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# 10KV0343BALA: POLITICAL SCIENCE, BALAS

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Changes proposed by: Alyssa Prorok

**Proposal Type:**

Major (ex. Special Education)

**This proposal is for a:**

Revision

## Administration Details

**Official Program Name**

Political Science, BALAS

**Sponsor College**

Liberal Arts & Sciences

**Sponsor Department**

Political Science

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**Does this program have inter-departmental administration?**

No

## Catalog Term

**Desired Effective Catalog Term**

Fall 2027

**Effective Catalog**

2027-2028

## Proposal Title

**Proposal Title (either Establish/Revise/Eliminate the Degree Name in Program Name in the College of XXXX, i.e., Establish the Bachelor of Science in Entomology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, include the Graduate College for Grad Programs)**

Revise the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

**Are there other related proposals that should be considered simultaneously with this one? If yes, please list the program keys and/or titles. Consider Majors, Minors, Concentrations & Joint Programs in your department. Please know that this information is used administratively to move related proposals through workflow efficiently and together as needed. Format your response like the following "This BS proposal (key 567) is related to the Concentration A proposal (key 145)"**

This BALAS proposal (Key 697) is related to concentrations:
World Politics (Key 698)
Public Policy & Democratic Institutions (Key 699)
Law & Power (Key 700)
International Relations (Key 701)
General Political Science (Key 702)
Civic Leadership (Key 703)
Citizen Politics (Key 704)
Law, Policy, and Institutions (Key 1418)

## Program Justification

**Provide a brief description, using a numbered item list, of the proposed changes to the program.**

**Provide a list of numbered items of what changed and why each change was necessary.**

1. The concentration Political Science: Public Policy & Democratic Institutions (Key 699) is being renamed Political Science: Law, Policy, and Institutions (Key 1418). Therefore, Key 699 is being deactivated and a new program proposal for the name change (Key 1418) has been created.

2. Text after Graduation Requirements in the POS, "Students may count a maximum of six (6) hours of credit of any combination of hours from PS 494 toward the advanced hours requirement. Not more than 6 hours of individual study courses in political science ( PS 490) or 6 hours of internships ( PS 491) or 6 hours of supervised research ( PS 492) may be included in the major; a student

with any mix of independent study hours and internship hours and supervised research hours may include a maximum of 9 hours of such credit in themajor.( PS 496) is reserved for those seniors doing honors theses for distinction in political science and may not be counted in the 45-hour minimum required for the major. General education: Students must complete the Campus General Education requirements including the campus general education language requirement. Minimum required major and supporting coursework: Normally equates to 70 hours." was removed because this information exists on the catalog page and we want to remove the redundancy.

3. The formatting of the POS and additional text (e.g., graduation requirements, university requirements, and general education requirements) has been modified to adhere to the campus General Education Template, per Office of the Provost General Education initiative for transparency and accessibility.

4. The LAS Orientation and Professional Development table has been added to the POS, per LAS for transparency and accessibility.

5. Introduction to Political Science (PS 100) is common to all concentrations and has been added to the major (Key 697).

6. All seven concentrations have been listed and linked to the academic catalog. This has been done to the POS to show a required concentration and provide clarity to each concentration and its requirements.

## Instructional Resources

**Will there be any reduction in other course offerings, programs or concentrations by your department as a result of this new program/ proposed change?**

No

**Does this new program/proposed change result in the replacement of another program?**

No

**Does the program include other courses/subjects outside of the sponsoring department impacted by the creation/revision of this program?**

No

## Program Features

**Academic Level**

Undergraduate

**Does this major have transcripted concentrations?**

Yes

**Concentrations**

| Concentrations(s) |
| --- |
| Political Science: World Politics, BALAS |
| Political Science: Law & Power, BALAS |
| Political Science: International Relations, BALAS |
| Political Science: General Political Science, BALAS |
| Political Science: Civic Leadership, BALAS |
| Political Science: Citizen Politics, BALAS |
| Political Science: Law, Policy, and Institutions, BALAS |

**Will you admit to the concentration directly?**

No

**Is a concentration required for graduation?**

Yes

**What is the longest/maximum time to completion of this program?**

4 years

**What are the minimum Total Credit Hours required for this program?**

120

**CIP Code**

451001 - Political Science and Government, General.

