 credits):
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|-----|-----|---|---|
| PLS | 422 | Seminar in Political Science (W) | 4 |
| PLS | 440 | Comparative Politics (W) | 4 |
| PLS | 461 | Refugees, Displaced Persons, Exiles (W) | 4 |
- b. The following courses outside the Department of Political Science (9 credits):
- (1) The following course (3 credits):
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|----|-----|--------------------------------|---|
| EC | 202 | Introduction to Macroeconomics | 3 |
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- (2) One 3 credit history course at the 300-400 level from a list available in the Department of Political Science.
- (3) One 3 credit geography course at the 300-400 level from a list available in the Department of Political Science.

Effective Fall 2011.

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| Joy Speas, RO | Tuesday, 11/16/2010 | |
| Program Name: World Politics Degree: BA Sequence Number: 1 | Program Request ID: 1839 | |
| Effective Dates: Fall 2011 - Open Status: Interim Initial Action: New | | |
| Requested Date: 10/19/2010 8:25:58 AM | | |
| <p>1. Department/School/College: 38676 Department of Political Science</p> <p>2. Name of Program: World Politics</p> <p>3. Name of Degree: BA</p> <p>4. Type of Program: Major</p> <p>5. Effective Start Semester: Fall 2011</p> <p>6. Target student audience for the program: Political Science and other social science majors interested in world politics.</p> <p>7. Enrollment: What is the expected enrollment per year: 100 What is the minimum enrollment acceptable: 50</p> <p>8. Source of budget for the program: 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. Internal reallocation 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>9. Projected Costs as compared to other programs in unit: Same</p> <p>10. Staff requirement: How many additional staff will be required: 0 Who will provide the primary instruction. Describe any external linkages(industry, government, etc.): Faculty Responsible for Implementing the World Politics Program: Mohammed Ayoob is</p> | | |

University Distinguished Professor of International Relations, Michigan State University. A specialist on conflict and security in the Third World, his publications on the subject have included conceptual essays as well as case studies dealing with South Asia, the Middle East, the Persian Gulf, and Southeast Asia. He has also published books and articles on the interaction between religion and politics in the Muslim world. He has authored, co-authored, or edited 13 books and published about 90 research papers and scholarly articles in leading journals. His books include *The Politics of Islamic Reassertion*, *The Third World Security Predicament: State Making, Regional Conflict, and the International System*, *The Many Faces of Political Islam*, and *Religion and Politics in Saudi Arabia: Wahhabism and the State*. Ravi Bhavnani received a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in 2003, where his major fields of study were comparative politics, methodology, and international relations. He also received a degree certificate from the UM's Center for the Study of Complex Systems. His research explores the micro-level dynamics of mass participation in violence. A large portion of this work uses agent-based computational modeling, in conjunction with empirical data, and falls into three interrelated categories of research on: (i) ethnic violence; (ii) civil war; (iii) political regimes and mass behavior. Current research projects analyze: the determinants of voting behavior in Sub-Saharan Africa; the effect of ethnic minority rule on civil war onset; the relationship between trans-national ethnic linkages and civil war; and the link between control, violence, and civil war in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza. Cristina Bodea is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at Michigan State University. Bodea joined the MSU faculty in 2006, after earning a PhD degree from the University of Rochester (2006) and following a post doctoral research fellowship at Princeton University. Between 2007 and 2009 she has been on leave from Michigan State, working as an Economist at the European Central Bank in Frankfurt, Germany. Bodea uses game theory and econometric methods in her work and is substantively interested in issues in the fields of international and comparative political economy, as well as political conflict and democratization. More specifically, current interests include reputation building in exchange rate policy, central bank independence and government spending, as well as civil war, coups, and low intensity violence as alternative manifestations of domestic conflict. Michael Bratton is University Distinguished Professor of Political Science and African Studies at Michigan State University. He is the author of four books, most recently *Public Opinion, Democracy and Markets in Africa* (Cambridge University Press, 2005, with Robert Mattes and E. Gyimah-Boadi) and over sixty articles and chapters, including in *The American Journal of Political Science*, *World Politics*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *World Development*, *The Journal of Democracy*, and *The British Journal of Political Science*. He is also a founder, former executive director, and now senior advisor to the Afrobarometer, a cross-national survey research project on public opinion in Africa. He teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in comparative and African politics. Eric C.C. Chang is Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at Michigan State University. He came to MSU in the year of 2003 after receiving his Ph.D. from UCLA. He studies comparative political economy, political institutions, political corruption, and democratization in both developed and developing democracies. His research makes use of formal theory and quantitative methodology to analyze substantive political and economic phenomena. His article, "Electoral Systems, District Magnitude and Corruption," (co-authored with Miriam Golden) won the 2008 Lawrence Longley Award given by the American Political Science Association's Organized Section in Representation and Electoral Systems, and his other publications have appeared in *The Journal of Politics*, *The British Journal of Political Science*, *World Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, and *The European Journal of Political Research*. He teaches graduate courses on political methodology, political economy of parties and elections, comparative political institutions, and undergraduate courses on Asian politics. Michael Colaresi (PhD, Indiana University, 2002) began teaching at MSU in the Fall of 2004. His research and teaching interests involve the domestic politics of international conflict, the dynamics of conflict between rival states, and time series analysis. He has published two books, *Scare Tactics: The Politics of International Rivalry* (Syracuse University Press, 2005) and *Strategic Rivalries in World Politics: Space, Position and Escalation* (Cambridge University Press, 2008, with William R. Thompson and Karen Rasler), as well as a dozen refereed articles in journals such as the *American Journal of Political Science*, *International*

