

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

Academic Program Approval

This form is a routing document for the approval of new and revised academic programs. Proposing department should complete this form. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

Submitted by: Gretchen Bauer phone number 831-2357

Department: Political Science & International Relations email address: gbauer@udel.edu

Action: Revise Honors Political Science major concentrations.

(Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

Effective term 10F
(use format 04F, 05W)

Current degree HBA
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed change leads to the degree of: _____
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed name: _____
Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit
(if applicable)

Revising or Deleting:

Undergraduate major / Concentration: Political Science and Political Science
Education HBA
(Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

Undergraduate minor: _____
(Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

Graduate Program Policy statement change: _____
(Must attach your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

Graduate Program of Study: _____
(Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

Graduate minor / concentration: _____

Note: all graduate studies proposals must include an electronic copy of the Graduate Program Policy Document, highlighting the changes made to the original policy document.

List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations)?

(Be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through the Course Challenge list. If there are no new courses enter "None")

None

Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education: <http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/>

The major will continue to support the 10 goals of undergraduate education.

Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:

(Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter "None")

Attached is email support from Dr. Alan Fox, Director, UD Honors program.

Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):

(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

Current requirements are considered unviable as there are not enough honors courses across the different political science subfields and concentrations. The current situation places undue burden on staff who must make individual exceptions. This change does not change the integrity of the major/concentration or the honors components. In the case of POSC without concentration, changes loosen only the specific requirement that POSC honors courses come from different subfields. For example, students still must take courses across political science fields for the Political Science major without concentration. In the case of POSC with concentration, changes loosen only requirement that students take at least two honors courses from their concentration.

Old catalog description of Honors degree -

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POLITICAL SCIENCE OR POLITICAL SCIENCE EDUCATION**

A candidate for the Honors Bachelor of Arts in Political Science or Political Science Education must:

1. Fulfill all requirements for the BA in Political Science or Political Science Education.
2. Fulfill all the University's generic requirements for the Honors Degree.
- ~~3. The Honors credits in the major without concentration shall come from at least two different fields within the discipline.~~
- ~~4. The Honors credits in the major with concentration shall come from at least two courses from the required concentration courses.~~
5. At least 6 Honors credits in the major must be at the 300 or 400 level.

New [Fall 2010] catalog description for Honors degree-

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ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION: (Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson Gretchen Bauer Date 10/23/09
Dean of College _____ Date _____
Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee _____ Date _____
Chairperson, Senate Com. on UG or GR Studies _____ Date _____
Chairperson, Senate Coordinating Com. _____ Date _____
Secretary, Faculty Senate _____ Date _____
Date of Senate Resolution _____ Date to be Effective _____
Registrar _____ Program Code _____ Date _____
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs & International Programs _____ Date _____
Provost _____ Date _____
Board of Trustee Notification _____ Date _____

Revised 10/23/2007 /khs

----- Original message -----

Date: Tue, 20 Oct 2009 16:12:20 -0400

From: "Fox, Alan D." <afox@UDel.Edu>

Subject: RE: POSC and IR Honors


To: "aliceba@UDel.Edu" <aliceba@UDel.Edu>

Dear Alice,

I have reviewed your proposed changes to your Honors degrees, and I can offer my enthusiastic support. We think this curriculum will be much more accessible to Honors students and will make it possible for more Honors students to earn Honors Degrees.

Let me know if you need any more detailed documentation.

Best, Alan

Alan Fox, Ph.D. 

Professor, Asian and Comparative Philosophy

Director, UD Honors Program

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302-831-1173

From: Alice Ba

[mailto:aliceba@UDel.Edu]

Sent: Monday, October 19, 2009 3:31 PM

To: Fox, Alan D.

Cc: Cindy Waksmonski; Bauer, Gretchen M.

Subject: POSC and IR Honors

Hi Alan,

Hope you are well. As you may know, POSC / IR has some concerns about the honors reqs for our majors. We would like to make the following changes based on our understanding of where the pressure points are. Would you be willing to write a letter supporting the changes?

The old reqs (with lines to be changed in red) is followed by the new proposed course reqs.

Best wishes (hope the move was not too hard),
Alice

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International
Relations (old description):

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

A candidate for the Honors Bachelor of Arts in International Relations must:

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The Honors credits in the major shall come from at least three different departments represented in the International Relations curriculum.

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Alice D. Ba

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