



Proposal to the Senate Educational Policy Committee

PROPOSAL TITLE: Revision of BALAS in Political Science (Establish Concentrations and Revise Requirements), College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

The department proposes to create seven concentrations in the political science major and make other revisions to the major. These concentrations reflect the subfields of the discipline, clusters of student interest, and in some cases, career options. The current major will become the core of the general concentration for the major. We expect most students to pick one of the other six proposed concentrations in Civic Leadership; Citizen Politics; International Relations; Law and Power; Public Policy and Democratic Institutions; and World Politics. The Civic Leadership concentration, which has had competitive admission, will now be treated as the other proposed concentrations, open to all students.

We increase the in-major requirements from 30 to 33 hours to provide greater depth. We are reducing the large supporting coursework requirement of 20 hours to 12 hours in a supporting field. A second major or a minor in another field will also meet the revised supporting coursework requirement.

We also propose to revise the requirements for the major. We will require PS 100 Introduction to Political Science in place of requiring PS 101 Introduction to American Politics.

JUSTIFICATION:

These changes emerge from discussions about the future direction of the department, motivated in part by our self-study and external program review.

By requiring a broader introduction to the discipline we will encourage students to learn more about the options available for their studies. PS 100 includes an introduction to each of the subfields and to the research methodologies that characterize their discipline. This makes it easier for students to choose the concentration that serves their interests.

The concentrations bring the structure of the major more in line with the current organization of the discipline, the research and teaching interests of our faculty, and students' preferences for more guidance in designing their curriculum. Students have also expressed a desire to have their transcripts reflect any specialized interests they may have within the major.

Because of the growing number of courses not worth exactly three hours, we expressed all requirements in terms of hours instead of the form "three courses worth nine hours." This avoids complicated statements

about the number of courses required in a major that retains significant flexibility in course choices.

The change in the supporting coursework requirement better reflects our students' interests in transcriptable credentials by allowing our students more flexibility to double major or minor. The reduction in overall hours from 50 to 45 reflects similar concerns, encouraging students to add a second major or a minor. The proposed concentrations generally connect well to other disciplines instead of following more insular definitions of the subfields in the discipline. As just one example, "Citizen Politics" replaces "American Politics," in ways that connect both the Communication and Psychology as well as our subfield of Comparative Politics.

BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

1) Resources

- a. How does the unit intend to financially support this proposal?
- b. How will the unit create capacity or surplus to appropriately resource this program? If applicable, what functions or programs will the unit no longer support to create capacity?
- c. Will the unit need to seek campus or other external resources? If so, please provide a summary of the sources and an indication of the approved support.
- d. Please provide a letter of acknowledgment from the college that outlines the financial arrangements for the proposed program.

This proposal relies on existing courses and staff. We already teach both PS 100 and PS 101 every semester, and this will continue. The concentrations reflect our current staff.

When designing the concentrations, we ensured that we have sufficient current staff to teach the courses needed, and that the concentrations do not rely on the same instructors beyond their teaching load. We also planned for sabbaticals and other possible course releases, and have staff to cover those eventualities.

In addition, we have online versions of several introductory courses for the concentrations and are building more such courses. This will help accommodate any increase in student demand, faculty course releases and sabbaticals, and/or staff changes.

2) Resource Implications

- a. Please address the impact on faculty resources including the changes in numbers of faculty, class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratios, etc.
- b. Please address the impact on course enrollment in other units and provide an explanation of discussions with representatives of those units. (*A letter of acknowledgement from units impacted should be included.*)
- c. Please address the impact on the University Library (*A letter of estimated impact from the University Librarian must be included for all new program proposals. If the impact is above and beyond normal library business practices, describe provisions for how this will be resourced.*)
- d. Please address the impact on technology and space (e.g. computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.)

We expect some increase in student enrollments as this will make the major more attractive. We can accommodate increases in our required course (PS 100) and the required course for each concentration (PS 101, 240/241, 270, or 280/281/282). Students choose among the advanced courses at the 300 level, giving the department some flexibility in responding to changes in student interest while using current staff. If necessary to serve increases in enrollment, we can increase class size in several 300-level courses.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2018.