Organization, International Studies Quarterly, Political Analysis, the Journal of Conflict Resolution, the Journal of Politics among others. His current projects explore the tension between national security-related secrecy and democratic accountability, the variation in legislative oversight on national security issues across democracies, the institutional causes of genocide and state failure, the statistical analysis of text, and the application of time series methodology to non-continuous data. Jeff Conroy-Krutz is Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at Michigan State University, where he began work in 2009. His research focuses on political decision-making, particularly surrounding elections, in Sub-Saharan Africa. He is currently working on a book manuscript on mass media, access to political information, and electoral decision-making in Africa, and is beginning a research project on comparative electoral campaign behavior in Africa. To date, he has conducted fieldwork for various research projects in Senegal and Uganda. Jeff received his PhD in Political Science from Columbia University in 2009. In 2009-10, he will teach undergraduate courses in African Politics and Introduction to Comparative Politics at MSU. Carlos Pereira is Assistant Professor of comparative politics in the department of political science at Michigan State University. He also serves as Professor at the São Paulo School of Economics at the Getulio Vargas Foundation - FGV, Brazil, for the summer. In addition, He has recently been appointed Visiting Fellow in the Foreign Policy and Global Economy and Development programs in the Latin American Initiative at Brookings Institution. Moreover, he has been involved in many consultancy and research projects with interdisciplinary research teams at the World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, Department for International Development DFID/UK etc. Ani Sarkissian is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Michigan State University. She joined MSU in 2007 and is a core faculty member of the Muslim Studies Program and the Center for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies. She received her Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in 2006, where she received grants from the National Science Foundation and IREX to develop her dissertation on religion and democratization. Sarkissian's research agenda focuses on comparing and investigating the role of religion in politics in countries around the world. She is working on several projects on the topics of political and social tolerance, civil society, religious political parties, and the role of religious organizations in democratization. Reggie Sheehan is a Professor in the Department of Political Science with a specialization in public law. His research interests include decision-making in the United States Supreme Court and the Courts of Appeals. His research more recently has included comparative analysis of appellate courts in a cross-national comparative setting with a special interest in the Australia High Court and the Judicial Committee for the House of Lords in the United Kingdom. Professor Sheehan has published in numerous journals of Political Science including American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Political Research Quarterly, American Politics Quarterly, Law and Society, Judicature, Justice System Journal and various other journals and law reviews. He has also published chapters in several edited volumes on constitutional law, judicial structures and judicial decision-making. Additionally, he is co-author of two books, Continuity and Change in the United States Courts of Appeals and Strategic Behavior and Policy Choice on the U.S. Supreme Court. Brian Silver served as Chair of the Department of Political Science from 1987 to 1996. From 1994 to 2007 he directed the "State of the State Survey," a quarterly survey of public opinion in Michigan. Since 2008 he has served as Director of MSU's Center for Statistical Training and Consulting. Honored with a Distinguished Faculty Award by MSU in 1991, Silver has also been a Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Davis Center for Russian Studies at Harvard University, and a Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Science at Stanford University. Silver's main current research focuses on the comparative study of political attitudes and political culture, with a particular interest in ethnic and national identification, nationalism, and support for democratic institutions. He has published widely on these and other subjects in the leading scholarly journals in political science, public opinion, demography, and Russian and Eurasian studies. Professor Silver's main teaching interests are in comparative politics, research design, and mass political behavior. Barry N. Stein is a Professor of Political Science at Michigan State University. He is also on the faculty of the Center for Integrative Studies Social Science. Professor Stein joined the faculty in 1968. He teaches courses on American Foreign Policy, International Organization and Cooperation, War and Revolution, and, Global

