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5661: POLITICAL SCIENCE: PUBLIC POLICY & DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, BALAS

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Changes proposed by: Alyssa Prorok

Proposal Type:

Concentration (ex. Dietetics)

This proposal is for a:

~~Revision~~

Phase Down/Elimination

Administration Details

Official Program Name

Political Science: Public Policy & Democratic Institutions, BALAS

Sponsor College

Liberal Arts & Sciences

Sponsor Department

Political Science

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If additional stakeholders other than the Sponsor and College Contacts listed above should be contacted if questions during the review process arise, please list them here.

Melissa Reedy, murray@illinois.edu (LAS Assistant Director Course & Cir Dvt)

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)

Eliminate the Concentration in Public Policy & Democratic Institutions in 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 concentration proposal (Key 699) is related to:
The BALAS proposal (Key 697)
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.

This concentration is being phased down effective SP27 and a name change to Law, Policy, and Institutions (Key 1418) has been created in its place.

These changes reflect a revision of the concentration to (1) broaden and internationalize its focus beyond US institutions to global comparative institutions, and to (2) more explicitly examine legal institutions and law, how law affects institutions, policy, and politics, and how politics affects law and legal institutions. This change is pedagogically valuable because it puts US institutions in comparative perspective, providing students broader substantive knowledge and understanding of how institutions develop and function in different environments. The revision also serves to better ground student learning in foundational constitutional and legal knowledge.

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

No

Program of Study

Statement for Programs of Study Catalog

Code	Title	Hours
PS 100	Intro to Political Science	3
PS 101	Intro to US Gov & Pol	3
Select any additional 100- or 200-level Political Science courses		6
Select 300- or 400-level Political Science courses, at least nine hours of which come from the Public Policy and Democratic Institutions Concentration list maintained by the department. The other six hours may be any 300- or 400-level Political Science course.		15
Select any Political Science courses at any level		6
Students will select a second major, or a minor, or a set of courses of at least 12 hours of thematically-related coursework outside political science, developed in conjunction with an academic advisor.		12
Total Hours		**45**

Code	Title	Hours
Public Policy Course List		
PS 220	Intro to Public Policy	3
PS 224	Politics of the National Parks	3
PS 225	Environmental Politics & Policy	3
PS 230	Intro to Pol Research	3
PS 231	Strategic Models	3
PS 282	Governing Globalization	3
PS 300	Special Topics (as appropriate)	3
PS 301	The US Constitution I	3
PS 302	The US Constitution II	3
PS 303	The US Congress	3
PS 304	The US Presidency	3
PS 305	The US Supreme Court	3

PS 306	Judicial Politics	3
PS 307	Separation of Powers	3
PS 309	State Gov in the US	3
PS 310	Politics of Organizations	3
PS 311	Political Parties in the US	3
PS 321	Principles of Public Policy	3
PS 322	Law and Public Policy	3
PS 323	Course PS 323 Not Found	3
PS 355	Democratization	3
PS 356	Comparative Political Economy	3
PS 379	Intl Rel & Domestic Politics	3
PS 385	Politics of the European Union	3
PS 395	International Organization	3
PS 457	Dem Gov in a Global Setting	3 or 4
PS 494	Junior Honors Seminar (as appropriate)	3

Program Relationships

Corresponding Program(s):

Corresponding Program(s)
Political Science, BALAS

Delivery Method

This program is available:

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

Enrollment

Phase Down/Elimination Enrollment

Does this program currently have enrollment?

Yes

If so, what is the anticipated term of completion?

Fall 2027

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.

Students that have chosen this concentration FA26 or SP27 have the choice to stay in this program of study or move to the new concentration titled Law, Policy, and Institutions - Key 1418 and its program of study. Those that choose this one will require this POS stay in place until FA30/SP31.

Budget

Are there budgetary implications for this revision?

No

Attach File(s)

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

EP Control Number

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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

Public Policy and Democratic Institutions

Program Code:

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Minor Code

Conc Code

5661

Degree Code

BALAS

Major Code

0343

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Senate Conference Approval Date

BOT Approval Date

IBHE Approval Date

HLC Approval Date

DOE Approval Date

Effective Date:

Attached Document

Justification for this request

Program Reviewer Comments

Barbara Lehman (bjlehman) (Wed, 02 Sep 2026 17:46:56 GMT): Rollback: rollback per request of Melissa Reedy.

Key: 699