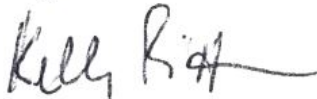
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STATEMENT FOR ACADEMIC CATALOG:

OVERVIEW TAB

Political Science

The Department of Political Science helps students acquire a broad understanding of government and politics, political behavior, and public policy, as they develop mastery in one or more of the subfields of the discipline. The department provides courses of study that introduce students to the discipline and to its principal fields. Students also complete 12 hours of supporting coursework in a thematically-related field approved by an advisor. The supporting coursework requirement may be met by a second major or minor.

The subfields in political science are the following:

- Citizen Politics is the study of mass politics. Topics include how and why citizens form political attitudes, beliefs, and identities, how people engage in political decision making, and what political behaviors individuals choose to participate in.
- Civic Leadership aims to provide students interested in careers in public life with an informed appreciation for American democracy, the values and structures on which it is based, and the challenges and opportunities it faces in the 21st century.
- International Relations is the study of interactions across borders of nation-states. Students explore how global, regional, and domestic factors influence relations among states as well as non-state actors in the interstate system.
- Law and Power teaches students about how power, law, and ideas about justice shape political life. Courses cover questions concerning the procedures for social and legal change, the status of citizens in social and political institutions in society, and the ways that ideology and identity categories shape the pursuit of equality and justice.
- Public Policy and Democratic Institutions explores political institutions and processes and how and why they work as they do. Courses use historical and contemporary examples to understand the political system the founders established and the ways it has shaped modern politics. Students study institutions such as the presidency, Congress, courts, the bureaucracy, and political parties, with a focus on their organization and on important patterns of behavior within them, such as interest group lobbying and campaigning.
- World Politics compares internal political dynamics of and patterns of political behavior in the world's more than 200 countries. Major comparative themes include democracy, dictatorship and regime change; political institutions (parties, elections, and decision-making); voting behavior, attitudes, and the creation and dissemination of political information; religious and ethnic identity politics; political economy of development and developing countries; social change and political violence; and the impact of globalization and transnational forces such as migration.

The Department of Political Science, along with the European Union Center, offers a **five-year BALAS/MA in Political Science and European Union Studies**. The Department of Political Science, in conjunction with the European Union Center, offers a 5-year BALAS /MA degree program in Political

Science and the Master of Arts in European Union Studies (MAEUS). In order to be admitted to this degree program, students apply through a joint application process to their BALAS –granting program and the European Union Center during their third year of studies. Requirements for this degree program are identical to those for the stand-alone BALAS and for the stand-alone MAEUS. Students will receive both degrees when the requirements are met for the degrees; BALAS and MA degrees will be conferred separately and independently. More detailed information may be obtained from department and EUC offices.

MAJOR TAB

For the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences Major in Sciences and Letters Curriculum

Students must complete one concentration in consultation with an academic advisor.

General Concentration

Citizen Politics Concentration

Civic Leadership Concentration

International Relations Concentration

Law and Power Concentration

Public Policy and Democratic Institutions Concentration

World Politics Concentration

A major plan of study will consist of the selection of a concentration, and 12 hours of supporting coursework approved by an advisor. The supporting coursework requirement may be met by a second major or minor.

General requirement: Students must complete one concentration in consultation with an academic advisor. A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Affairs Office before the end of the fifth semester (60-75 hours).

General education requirement: Students must complete the [Campus General Education](#) requirements including the campus general education language requirement.

Restrictions: Except as otherwise noted, or by petition to the department, PS 191, PS 291, PS 292, PS 490, PS 491, and PS 492 are excluded from all concentration lists maintained by the department. These courses may be used only for requirements of courses “at any level” without respect to concentration. As an exception, these courses may be used toward the General Concentration or the Civic Leadership Concentration.

Students may include in the major no more than nine hours from any combination of PS 291, PS 292, PS 490, PS 491, and PS 492. Of these, only six hours from PS 490, PS 491, and PS 492 within that group can count toward the major.

Fifteen advanced hours (300- and 400-level courses) are required for this major. Of these, twelve hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be taken on this campus. Most advanced-level

courses will require as prerequisites the appropriate 200-level courses, or in some cases PS 101, or the consent of the instructor. Students may count a maximum of six hours of credit of any combination of hours from PS 494 toward the advanced hours requirement. As an honors version of a 300-level course, PS 494 may be counted as if it were its equivalent 300-level course, with approval of a student's academic advisor. Neither PS 495 nor PS 496 count toward the 33 credits of Political Science required for the major, but do fulfill a requirement for departmental distinction.