Diversity and Interdependence. Since 1975 he has taught a course on "Refugees, Displaced Persons, Exiles," which is the oldest such course in the world. Stein's research centers on issues of forced migration, refugees, and humanitarian assistance during conflict. In the early 1980s, he was instrumental in the establishment of and served as a Senior Associate at the Refugee Policy Group in Washington, D.C.

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/A

13. Will additional space be required:

Type:

Approximate amount: N/A

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

Yes

15. Detailed Description:

Process

The Political Science Department undertook a review of our current undergraduate majors from the perspective of students that are most interested in international politics, including comparative government and international relations. We concluded that our current majors are too unfocused for these students and that a new major in global politics would better prepare them for related careers and future studies.

The Department's undergraduate committee reviewed potential proposals and selected a new curriculum. We also requested input from current and past majors and from our undergraduate advisors. One goal was to enable students interested in international politics to specialize in that field, learning about both the politics of the particular world regions that most interest them as well as the cooperation and competition between nations.

The full Department then discussed and voted unanimously to support the proposed new major.

Rationale

The Political Science Department decided to propose a new undergraduate major in world politics because we have

many political science (general) majors that would like to focus on world politics, including comparative government and international relations. We believe that a new major will improve their focus, allowing them to compare across the political systems of the world and understand international institutions.

We believe that the major will also produce better credentials for relevant careers in international development and diplomacy, as well as many internship and work opportunities outside the U.S. The major will also improve prospects for students that want to enter graduate programs related to international politics.

We altered the curriculum to take advantage of more valuable courses in our department. For example, students particularly interested in particular regions, conflict, or international organizations will now have more room in their curriculum to take related courses.

We also want to broaden opportunities to take world politics courses outside the department. The previous version of the major required two general economics courses. We have continued to require one economics course but we have added requirements for students to select from lists of international courses in the history and geography departments.

The Political Science Department is the best administrative unit for this undergraduate program. The Department has twelve tenure-stream faculty teaching and conducting research in areas related to comparative government and international relations. The focus of our program matches one of the Department's research and teaching areas of emphasis.

Objectives

The major is designed to educate students about the comparative analysis of the world's political systems and the dynamics of conflict and cooperation between nations. We view this knowledge as useful and important for all people living in an era of globalization, but it is of particular concern to those that are most interested in international affairs and cross-cultural understanding.

Students graduating from the program will be expected to have a comprehensive understanding of: (1) similarities and differences among the world's governments and political systems, (2) trends in global politics and policy, (3) the terms, themes, and major actors in international relations, and (4) patterns of international economic and military cooperation and competition. We will also expect them to have a deeper knowledge of political systems in at least one region of the world.

In addition to learning objectives, the academic program is designed to prepare students for careers in international affairs, including work for government, non-profits, and private enterprises. We expect students graduating from the program to be prepared to: (1) enter and complete a masters degree in a related field or (2) begin substantive work related to international diplomacy, development, or governance.

