

# Program Plan Worksheet: Political Science Program

## October 1, 2014

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DESCRIPTION	RATIONALE/PRGRAM CITATION	DELIVERABLE	RESPONSIBLE PARTIES	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
<b>PROGRAM PURPOSE AND UNIVERSITY GOALS</b>				
<b>Need for additional faculty</b>	External reviewers find that "the program is over-reliant on part-time faculty, creating problems in department offerings and service workload."	Additional tenure track faculty hires	Provost and AVP	Funds will be necessary commensurate with university and program growth
<b>Need to change the capstone course/experience</b>	External reviewers state: "We recommend that the faculty choose a course of action that yields academic outcomes and is sustainable. One	Curricular change/ program modification	Political Science Program faculty	None
<b>ACHIEVING EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES/ASSESSMENT</b>				
<b>California Government requirement needs to be fixed</b>	"Program faculty have expressed concerns about the POLS 140 class. One possibility here would be a credit-by-examination course. Another possibility is	Curricular change/ program modification	Political Science Program faculty	None
<b>Current statistics course not meeting educational goals</b>	"Current statistics course "not meeting the political science program's needs or often taught by POLS."	Develop a political science specific statistics course and revise curriculum.	Political Science Program faculty	None
<b>Program should establish an alumni group</b>	"The program should consider forming an alumni groups that could create networking opportunities for students and perhaps eventually become a form of financial support for the program's activities."	Develop a political science alumni group.	Political Science Program faculty	None

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<b>Need for dedicated office space and support for program</b>	"As the program grows, consideration should be given to creating more office space as well as a dedicated program office."	Dedicated office space and administrative support personnel for the program.	Provost and AVP	Funding will be necessary to meet additional program support needs as the university grows.
<b>Dedicated faculty for Masters of Public Administration</b>	"Launching the [MPA] program will require multiple dedicated faculty lines although none have been approved to date."	Faculty lines in Public Administration including public human resources, public policy and public management.	Provost and AVP	Although the MPA program will rely heavily on part-time faculty drawn from government and nonprofit organizations, multiple faculty lines are essential to
<b>ACHIEVING EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES/ASSESSMENT</b>				
<b>Risk management for internships</b>	"The risk management issues associated with internships...are a campus and system-wide problem. Campus academic leadership should work with risk	New internship plan and agreement form.	Political Science program faculty, AVP, Faculty Affairs, Risk Management	Unclear
<b>Better integration with General Education program</b>	"The program may want to explore how the GE program and its goals could be more integrated with the program."	Review of relationship between program course offerings and General Education program.	Program Faculty, Faculty General Education Committee, Others involved in review of GE at CI.	None

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Political Science Progress towards meeting goals:

Need for additional faculty:

The political science program successfully recruited and hired one additional tenure track faculty member, Matthew Mendez, who began service as an Assistant Professor in August 2016.

Political Science is currently recruiting an additional tenure track faculty member at the Assistant of Associate level with a specialization in Public Administration. This faculty member will help to develop and implement the Masters of Public Administration degree.

Need to change the capstone courses/experience:

Research has been conducted on various alternatives, but no progress has been made in modifying curriculum.

California Government requirement needs to be fixed:

While the requirement has not been altered, an adjunct instructor with considerable experience in California politics and government has been employed to teach the one unit course.

Currently Statistics course not meeting educational goals:

This goal has been met. The old cross-listed statistics course (POLS/SOC 303) has been replaced with a statistics course designed specifically to meet the needs of our students (POLS 310). This new course was implemented for the first time in fall 2016, and will be the target of future assessment efforts.

Program should establish an alumni group:

A Facebook page for the program was established to begin the process of fostering community between current students and alums. This is the first step towards establishing an alumni group.

Need for dedicated office space and support for program:

No progress.

Dedicated faculty for Masters of Public Administration:

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Risk Management for internships:

These are campus-wide issues and there has been some progress through collaboration with the Division of Student Affairs career center which serves as a centralized facility clear potential internship locations.

Better integration with the General Education program:

This is ongoing as the GE program at CI evolves. The appointment of former political science chair Scott Frisch as Interim AVP for Academic Planning and Undergraduate Initiatives has facilitated a rethinking of the role of political science in the GE program.