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours

Departmental distinction

To be eligible for distinction, a student majoring in Political Science must complete one of the following two tracks:

1. Individual Study Track. On this track, a student must:
 1. Complete a senior thesis,
 2. Earn a political science major grade point average on this campus of at least 3.25 or higher, and
 3. Earn a grade point average in [PS 496](#) of 3.67 or higher.
2. Honors Program Track. On this track, a student must:
 1. Complete a senior thesis,
 2. Earn a political science major grade point average on this campus of at least 3.25 or higher,
 3. Be admitted to and maintain good standing within the departmental honors program, and
 4. Complete required coursework in the departmental honors program with a grade point average in [PS 495](#) and [PS 496](#) above 2.67, but below 3.67..

Admission to the departmental honors program requires the following:

1. Completion of [PS 230](#) or [PS 231](#) or an acceptable substitute,
2. An on-campus political science major grade point average of 3.5,
3. Completion of nine hours (including at least three advanced hours) of political science on this campus,
4. Application and affirmative vote of a departmental committee.

High Distinction

To be eligible for high distinction, a student majoring in Political Science must:

1. Complete a senior thesis,
2. Earn a political science major grade point average on this campus of at least 3.25 or higher,
3. Be admitted to and maintain good standing in the departmental honors program, and
4. Complete required coursework in the departmental honors program with a grade point average in [PS 495](#) and [PS 496](#) of 3.67 or higher.

General Political Science Concentration

For the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Major in Sciences and Letters Curriculum

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Requirements for the General Concentration	Hours
PS 100 Introduction to Political Science	3
<i>Select any additional 100- or 200-level Political Science courses</i>	9
<i>Select any 300- or 400-level Political Science courses</i>	15
<i>Select Political Science courses at any level</i>	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

Citizen Politics Concentration

For the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Major in Sciences and Letters Curriculum

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The study of mass politics. Topics include how and why citizens form political attitudes, beliefs, and identities, how people engage in political decision making, and what political behaviors individuals choose to participate in.

Requirements	Hours
PS 100 Introduction to Political Science	3
<i>Select at least one course from the following:</i> PS 101 Introduction to US Government and Politics PS 240 Introduction to Comparative Politics PS 241 Comparative Politics in Developing Nations	3
<i>Select any additional 100- or 200-level Political Science courses</i>	6
<i>Select 300- or 400-level Political Science courses, at least nine hours of which comes from the Citizen Politics Concentration list maintained by the department. The other six hours may be any 300- or 400-level Political Science course.</i>	15
<i>Select Political Science courses at any level, at least three hours of which comes from the Citizen Politics Concentration list maintained by the department. The other three hours may be any Political Science course.</i>	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

Civic Leadership Concentration
For the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences
Major in Sciences and Letters Curriculum

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The Civic Leadership concentration aims to provide students interested in careers in public life with an informed appreciation for American democracy, the values and structures on which it is based, and the challenges and opportunities it faces in the 21st century.

Requirements	Hours
Both: PS 100 Introduction to Political Science PS 101 Introduction to US Government and Politics	6
<i>Select one course from the following:</i> PS 125 The Washington Experience PS 191 Topics in Civic Leadership	1-3
<i>Select any additional 100- or 200-level Political Science courses</i>	6
<i>Select 300- or 400-level Political Science courses, at least nine hours of which come from the Civic Leadership Concentration list maintained by the department. The other six hours may be any 300- or 400-level Political Science course.</i>	15
<i>Select one course from the following:</i> PS 291 Internship PS 491 Internship	3
<i>To reach 33 hours of Political Science coursework, select up to two additional hours of any Political Science course at any level.</i>	0-2
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

International Relations Concentration
For the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences
Major in Sciences and Letters Curriculum

International relations (IR) is the study of interactions across borders of nation-states. Students explore how global, regional, and domestic factors influence relations among states as well as non-state actors in the interstate system.

Students take advanced courses in two or more of the following topics: international law and organization, international cooperation, international political economy, globalization, foreign policy, diplomacy, political strategy in IR, conflict, interstate war, civil war, terrorism, global environmental politics, and international human rights.

