

California State University Channel Islands

Program Update For Minor Program Updates Only

Program updates must be submitted by October 15, 2011 for priority catalog review

Date (Change if modified and update the file name with the new date): 15 September 2011

Program Area: **POLS**

Semester/Year first affected: Fall 2012

Instructions: Please use this Program Update form for minor changes to existing programs. Appropriate updates for this form include faculty or address changes, additions of approved electives, minor editing for clarity, and other minor updates. Any change to program requirements, units, outcomes, emphases or options, or other programmatic concerns require the standard two column Program Modification form, available at the Curriculum website.

CURRENTLY APPROVED PROGRAM WITH CHANGES TRACKED

Paste the latest approved version of your entire program in the below the line and before the Summary of Changes before you begin (If you are unsure about which version is the most recent, contact Kathy Musashi). If the form does not preset to the tracked changes mode, turn on tracked changes using Word Tools before making the necessary edits. Please set the view to ORIGINAL SHOWING MARKUP.

Programs Offered

- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
- Minor in Political Science

Political Science is the study of government, public policies and political behavior. Political Science uses both humanistic and scientific perspectives and skills to examine all countries and regions of the world. The Political Science Program is based on the educational objectives emphasized in the California State University Channel Island's mission. All students graduating with a degree in Political Science will have taken course work and developed competencies in all four key areas of the university mission: interdisciplinary and integrative learning; multicultural perspectives; international perspectives and civic engagement through service learning or experiential learning. Unlike traditional political science majors, all students will be required to complete a course on racial politics in the United States. This is not only consistent with our mission, but it reflects the ethnic and racial reality of California in the 21st century. The curriculum will have a strong international component as well, as all graduates will take international politics, and comparative government, and many of the elective courses emphasize international perspectives. All students graduating from CSUCI must complete nine units of upper division interdisciplinary course work. Finally, experiential and service learning are woven throughout the curriculum, and the required capstone course is a community based project designed to synthesize learning through analysis of an important policy issue.

Careers

The Political Science Program prepares students for careers in federal, state, and, local governments, law, business, international organizations, nonprofit associations and organizations, campaign management and polling, journalism, education, electoral politics, research and advocacy. In addition, the major in Political Science prepares students for graduate and professional study in the field of Political Science as well as International Relations and Public Administration.

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Program Learning Outcomes

Students completing the requirements for a B.A. degree in Political Science will be able to:

- Write clearly and with purpose on issues of international and domestic politics and public policy;
- Participate as a civically engaged member of society;
- Analyze political and policy problems and formulate policy options;
- Use electronic and traditional library resources to research key local, state, national and international policy issues and present results;
- Demonstrate competency with basic tools underlying modern social science research including competency in statistics and qualitative analysis
- Demonstrate critical thinking, including the ability to form an argument, detect fallacies, and martial evidence, about key issues of public policy and politics;
- Discuss the major theories and concepts of political science and its subfields; and
- Deliver thoughtful and well articulated presentations of research findings.

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Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science (120 units)

Lower Division Requirements (9 units)

- POLS 102 Comparative Government (3)
POLS 103 Introduction to International Politics (3)

POLS 150 American Political Institutions (3) *

*Partially satisfies the American Institutions Requirement. The History portion is contained in the general requirements at the end of the major.

Upper Division Requirements (16 units)

- POLS 300 Research Methods in Political Science (3)
- POLS 301 Political Theory (3)
- POLS 303 Statistical Applications in the Social Sciences (SOC/PSY) (4)
- POLS 306 The Politics of Race and Ethnicity (3)
- POLS 499 Capstone (3)

Electives (15 units)

Students should select a total of 15 units from the following list:

- ESRM 328 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (3)
- POLS 140 California Government and Politics (1)
- POLS 305 Gender and Politics (3)
- POLS 312 Interest Groups and Collective Action (3)
- POLS 313 The United States Congress (3)
- POLS 314 The American Presidency (3)
- POLS 315 Congress and the Presidency (3)
- POLS 316 State and Local Politics and Policy (3)
- POLS 317 Judicial Power and Process (3)
- POLS 318 Campaigns and Elections (3)
- POLS 319 Political Behavior and Public Opinion (3)
- POLS 320 Public Administration (3)
- POLS 321 Public Budgeting (FIN) (3)
- POLS 325 American Public Policy (3)
- POLS 326 Government and Politics of Selected Nations (3)
- POLS 327 International Relations of Selected Areas (3)
- POLS 328 United States Foreign Policy (3)
- POLS 329 International Law and Organizations (3)
- POLS 330 Political Sociology (SOC) (3)
- POLS 331 Narratives of the Working Class (ENGL/ECON/HIST/SOC) (3)
- ~~POLS 334 Peace Studies (3)~~
- ~~POLS 335 Politics and Film (COMM) (3)~~
- ~~POLS 340 Politics and the Environment (ESRM) (3)~~
- ~~POLS 345 Science and Public Policy (BIOL) (3)~~
- ~~POLS 351 International Relations of Africa (3)~~
- ~~POLS 352 International Relations of Europe (3)~~
- ~~POLS 353 International Relations of Latin America (3)~~