**SOC Code(s) (Should be completed only for Certificates:)**

**Does this program prepare graduates for entry into a career or profession that is regulated by the State of Illinois?**

No

## Program of Study

**Provide detailed information (course rubrics, numbers, and credit hours) of how a student could obtain 40 credit hours of upper-division coursework.**

For concentrations: World Politics, Law & Power, International Relations, Citizen Politics, and Law, Policy, and Institutions.
300-/400- level Concentration Political Science Courses: 9 hours
300-/400- level Political Science Courses: 12 hours
Thematically related 300+ coursework: 12 hours
LOTE: 8-10 hours
Total: 41-43

For General Political Science
300-/400- level Political Science Courses: 21 hours
Thematically related 300+ coursework: 12 hours
LOTE: 8-10 hours
Total: 41-43

For Civic Leadership
300-/400- level Concentration Political Science Courses: 9 hours
300-/400- level Political Science Courses: 9 hours
PS 491: 3 hours
Thematically related 300+ coursework: 12 hours
LOTE: 8-10 hours
Total: 41-43

**Revised programs**

Key697_PoliticalScience_BALAS_Aug4.docx

**Statement for Programs of Study Catalog**

**Graduation Requirements**

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours. ~~Students may count a maximum of six (6) hours of credit of any combination of hours from PS 494 toward the advanced hoursrequirement.Not more than 6 hours of individual study courses in political science ( PS 490) or 6 hours of internships ( PS 491) or 6 hours of supervised research ( PS 492) may be included in the major; a student with any mix of independent study hours and internship hours and supervised research hours may include a maximum of 9 hours of such credit in themajor.( PS 496) is reserved for those seniors doing honors theses for distinction in political science and may not be counted in the 45-hour minimum required for themajor.Generaleducation:Students must complete the Campus General~~

~~Education requirements including the campus general education languagerequirement.Minimum required major and supporting coursework:Normally equates to 70hours.~~ Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be taken on this campus.

**University Requirements**

Minimum of 40 hours of upper-division coursework, generally at the 300- or 400-level. These hours can be drawn from all elements of the degree. Students should consult their academic advisor for additional guidance in fulfilling this requirement. The university and residency requirements can be found in the Student Code (§ 3-801) and in the Academic Catalog.

**General Education Requirements**

Follows the campus General Education (Gen Ed) requirements. Some Gen Ed requirements may be met by courses required and/or electives in the program.

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---|---|---|
| Composition I | | 4-6 |
| Advanced Composition | | 3 |
| Humanities & the Arts (6 hours) | | 6 |
| Natural Sciences & Technology (6 hours) | | 6 |
| Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours) | | 6 |
| fulfilled by PS 100 and any other course approved as Social & Behavioral Sciences | | |
| Cultural Studies: Non-Western Cultures (1 course) | | 3 |
| Cultural Studies: US Minority Cultures (1 course) | | 3 |
| Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Cultures (1 course) | | 3 |
| Quantitative Reasoning (2 courses, at least one course must be Quantitative Reasoning I) | | 6-10 |
| Language Requirement (Completion of the fourth semester or equivalent of a language other than English, or completion of the third semester in two different languages other than English is required) | | 0-20 |

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---|---|---|
| **Orientation and Professional Development** | | |
| LAS 101 | Design Your First Year Experience | 1 |
| OR | | |
| LAS 100 & LAS 101 | Success in LAS for International Students and Design Your First Year Experience | 3 |
| OR | | |
| LAS 102 | Transfer Advantage | 1 |
| **Total Hours** | | **1 or 3** |

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---|---|---|
| **Major Requirements** | | **3** |
| PS 100 | Intro to Political Science | 3 |

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---|---|---|
| **Concentration Requirements** | | **42** |
| Students choose from the following concentrations: | | |
| Citizen Politics (https://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/citizen-politics/) | | |
| Civic Leadership (https://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/civic-leadership/) | | |
| General Political Science (https://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/general-political-science/) | | |
| International Relations (https://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/international-relations/) | | |
| Law & Power (https://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/law-power/) | | |
| Law, Policy, and Institutions | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| World Politics (https://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/world-politics/) | |
| **Total Hours** | **45** |

~~Minimum hours required forgraduation:120hours.~~

**Corresponding Degree**

BALAS Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences

## Program Regulation and Assessment

## Plan to Assess and Improve Student Learning

Illinois Administrative Code: 1050.30(b)(1)(D) Provision is made for guidance and counseling of students, evaluations of student performance, continuous monitoring of progress of students toward their degree objectives and appropriate academic record keeping.