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Requirements	Hours
PS 100 Introduction to Political Science	3
<i>Select at least one course from the following:</i> PS 280 Introduction to International Relations PS 281 Introduction to International Relations (ACP) PS 282 Governing Globalization (ACP)	3
<i>Select any additional 100- or 200-level Political Science courses</i>	6
<i>Select 300- or 400-level Political Science courses, at least nine hours of which come from the International Relations Concentration list maintained by the department. The other six hours may be any 300- or 400-level Political Science course.</i>	15
<i>Select any additional Political Science courses at any level.</i>	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

Law and Power Concentration
For the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences
Major in Sciences and Letters Curriculum

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The Law and Power concentration teaches students about how power, law, and ideas about justice shape political life. Courses cover questions concerning the procedures for social and legal change, the status of citizens in social and political institutions in society, and the ways that ideology and identity categories shape the pursuit of equality and justice.

Requirements	Hours
PS 100 Introduction to Political Science	3
PS 270 Introduction to Political Theory	3
<i>Select any additional 100- or 200-level Political Science courses</i>	6
<i>Select 300- or 400-level Political Science courses, at least nine hours of which come from the Law and Power Concentration list maintained by the department, which must include at least one course from Law/Judicial Politics and one course from Political Theory. The other six hours may be any 300- or 400-level Political Science course.</i>	15
<i>Select Political Science courses at any level, at least three hours of which comes from the Law and Power Concentration list maintained by the department. The other three hours may come from any Political Science course at any level.</i>	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

Public Policy and Democratic Institutions Concentration
For the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences
Major in Sciences and Letters Curriculum

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This concentration explores political institutions and processes and how and why they work as they do. Courses use historical and contemporary examples to understand the political system the founders established and the ways it has shaped modern politics. Students study institutions such as the presidency, Congress, courts, the bureaucracy, and political parties, with a focus on their organization and on important patterns of behavior within them, such as interest group lobbying and campaigning.

Requirements	Hours
PS 100 Introduction to Political Science	3
PS 101 Introduction to US Government and Politics	3
<i>Select any additional 100- or 200-level Political Science courses</i>	6
<i>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.</i>	15
<i>Select any Political Science courses at any level</i>	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

World Politics Concentration
For the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences
Major in Sciences and Letters Curriculum

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The World Politics concentration compares internal political dynamics of and patterns of political behavior in the world's more than 200 countries. Major comparative themes include democracy, dictatorship and regime change; political institutions (parties, elections, and decision-making); voting behavior, attitudes, and the creation and dissemination of political information; religious and ethnic identity politics; political economy of development and developing countries; social change and political violence; and the impact of globalization and transnational forces such as migration.

Requirements	Hours
PS 100 Introduction to Political Science	3
<i>Select at least one course from the following:</i> PS 240 Introduction to Comparative Politics PS 241 Comparative Politics of Developing Nations	3
<i>Select any additional 100- or 200-level Political Science courses</i>	6
<i>Select 300- or 400-level Political Science courses, at least nine hours of which come from the World Politics Concentration list maintained by the department. The other six hours may be any 300- or 400-level Political Science course.</i>	15
<i>Select any additional Political Science courses at any level</i>	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

Appendix A: Concentration Course Lists

Department of Political Science Concentration List

Courses on this list may be counted as courses apart of a concentration where students are free to choose courses from among those on a concentration list maintained by the department.

General Concentration

Any course offered by the department of political science

Citizen Politics Concentration (CitPol)

Study of mass politics, including citizens' political attitudes, beliefs, and identities, political decision making, and political behavior.

PS 101: Introduction to Political Science
PS 201: U.S. Ethnic and Racial Politics
PS 202: Religion and Politics in the US
PS 230: Introduction to Political Research
PS 231: Strategic Models
PS 240: Introduction to Comparative Politics
PS 241: Comparative Politics in Developing Nations
PS 300: Special Topics (as appropriate)
PS 311: Political Parties in the US
PS 312: Media and Politics
PS 314: Political Psychology
PS 315: African American Politics
PS 316: Latina/Latino Politics
PS 317: Asian American Politics
PS 318: Interest Groups and Social Movements
PS 319: Campaigns and Elections
PS 320: Public Opinion
PS 323: Law and Representation
PS 328: Introduction to Biology and Politics
PS 329: Immigration and Citizenship
PS 330: Introduction to Political Behavior
PS 331: Introduction to Electoral Behavior
PS 339: Introduction to Political Violence
PS 357: Ethnic Conflict
PS 358: Comparative Political Behavior
PS 410: Neighborhoods and Politics
PS 411: Campaigning to Win
PS 456: Democracy and Identity
PS 494: Junior Honors Seminar (as appropriate)

Civic Leadership Concentration

The Civic Leadership concentration aims to provide students interested in careers in public life with an informed appreciation for American democracy, the values and structures on which it is based, and the challenges and opportunities it faces in the 21st century. Students in the concentration take introductory and advanced courses in American politics, a specialized course in civic leadership, and complete an internship.