Catalog Language

**College of Social Science
Department of Political Science
Undergraduate Programs
World Politics**

The World Politics major is designed to educate students about governments and political systems of many different nations and the interactions among them. It will prepare students for careers in international affairs in the public, private, and non-profit spheres. The program allows students to study the regions of the world that most interest them but also provides broad coverage of international relations and comparative politics.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in World Politics

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 World Politics.

The University's Tier II writing requirement for the World Politics major is met by completing one of the following courses: Political Science 422, 440, 460, 461. Those courses are referenced in item 3. a. (3) below.

2. The requirements of the College of Social Science for the Bachelor of Arts degree.

The completion of Economics 202 referenced in item 3.b. below and the completion of one History course and one Geography course referenced in item 3.b.(2) 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).

3. The following requirements for the major:

- a. The following courses in the Department of Political Science (33 credits):

- (1) All of the following courses (14 credits):

PLS 140 Government and Politics of the World 3

PLS 160 Introduction to International Relations 3
 PLS 200 Introduction to Political Science 4
 PLS 201 Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis 4

(2) Five of the following courses (15 credits):

PLS 342 Comparative Political Economy 3
 PLS 344 Politics in the Third World 3
 PLS 351 African Politics 3
 PLS 352 Latin American Politics 3
 PLS 354 Politics of Asia 3
 PLS 356 West European Politics 3
 PLS 357 Politics of English Speaking Democracies 3
 PLS 358 Politics of the U.S.S.R. and Its Successor States 3
 PLS 362 Foreign Policy 3
 PLS 363 International Political Conflict 3
 PLS 364 International Organization and Cooperation 3

(3) One of the following courses (4 credits):

PLS 422 Seminar in Political Science (W) 4
 PLS 440 Comparative Politics (W) 4
 no such course PLS 460 International Relations (W)
 PLS 461 Refugees, Displaced Persons, Exiles (W) 4

b. The following courses outside the Department of Political Science (9 credits):

(1) The following course (3 credits):

EC 202 Introduction to Macroeconomics 3

(2) One History course at the 300 level from a list available in the Department of Political Science (3 credits).

(3) One Geography course at the 300-400 level from a list available in the Department of Political Science (3 credits).

Approved List of History Courses:

HST 336 Contemporary Europe

HS 344 Russia

HST 361 Africa

HST 368 China Since 1900

HST 370 Japan

HST 373 Middle East

HST 381 Latin America

HST 390 History of International Relations

Approved List of Geography Courses:

GEO 335 Latin America

GEO 336 Europe

GEO 337 East Asia

GEO 338 Africa

GEO 339 Geography of the Middle East

Assessment Form

Michigan State University

Assessing Student Outcomes

College: College of Social Science

Department: Political Science

Program or Major: World Politics

Program Level: Undergraduate

Contact Person: Matt Grossmann

Inventory of Written Statements and Plans

1. Do you have a written mission statement or statement of purpose? **yes** **no**

If yes, please attach a copy or reference where this can be found:

Our mission statement is listed in the first paragraph of our "Objectives" listed in the "Detailed Description" document.

2. Do you have a written statement of intended educational outcomes **yes** **no**

describing what a student should know or be able to do when they
have completed this program?

Our statement of objectives can be found in the second and third paragraphs of our "Objectives" listed in the "Detailed Description" document.

3. Do you have a written method of assessment for measuring student **yes** **no**

outcomes?

4. Does your program have a separate accreditation process? yes
no

If yes, please list all accrediting agencies below:

Assessment Methodologies

It is likely that some assessment measures are already in place in this program even if they are not identified as being part of a formal assessment plan. Listed below are some of the assessment methodologies you may be using. Indicate "**A**" if the method is currently being used; "**B**" if it is **not** being used but you are interested in using it; and "**C**" if the method of assessment does not apply to your program.

