

Checklist for Curriculum Proposals

. 1. Are all **signatures** on the hard copy of the proposal?

. 2. Is the **effective date** correct?

. 3. Is the **rationale** for the proposal consistent with the changes proposed?

. 4. Does the proposed **number of credits** match the stated number?

. 5. Have affected units been identified and contacted? Are required **support letters** attached?

. 6. Is a **resolution** necessary? If so, is it attached?

(Necessary for: establishing a major; disestablishing a major; a name change to any program with permanent status; a name change to a department or college; a transfer or creation of any department; request for permanent status).

. 7. Are all **courses (required or referenced)** in the UDSIS Inventory or in the approval process?

. 8. Are all **university requirements** correctly specified?

. A. Breadth requirements.

. B. Multicultural requirement.

. C. Writing requirement.

. D. DLE requirement.

. 9. Are all **college requirements** correctly specified?

. 9. Is a **side-by-side comparison** provided?

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: __ Professor Gretchen Bauer, Chair _____ phone number __ 831-2357 _____

Department: __ Political Science and International Relations _ email address _gbauer@udel.edu _

Date: __ 10-26-12 _____

Action: _____
Revise Public Law Concentration in Political Science 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 _____ 13F _____
(use format 04F, 05W)

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

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

Proposed name: _____ Law, Politics and Theory Concentration _____
Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit (if applicable)

Revising or Deleting:

Undergraduate major / Concentration: _____ Political Science – Law, Politics and Theory Concentration _____
(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”)

The following courses are new in the sense that they will be receiving permanent course numbers. All of these courses have been offered before as topics courses. None of the courses are required—they are on a menu of courses from which students may choose. Each course includes content that is directly related to the concentration topic of law, politics and theory.

POSC 438 Topics in Political Theory
POSC 461 Topics in Gender and Politics
POSC 469 Democratic Theory
POSC 473 Gender, Sex and Law

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

The revision does not affect how the major/concentration supports 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”)

No other unit will be affected by this revision.

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

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

The title “Public Law” no longer accurately describes the content of the concentration nor does it reflect the composition of the faculty teaching in the area. We are expanding our theory offerings and the title of the concentration should reflect this change. Students will be able to choose courses emphasizing either the intersection of law and politics or political theory or a combination of the two. The title of the concentration is broad enough to encompass the study of law from a political or a theoretical perspective and to differentiate our offerings from law and society offered in sociology.

We are proposing to revise the requirement that students complete 18 credits across two categories of Institutions and Processes and Issues and Politics. We will instead require that students complete 18 credits from a single menu of courses. This menu will consist of the same courses under the old system of categorization. The rationale for the revision is that there will be greater flexibility in course scheduling for the department and for students and allow for consistency across all concentrations in the Political Science major. The revision also accounts for the deletion of some courses from our course inventory, the addition of others and adding POSC 466 (Independent Study) as an option for major credit similar to how we treat POSC 464 (Internship) and POSC 468 (Research).

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.)

**DEGREE: BACHELOR OF ARTS
MAJOR: POLITICAL SCIENCE**

CURRICULUM CREDITS

[University and College requirements.](#)

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Core Courses for the Major:

POSC 150	Introduction to American Politics	3
POSC 240	Introduction to Global Politics	3
POSC 300	Research Methods for Political Science	3

One of the following courses: 3

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

Students must choose one of the following options:

Option One: Major Without Concentration

Eighteen credits distributed as follows: 18
- nine credits from courses at the 400-level; nine credits from courses at the 300- or 400-level. [Note: three (3) credit hours of either [POSC 464](#) or [POSC 468](#) may count once towards completion of the required 18 hours of upper division coursework.]

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

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Comparative Politics
International Relations
Political Theory

Option Two: Major With Concentration

Students may choose from among three concentrations: (1) American Politics, (2) Global Studies, (3) Public Law.

Public Law Concentration

Six courses (18 credits) from the following two fields, with at least three courses taken in each field and at least three courses taken at the 400-level)

Institutions and Processes

[POSC 363](#) International Law
[POSC 380](#) Introduction to Law
[POSC 404](#) Judicial Process
[POSC 405](#) Constitutional Law
[POSC 407](#) American Presidency
[POSC 423](#) Congress

Issues and Politics

[POSC 387](#) American Political Thought
[POSC 401](#) Topics in Law and Politics*
[POSC 402](#) Civil Liberties: Individual Freedoms
[POSC 403](#) Civil Liberties: Equal Protection Clause

American Politics
Comparative Politics
International Relations
Political Theory

Option Two: Major With Concentration

Students may choose from among **four** concentrations: (1) American Politics, (2) Global Studies, (3) **Law, Politics and Theory** (4) **Politics, Groups and Identities**.

Law, Politics and Theory Concentration

Six courses (18 credits) from the following **list of courses**, with at least three courses taken at the 400-level.

POSC 333 Contemporary Political Ideologies
POSC 361 Feminist Political Theory
POSC 363 International Law
POSC 380 Introduction to Law
POSC 387 American Political Thought
POSC 401 Topics in Law and Politics*
POSC 402 Civil Liberties: Individual Freedoms
POSC 403 Civil Liberties: Equal Protection Clause
POSC 404 Judicial Process
POSC 405 Constitutional Law
POSC 434 Political Thought I
POSC 435 Political Thought II
POSC 438 Topics in Political Theory*
POSC 445 Human Rights and World Politics

[POSC 434](#) Political Thought I
[POSC 435](#) Political Thought II
[POSC 445](#) Human Rights and World Politics

POSC 459 Sexuality and Law
POSC 461 Topics in Gender and Politics*
POSC 469 Democratic Theory
POSC 473 Gender, Sex and Law

Three (3) credit hours of either [POSC 464](#) or [POSC 468](#) may count once towards completion of the above fields (Institutions and Processes or Issues and Politics).

[POSC 464](#) Internship in Political Science and International Relations

or

[POSC 468](#) Undergraduate Research

*May be taken twice when topics differ

ELECTIVES

After required courses are completed, sufficient elective credits must be taken to meet the minimum credit requirement for the degree.

CREDITS TO TOTAL A MINIMUM OF 124

Three (3) credit hours of POSC 464 (approved Internship), 466 (Independent Study), or 468 (Undergraduate Research) may count once towards completion of the required 18 hours of upper division coursework.

POSC 464 and POSC 468 fulfill the DLE requirement.

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

Department Chairperson Gretchen Bauer Date 4/1/12

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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