**Are the learning outcomes for the program listed in the Academic Catalog?**

Yes

**Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

1. Describe the discipline of political science and its major subfields, and distinguish political science from related social science disciplines.
2. Demonstrate foundational knowledge of key facts, concepts, institutions, and typologies within their chosen subfield of political science.
3. Explain and critically evaluate major theories in their chosen subfield of political science.
4. Apply the scientific method to the study of political phenomena, including the analysis of evidence and the drawing of appropriate inferences from quantitative and qualitative data.
5. Apply political science concepts, methods, and theories to research projects, internships, community engagement, and other experiential learning opportunities.

**Did you make any revisions to the learning outcomes you copied and pasted from the current academic catalog?**

No

**Program Description and Requirements Attach Documents**

## Delivery Method

**This program is available:**

On Campus - Students are required to be on campus, they may take some online courses.

## Admission Requirements

**Is this revision a change to the admission status of the program?**

No

**Provide a brief narrative description of the admission requirements for this program. Where relevant, include information about licensure requirements, student background checks, GRE and TOEFL scores, and admission requirements for transfer students.**

## Enrollment

**Describe how this revision or phase down/elimination will impact enrollment and degrees awarded. If this is an elimination/phase down proposal include the plans for the students left in the program.**

This revision should not impact enrollment or degrees awarded.

**What is the matriculation term for this program?**

Fall ONLY

## Budget

**Are there budgetary implications for this revision?**

No

**Will the program or revision require staffing (faculty, advisors, etc.) beyond what is currently available?**

No

**Additional Budget Information**

**Attach File(s)**

## Financial Resources

**What tuition rate do you expect to charge for this program? e.g, Undergraduate Base Tuition, or Engineering Differential, or Social Work Online (no dollar amounts necessary)**

**Are you seeking a change in the tuition rate or differential for this program?**

No

**Attach letters and self-supporting documents as applicable**

## Program Support

**Provide a brief description of the support for this program, including the financial, faculty, space, advisors/staff. Discuss plans to acquire any additional support that will be needed. If new or additional facilities or significant improvements to already existing facilities is needed, describe the Facility Need, Year 1 and 5 cost, and any other applicable notes.**

The proposed program revision will be supported through existing academic, financial, advising, and instructional resources within the Department of Political Science.
Financial Support. The program revision will not require any changes to the current funding model for the Political Science department or major.
Faculty Support. The revised curriculum is built from existing Political Science courses already offered by the department. Existing PS faculty will continue to contribute to instruction, curriculum oversight, assessment, and student mentoring.
Advising and Staff Support. Academic advising for the revised program will continue to be provided by the Department of Political Science advising staff. Existing PS faculty and advising staff will oversee the revised curriculum, continue to monitor student progress toward degree completion, and continue to provide guidance regarding career and graduate school opportunities.
Space and Facilities. No new facilities are required. The revised program will continue to utilize existing classrooms, facilities, and instructional spaces available to the political science department.
Future Support Needs. We do not anticipate that these curriculum revisions will substantially affect the size of the political science major, above or beyond regular program growth. Existing college and departmental resources are expected to be sufficient to support future projected enrollments, and no additional facilities or major infrastructure investments are anticipated. The revised program will utilize existing instructional and advising resources within the Department of Political Science.

**Attach any supporting documents as applicable.**

FW: Request for letter of acknowledgement - PS major revision.pdf

## Library Resources

**Describe your proposal's impact on the University Library's resources, collections, and services. If necessary please consult with the appropriate disciplinary specialist within the University Library.**

The proposal team consulted with Cindy Ingold and, based upon their input, determined that the Library's resources, collections, and services are sufficient to meet the needs of the program outlined in this proposal.

## EP Documentation

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**Attach Rollback/Approval Notices**

## Non-EP Documentation

**U Program Review Comments**

**Rollback Documentation and Attachment**

## DMI Documentation

**Attach Final Approval Notices**

**Banner/Codebook Name**

BALAS:Political Science -UIUC

**Program Code:**

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**Minor Code**

**Conc Code**

**Degree Code**

BALAS

**Major Code**

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**Program Reviewer Comments**

**Melissa Steinkoenig (menewell) (Thu, 09 Jul 2026 22:05:10 GMT):** Gen Ed Template: Good
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