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[POLS 354 International Relations of the Middle East \(3\)](#)

[POLS 355 International Relations of South Asia \(3\)](#)

POLS 401 Constitutional Law (3)
POLS 402 Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (3)
POLS 403 Comparative Foreign Policy (3)
POLS 404 Policy Leadership (EDUC) (3)
POLS 426 The Politics of Developing Countries (3)
POLS 430 Political Communication (COMM) (3)
POLS 431 Education Policy and Politics (EDUC) (3)
POLS 490 Special Topics in Political Science (3)
POLS 492 Service Learning in Political Science (3)
POLS 493 Internship in Political Science (3)
POLS 494 Independent Research (1-3)

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Requirements for the Major in Political Science (120 units)

Lower, Upper Division and Electives 40
General Education 48
Free Electives 29
American Institutions Requirement * 3
(chosen from the following: HIST 270, HIST 271,
HIST 272, HIST 275)

TOTAL..... 120 units

*The Government portion of the American Institutions Requirement (POLS 150) is listed in the major courses above.

Requirements for the Minor in Political Science (18 units)

Lower-Division Requirements (9 units)

POLS 102 Comparative Government (3)
POLS 103 Introduction to International Politics (3)
POLS 150 American Political Institutions (3)

Upper-Division Requirements (9 Units)

Students should select a total of 9 units from the following:

ECON 370 The World Economy (3)
ESRM 328 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (3)
ESRM 329 Environmental Law and Policy (3)

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HIST	412	Law and Society (3)	
POLS	300	Research Methods in Political Science (3)	
POLS	301	Political Theory (3)	Deleted:
POLS	303	Statistical Applications in the Social Sciences (SOC/PSY) (4)	
POLS	305	Gender and Politics (3)	
POLS	306	The Politics of Race and Ethnicity (3)	
POLS	312	Interest Groups and Collective Action (3)	
POLS	313	The United States Congress (3)	
POLS	314	The American Presidency (3)	Deleted:
POLS	315	Congress and the Presidency (3)	
POLS	316	State and Local Politics and Policy (3)	
POLS	317	Judicial Power and Process (3)	
POLS	318	Campaigns and Elections (3)	
POLS	319	Political Behavior and Public Opinion (3)	
POLS	320	Public Administration (3)	
POLS	321	Public Budgeting (FIN) (3)	
POLS	325	American Public Policy (3)	
POLS	326	Government and Politics of Selected Nations (3)	
POLS	327	International Relations of Selected Areas (3)	Deleted:
POLS	328	United States Foreign Policy (3)	
POLS	329	International Law and Organizations (3)	
POLS	330	Political Sociology (SOC) (3)	
POLS	331	Narratives of the Working Class (ENGL/ECON/HIST/SOC) (3)	
POLS	334	Peace Studies (3)	
POLS	335	Politics and Film (COMM) (3)	
POLS	340	Politics and the Environment (ESRM) (3)	
POLS	345	Science and Public Policy (BIOL) (3)	Deleted: ¶
POLS	351	International Relations of Africa (3)	
POLS	352	International Relations of Europe (3)	
POLS	353	International Relations of Latin America (3)	
POLS	354	International Relations of the Middle East (3)	
POLS	355	International Relations of South Asia (3)	
POLS	401	Constitutional Law (3)	Deleted: ¶
POLS	402	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (3)	¶
POLS	403	Comparative Foreign Policy (3)	¶
POLS	404	Policy Leadership (EDUC) (3)	¶
POLS	426	The Politics of Developing Countries (3)	¶
POLS	430	Political Communication (COMM) (3)	
POLS	431	Education Policy and Politics (EDUC) (3)	Deleted:

POLS 490 Special Topics in Political Science (3)
POLS 492 Service Learning in Political Science (3)
POLS 493 Internship in Political Science (3)
POLS 494 Independent Research (1-3)

SUMMARY OF CHANGES (Mark applicable change box below)

☒ Adding elective courses

☒ Updating faculty or addresses

Minor editing for clarity

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Andrea Grove

Sept 15, 2011

Proposer of Program Modification

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APPROVAL SHEET

Program:

The CI program review process includes a report from the respective department/program on its progress toward accessibility requirement compliance. By signing below, I acknowledge the importance of incorporating accessibility in course design.

Program Chair		
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Curriculum Chair		
	Signature	Date

Dean of Faculty		
	Signature	Date