- PS 201: US Racial and Ethnic Politics**
- PS 202: Religion and Politics in the United States**
- PS 220: Introduction to Public Policy**
- PS 270: Introduction to Political Theory**
- PS 300: Special Topics (as appropriate)**
- PS 315: African American Politics**
- PS 316: Latina/Latino Politics**
- PS 317: Asian American Politics**
- PS 321: Principles of Public Policy**
- PS 322: Law and Public Policy**
- PS 371: Classical Political Theory**
- PS 372: Modern Political Theory**
- PS 373: Democratic Theory**
- PS 374: Future Politics**
- PS 376: American Political Theory**
- PS 378: Topics in Non-Western Political Thought**
- PS 494: Junior Honors Seminar (as appropriate)**

International Relations Concentration

International relations (IR) is the study of interactions across borders of nation-states. Students explore how global, regional, and domestic factors influence relations among states as well as non-state actors in the interstate system.

PS 180: Introduction to the Politics of Globalization
PS 230: Introduction to Political Research
PS 231: Strategic Models
PS 280: Introduction to International Relations
PS 281: Introduction to International Relations – ACP
PS 282: Governing Globalization
PS 283: Introduction to International Security
PS 300: Special Topics (as appropriate)
PS 313: Congress and Foreign Policy
PS 340: Politics of International Development
PS 379: International Relations and Domestic Politics
PS 380: International Cooperation
PS 382: International Political Economy
PS 384: Politics of Globalization
PS 386: International Law
PS 387: National Security Policy
PS 390: American Foreign Policy
PS 391: Soviet & Post-Soviet Foreign Policy
PS 392: International Organizations & Regionalism
PS 393: Diplomatic Studies Practicum
PS 394: Crisis Diplomacy
PS 395: International Organization
PS 396: International Conflict
PS 398: Strategic International Relations
PS 399: Politics of International Treaties
PS 457: Democratic Government in a Global Setting
PS 480: Energy and Security
PS 494: Junior Honors Seminar (as appropriate)

Law and Power Concentration (L&P)

The Law and Power concentration teaches students about how power, law, and ideas about justice shape political life. Courses cover questions concerning the procedures for social and legal change, the status of citizens in social and political institutions in society, and the ways that ideology and identity categories shape the pursuit of equality and justice.

PS 230: Introduction to Political Research

PS 231: Strategic Models

Law / Judicial Politics

PS 300: Special Topics (as appropriate)

PS 301: The US Constitution I

PS 302: The US Constitution II

PS 305: The US Supreme Court

PS 306: Judicial Politics

PS 308: Politics, Policy and Regulation

PS 322: Law and Public Policy

PS 323: Law and Representation

PS 386: International Law

Political Theory

PS 222: Ethics and Public Policy

PS 371: Classical Political Theory

PS 372: Modern Political Theory

PS 373: Democratic Theory

PS 374: Future Politics

PS 376: American Political Theory

PS 377: Topics in Contemporary Political Theory

PS 378: Topics in Non-Western Political Thought

PS 413: Sex, Power and Politics

PS 494: Junior Honors Seminar (as appropriate)

Public Policy and Democratic Institutions (PPDI)

This concentration explores political institutions and processes and how and why they work as they do. Courses use historical and contemporary examples to understand the political system the founders established and the ways it has shaped modern politics. Students study institutions such as the presidency, Congress, courts, the bureaucracy, and political parties, with a focus on their organization and on important patterns of behavior within them, such as interest group lobbying and campaigning.

