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To: Terry Brown, CAS Dean
From: Tracey Gladstone-Sovell, Chair Political Science *TS*
Re: Political Science Program Changes

The Political Science Department would like to institute the following minor changes in our program.

- 1) Remove POLS 320 as one of the options for the Political Behavior component of the major and minor. This course is offered by Journalism and cross listed in Political Science. As part of our assessment process, we examined the syllabus for the course and concluded that it does not contain enough emphasis on political behavior to justify it as an option in this category. The course will remain as a general elective option.

- 2) As part of our assessment process, we have concluded that our students need a better grasp of statistics than they are currently getting. Consequently, we are adding a required supporting course as part of the major. (At present we do not have any required supporting courses.) We have identified statistics courses offered across the University that could fill this gap. Since some of these are approved courses in General Education and Liberal Arts, students could fulfill both requirements with one course. If other courses were used in Gen Ed or LA, a student would have to take one of these courses as a "general elective."

The new requirement would read that Political Science Majors must take one of the following as a required supporting course. PSYC 201 Behavioral Statistics; SOCI 250 Introduction to Social Statistics; ECON 226 Introduction to Statistics; MATH 216 Elementary Statistical Concepts; MATH 226 Fundamentals of Statistics

Political Science Major

Political Science Major: 36 Total Credits

Required Courses: 9 cr. hrs.

POLS 114 American National, State and Local Government 3 cr.

POLS 200 Political Analysis 3 cr.

POLS 480 Seminar in Political Science (writing intensive) 3 cr.

Directed Electives: 15 cr. hrs.

Select one course in each of the following five fields.

1. American Politics 3 cr. hrs.

Political Processes

POLS 225 Introduction to Public Administration

POLS 256 Public Policymaking

Political Institutions

POLS 311 American Political Parties and Elections

POLS 326 The American Presidency: The Office and its Powers

POLS 327 Congressional Politics

State/Local Government

POLS 253 State and Local Politics

POLS 322 Politics of American Cities

2. International Relations 3 cr. hrs.

POLS 260 Introduction to International Relations

3. Comparative Politics 3 cr. hrs.

POLS 245 Introduction to Comparative Politics

4. Political Philosophy 3 cr. hrs.

POLS 230 Contemporary Political Ideologies

POLS 308 Western Political Thought: The Renaissance through Marx

POLS 309 Western Political Thought: Nietzsche to the Present

POLS 310 History of American Political Thought

5. Political Behavior 3 cr. hrs.

POLS 212 The Politics of Equality and Inequality in the United States

POLS 314 Women and Politics

* POLS 320 Journalism and Public Opinion

POLS 321 Political Participation

Electives: 12 cr. hrs.

Any POLS course, excluding courses taken to fulfill required or directed electives.

Restrictions: Students may apply a maximum of 6 credits of POLS 379 Internship in Political Science toward the elective section of the major. Students majoring in Political Science must take a minimum of 15 out of the total 36 credits for the major in courses numbered at the 300 level or above, excluding credits taken for POLS 379 Internship in Political Science.

Required supporting course: Statistics (see narrative)

Political Science Minor

Political Science Minor 24 Total Credits

Required Courses: 3 cr. hrs.

POLS 114 American National, State and Local Government 3

Directed Electives: 12 cr. hrs.

Select one course from four of the following five fields:

1. American Politics 3 cr. hrs

Political Processes

POLS 225 Introduction to Public Administration

POLS 256 Public Policymaking

Political Institutions

POLS 311 American Political Parties and Elections

POLS 326 The American Presidency: The Office and its Powers

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Electives: 9 cr. hrs.

Any POLS course, excluding any courses taken to fulfill required or directed electives

Restrictions: Students may apply a maximum of 3 credits of POLS 379 Internship in Political Science toward the elective section of the minor. Students minoring in Political Science must take a minimum of 9 out of the total 24 credits for the minor in courses numbered at the 300 level or above, excluding credits taken for POLS 379 Internship in Political Science.