

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.

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

Action: Revise Political Science Education major

(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 BA

(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 Education degree BAAS

(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")

Once this course is deleted, all of our political science majors will have to meet their FYE requirement outside the department. Our Chair Gretchen Bauer has spoken with Avron Abraham from the Office of Undergraduate Studies about returning our majors to the general pool of freshmen to meet their FYE requirement. He welcomes their participation in the FYEs that the University is sponsoring. [See attached email from Avron Abraham.]

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

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

Delete - POSC 151: Exploring American Politics
Change reduces required major credits from 58 to 57.

In fall 2005, the Department of Political Science and International Relations added a new one credit course requirement for its political science majors, POSC 151. This class satisfied the freshmen year experience (FYE) requirement for our majors. The course was run largely as a discussion section to POSC 150, American Political System, and did not fulfill the goals of the FYE program. In the intervening years, the goals of the FYE program have become clearer and most of them are not fulfilled by our course, POSC 151. So, for example, our POSC 151 does not include sessions on alcohol awareness, safer sex, and conflict management. The classes are not interdisciplinary in terms of student majors and the classes do not make use of a common reader as happened this fall semester. Moreover, because the class is currently a required part of the major it must be taken for a grade whereas most FYE classes are pass/fail. Finally, the class is a drain on department resources as we have been assigning graduate students to teach the classes who could be serving as teaching assistants to our larger classes. (Alternatively, we would have to pay 2 "S" contracts to cover our six sections of POSC151 and POSC241.) Paradoxically, five of our faculty served as faculty for UNIV FYE classes this fall, though none of them were teaching any of our majors. For all of these reasons we would like to delete the POSC 151 requirement and have our students join the larger freshmen class in taking their FYE requirement outside their major.

Program Requirements:

(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the current curriculum and **include a side-by-side comparison** of the credit distribution before and after the proposed change)

POLITICAL SCIENCE EDUCATION

A grade of C- or better is required in all required EDUC, ECON, GEOG, HIST and POSC courses.

POSC 150 American Political System 3
POSC 240 Introduction to International Relations 3

One course from: 3

- POSC 220 Introduction to Public Policy
- POSC 270 Comparative Politics
- POSC 285 Introduction to Political Theory

POSC 300 Data Analysis for Political Science 3

Eighteen credits distributed as follows: 18

- Nine credits from courses at the 400-level
- Nine credits from POSC courses at the 300 or 400-level

POSC ____ (3) POSC ____ (3) POSC ____ (3)
400 level 400-level 400-level

POSC ____ (3) POSC ____ (3) POSC ____ (3)

A student must take at least one course numbered at the 300 or 400-level in four of the five fields listed below: (Detailed list of courses available from department office.)

- American Government and Politics (AG&P)
- Comparative Government and Politics (CG&P)
- International Relations (IR)
- Public Administration and Public Policy (PA&PP)
- Political Theory (PT)

ECON 151 (3) HIST 104 (3) GEOG 120 (3)
ECON 152 (3) HIST 206 (3) GEOG ____ (3)
ECON ____ (3) HIST ____ (3) GEOG ____ (3)

EDUC 413 (3)
EDUC 414 (3)
EDUC 419 (3)
EDUC 420 (1) fall only
HIST 491 (3) fall only
EDUC 400 (9) spring only (See advisor for prerequisites)
EDUC 430 (1) spring only
HIST 493 (3) spring only

To be eligible to student teach, Political Science Education students must have a g.p.a. of 3.0 in their major and an overall g.p.a. of 2.75. Students must also pass a teacher competency test as established by the University Council on Teacher Education.

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

Department Chairperson Gretchen Bauer Date 10/22/09
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 _____

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Waksmonski, Cindy A.

From: Bauer, Gretchen M.
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 8:42 AM
To: Waksmonski, Cindy A.
Subject: FW: fye again

Fyi...

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-----Original Message-----

From: Avron Abraham [mailto:avron@UDel.Edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 8:39 AM
To: Bauer, Gretchen M.
Cc: Meghan Amy Biery
Subject: RE: fye again

Hi Gretchen,

We are excited that your students in Political Science/International Relations are going to be part of the UNIV 101 Freshmen Seminar for the Fall 2010. As I mentioned this is a one credit pass/fail seminar led by a faculty instructor and supported by a peer mentor.

Let me if you have any questions and I look forward to working with you.

Thanks,

Avron

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bauer, Gretchen M. [mailto:gbauer@UDel.Edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 6:43 AM
To: Avron Abraham
Cc: Waksmonski, Cindy A.
Subject: fye again

Hi Avron, I was thinking that it might be good for us to have an email from you stating that you have no problem if we get rid of our own fye, posc 151 and posc 241. Would you mind a line or two to that effect.

Just in case questions come up when we try to drop those two 'courses.'

Thanks, Gretchen

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