- PS 220: Introduction to Public Policy
- PS 222: Ethics and Public Policy
- PS 224: Politics of the National Parks
- PS 225: Environmental Politics and Policy
- PS 230: Introduction to Political Research
- PS 231: Strategic Models
- PS 282: Governing Globalization
- PS 300: Special Topics (as appropriate)
- PS 301: The US Constitution I
- PS 302: The US Constitution II
- PS 303: The US Congress
- PS 304: The US Presidency
- PS 305: The US Supreme Court
- PS 306: Judicial Politics
- PS 307: Separation of Powers
- PS 308; Politics, Policy and Regulation
- PS 309: State Government in the US
- PS 310: Politics of Organizations
- PS 311: Political Parties in the US
- PS 313: Congress and Foreign Policy
- PS 321: Principles of Public Policy
- PS 322: Law and Public Policy
- PS 323: Law and Representation
- PS 355: Democratization
- PS 356: Comparative Political Economy
- PS 379: International Relations & Domestic Politics
- PS 385: Politics of the European Union
- PS 395: International Organizations
- PS 457: Democratic Governance in a Global Setting
- PS 494: Junior Honors Seminar (as appropriate)

World Politics Concentration (WP)

The World Politics concentration compares internal political dynamics of and patterns of political behavior in the world's more than 200 countries.

- PS 180: Introduction to the Politics of Globalization
- PS 152: The New Middle East
- PS 230: Introduction to Political Research
- PS 231: Strategic Models
- PS 242: Introduction to Modern Africa
- PS 243: Pan Africanism
- PS 282: Governing Globalization
- PS 300: Special Topics (as appropriate)
- PS 339: Political Violence
- PS 340: Politics in International Development
- PS 341: Government & Politics in Africa
- PS 343: Government & Politics in China
- PS 345: Government & Politics of Southeast Asia
- PS 346: Government & Politics of South Asia
- PS 347: Government & Politics of Middle East
- PS 348: Government & Politics in Western Europe
- PS 351: Government & Politics of Post-Soviet States
- PS 352: Government & Politics of Eastern Europe
- PS 353: Government & Politics of Latin America
- PS 355: Democratization
- PS 356: Comparative Political Economy
- PS 357: Ethnic Conflict
- PS 358: Comparative Political Behavior
- PS 379: International Relations & Domestic Politics
- PS 385: Politics of the European Union
- PS 397: Authoritarian Regimes
- PS 456: Democracy and Identity
- PS 457: Democratic Governance in a Global Setting
- PS 494: Junior Honors Seminar (as appropriate)

Appendix B:
Comparative Table of Proposed Changes

Current Requirements	Current Hours	Proposed Requirements	Proposed Hours
Optional concentration in Civic Leadership only		All students choose a concentration, one of which is a General Concentration	
PS 101	3	PS 100 Civic Leadership and PPDI require PS 100 and PS 101 Law and Power requires PS 100 and PS 270	3
Three 100- or 200- level courses PS 100 Intro to Political Science or PS 200 Foundations of Pol Sci PS 220 Intro to Public Policy PS 230 Intro to Pol Research PS 231 Strategic Models PS 240 Intro to Comp Politics PS 270 Intro to Political Theory PS 280 Intro to Intl Relations	9	100- or 200- level courses. Citizen Politics specifies one from a list of three. Civic Leadership specifies PS 125 or PS 191, plus six hours; it also has an internship course requirement. International Relations specifies that one course must come from a list of three. Law and Power requires only six hours, include one course from each of the two sub-fields PPDI requires only six hours because it requires PS 100 and PS 101 on the previous line. World Politics requires only six hours because it adds a requirement of PS 240 or PS 241 on a previous line	9
Four advanced Political Science courses	12	Advanced courses of 15 hours, nine hours of which come from the concentration	15
Two additional Political Science courses	6	Two additional courses	6
Supporting coursework	20	Major, minor, or twelve hours in a supporting field.	12
TOTAL	50	TOTAL	45

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October 23, 2017

Gay Miller, Chair
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Office of the Senate
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Dear Professor Miller:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences revise the requirements for and add concentrations to the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences (BALAS) in Political Science.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn A. Martensen".

Kathryn A. Martensen
Assistant Provost

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October 23, 2017

Kathryn Martensen
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Dear Kathy:

The Committee on Courses and Curricula on behalf of the Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has voted to approve the following proposal:

Revision of the BALAS in Political Science (establish concentrations and revise requirements)

Please address all correspondence concerning this proposal to me. This proposal is now ready for review by the Senate Educational Policy Committee for proposed implementation in Fall 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Ritter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Kelly Ritter
Associate Dean

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C: Professor Bob Pahre