

Example: Outline of Proposed Changes

Excerpt from the Political Science proposal (April 2017) to modify the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

Proposal for New Major in Political Science

Students must take at least 12 courses, achieving a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 in these courses. None of the 12 courses may be taken on an S/F basis.

REQUIREMENTS

12 courses, at least 9 of which must be IR or PSC, with no overlaps between groups:

Tools of Political Analysis, 2 courses from this list:

PSC 107: Introduction to Positive Political Theory

PSC 200: Data Analysis I. (Students may *not* enroll in this course if they have earned credit and a letter grade for ECO 230, PSC 205, PSY/CSP 211, STT 211, STT 212, STT 213, STT 214, or any other course in statistics, or if they have received a score of 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement exam in Statistics.)

PSC 202W: Argument in Political Science

PSC 205: Data Analysis II. (Prerequisite: Any basic course in statistics. This includes PSC 200, ECO 230, PSY/CSP 211, STT 211, STT 212, STT 213, STT 214, a score of 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement exam in Statistics, or equivalent preparation.)

PSC 281: Formal Models in Political Science

PSC 288: Game Theory

Core, 5 courses from one of these tracks:

Data and Modeling Elections and
Government Philosophy, Law, and
Public Policy Political Economy and
Development War, Violence, and
Cooperation

Breadth, 2 courses

Select two courses in IR or PSC that are not in the core track.

Electives, 3 courses

Courses may be drawn from any offerings in PSC, IR, ECO, HIS, or PHL.

For courses from fields other than these, advisers will require the student to provide a coherent justification for the specific courses proposed. Approval will be granted only if the courses enhance the student's understanding of politics.

The 12 courses must include the following:

Upper-Level Writing, 2 courses

Select any two W-designated courses in IR or PSC.

Team Learning, 1 course

Select at least one "team learning" course in IR or PSC.

Options include research seminars, experiential learning, supervised teaching, independent study, directed research, senior honors project, internships, and other courses approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

Introductory Courses

No more than four introductory courses may be counted toward the major.

Transfer Credit

Subject to adviser approval.

Transfer courses may not be used to satisfy the following requirements: Tools of Political Analysis, Upper-Level Writing, or Team Learning.

No more than two transfer courses may be used toward the core track.

No more than three transfer courses may be used toward the major.

Internships count as one course toward the major, even if students receive more than four credits in the internship toward general degree requirements.

PSC 397 (European Political Internship) counts as a regular course toward the major. Other courses taken abroad are treated as transfer courses and, with adviser approval, will satisfy some course requirements for the major.

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate

Students who receive a grade of 4 or 5 on the AP exam in either American or Comparative Government will be granted four credits in the major. *IB equivalent to be determined.* Students who take both exams are not eligible for additional credit. This credit is considered Elective, Introductory, and Transfer.