Direct Methods of Assessment

1. Comprehensive Examinations
2. Writing proficiency Examinations
3. National Examinations assessing subject matter knowledge
4. Graduate Record Exam General Test
5. Graduate Record Exam Subject Test
6. Certification Examinations
7. Licensure Examinations
8. Locally developed pre-test or post-test for subject matter knowledge
9. Senior thesis or major project

10. Portfolio evaluation of student work
11. x Capstone courses The Department considers PLS 422-W, PLS 440-W, PLS 460-W, PLS 461-W as capstone courses
12. Audio or Video tape evaluations

Indirect Methods of Assessment

1. x Comparison or benchmarking with peer institutions
2. x Job placement of graduates
3. Employer surveys
4. Advisory groups from your profession
5. Graduate school acceptance rates
6. x Student graduation/retention rates
7. Exit interviews with students graduating or leaving the program
8. Student satisfaction surveys
9. x Student course evaluations
10. Focus group discussions
11. Alumni surveys
12. Alumni honors, awards, achievements
- 13.x Analysis of grade distributions
- 14.x Peer review of courses
15. Peer review of program
- 16.x Curriculum/syllabus analysis
17. Community service/volunteerism participation
18. Other:

Return this form to: Kelly Funk

221 Administration Building

Assessing Student Outcomes modified and used with permission, Dr. Sharron L. Ronco, Florida Atlantic University

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".

"none"

DEPARTMENT LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS

Approved: Department of Political Science
11/15/2010 3:41:05 PM by Jeanne Kalin for Richard Hula, Chairperson

COLLEGE LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS

Approved: College of Social Science
11/15/2010 3:41:18 PM by Jeanne Kalin for Thomas Summerhill, 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: the following

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

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:

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| 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 | |

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| 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:
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| (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).

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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.

WORLD POLITICS

The Bachelor of Arts degree in World Politics is designed to educate students about governments and political systems of many different nations and the interactions among them. It will prepare students for careers in international affairs in the public, private, and non-profit spheres. The major allows students to study the regions of the world that most interest them but also provides broad coverage of international relations and comparative politics.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in World Politics

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 World Politics.
 The University's Tier II writing requirement for the World Politics major is met by completing Political Science 422, 440, or 461. Those courses are referenced in item 3. below.
2. The requirements of the College of Social Science for the Bachelor of Arts degree.
 The completion of Economics 202 referenced in item 3.b. below and the completion of one history course and one geography course referenced in item 3. b. (2) 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).
3. The following requirements for the major.

CREDITS

- a. All of the following courses in the Department of Political Science (33 credits):
 - (1) All of the following courses (14 credits):

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| PLS | 140 | Government and Politics of the World | 3 |
| PLS | 160 | Introduction to International Relations | 3 |
| PLS | 200 | Introduction to Political Science | 4 |
| PLS | 201 | Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis | 4 |
 - (2) Five of the following courses (15 credits):

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| PLS | 342 | Comparative Political Economy | 3 |
| PLS | 344 | Politics in the Third World | 3 |
| PLS | 351 | African Politics | 3 |
| PLS | 352 | Latin American Politics | 3 |
| PLS | 354 | Politics of Asia | 3 |
| PLS | 356 | West European Politics | 3 |
| PLS | 357 | Politics of English Speaking Democracies | 3 |
| PLS | 358 | Politics of the U.S.S.R. and Its Successor States | 3 |
| PLS | 362 | Foreign Policy | 3 |
| PLS | 363 | International Political Conflict | 3 |
| PLS | 364 | International Organization and Cooperation | 3 |
 - (3) One of the following courses (4 credits):

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| PLS | 422 | Seminar in Political Science (W) | 4 |
| PLS | 440 | Comparative Politics (W) | 4 |
| PLS | 461 | Refugees, Displaced Persons, Exiles (W) | 4 |
- b. The following courses outside the Department of Political Science (9 credits):
 - (1) The following course (3 credits):

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| EC | 202 | Introduction to Macroeconomics | 3 |
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 - (2) One 3 credit history course at the 300-400 level from a list available in the Department of Political Science.
 - (3) One 3 credit geography course at the 300-400 level from a list available in the Department of Political Science.