To be adopted:

Proposed Changes Political Science/Administrative Studies Major

**Present:**

Political Science/Administrative Studies Major
The major requirements for the B.A. degree in Political Science/Administrative Studies are as follows. Note that the prerequisite for POSC 198 is a GPA of 2.70 or better

**Proposed:**

Political Science requirements (48 units)
1. Lower-division requirements
Three courses from POSC 005 or POSC 005H or POSC 007; POSC 010 or POSC 010H; POSC 015 or POSC 017; POSC 020 or POSC 020H

2. Upper-division requirements
a) Three courses from POSC 181, POSC 182, POSC 183, POSC 186
b) At least one course from each of the following:
(1) U.S. Government and Politics:
POSC 100, POSC 101, POSC 108, POSC 143, POSC 145, POSC 146, POSC 148 or POSC 148H, POSC 148S, POSC 149, POSC 166, POSC 167, POSC 168, POSC 170, POSC 171, POSC 172/URST 172, POSC 173, or POSC 173S, POSC 180 or POSC 180S, POSC 181, POSC 182, POSC 183, POSC 186

(2) Comparative Government and Politics:
POSC 120, POSC 131, POSC 151, POSC 152, POSC 153, POSC 154, POSC 155, POSC 156, POSC 157, POSC 158/LNST 148, POSC 159, POSC 160, POSC 161, POSC 162/LNST 142, POSC 164 or POSC 164S

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1. Lower-division requirements
Three courses from POSC 005 or POSC 005H or POSC 005W or POSC 007; POSC 010 or POSC 010H; POSC 015 or POSC 015H or POSC 017; POSC 020 or POSC 020H

Students in the major must complete two of the three lower-division Political Science courses with a grade of “C” or better in order to take upper-division political science courses.

2. Upper-division requirements
a) Three courses from POSC 181, POSC 182, POSC 183, POSC 186
b) At least one course from each of the following:
(1) U.S. Government and Politics:
POSC 100, POSC 101, POSC 108, POSC 143, POSC 144 or POSC 144S, POSC 145, POSC 146, POSC 148 or POSC 148H or POSC 148S, POSC 149, POSC 166, POSC 167, POSC 168, POSC 170, POSC 171, POSC 172/URST 172, POSC 173, or POSC 173S, POSC 180 or POSC 180S, POSC 181, POSC 182, POSC 183, POSC 184 or POSC 184S, POSC 186

(2) Comparative Government and Politics:
POSC 120, POSC 131, POSC 151, POSC 152, POSC 153, POSC 154, POSC 155, POSC 156, POSC 157, POSC 158/LNST 148, POSC 159, POSC 160, POSC 161, POSC 162/LNST 142, POSC 164 or POSC 164S
(3) International Relations and Foreign Policy: POSC 123, POSC 124 or POSC 124S, POSC 125, POSC 126, POSC 127, POSC 128, POSC 129, POSC 130, POSC 132, POSC 135, POSC 147, POSC 150, POSC 153, POSC 169

(3) International Relations and Foreign Policy: POSC 123, POSC 124 or POSC 124S, POSC 125, POSC 126, POSC 127, POSC 128, POSC 129, POSC 130, POSC 132 or POSC 132S, POSC 135, POSC 147 or POSC 147S, POSC 150 or POSC 150S, POSC 153, POSC 169

(4) Political Theory: POSC 110 or POSC 110S, POSC 111, POSC 112, POSC 113, POSC 115, POSC 116, POSC 117, POSC 119, POSC 121, POSC 122

c) Four (4) units from POSC 198G or POSC 198-I (prerequisite: GPA of 2.70 or better)

No Change

d) Additional four (4) units in any upper-division

No Change

Administrative Studies requirements (37 units)

1. Lower-division courses (17 units)
   a) BUS 010, BUS 020
   b) STAT 048 or equivalent (may be used to satisfy breadth requirements)
   c) CS 008 (may be used to satisfy breadth requirements)

2. Upper-division requirements (20 units)
   a) Two courses (8 units) from the list below:
      (1) ECON 102 or ECON 104A or ECON 130 or ECON 162/BUS 162
      (2) PSYC 140 or PSYC 142
      (3) SOC 150 or SOC 151 or SOC 171
      (4) POSC 181 or POSC 182 or POSC 183
      (5) ANTH 127 or ANTH 131

   These two courses must be outside the discipline of Political Science and cannot be courses included as part of the three-course Business Administration track or their cross-listed equivalents

   b) A three-course track (12 units) in Business Administration courses, from one of the following:
      (1) Organizations (General): BUS 100, BUS 107, BUS 176/SOC 176, BUS 158/ANTH 105, SOC 150, SOC 151
      (2) Human Resources Management/Labor Relations: BUS 100, BUS 107, BUS 152/ECON 152, BUS 153/ECON 153, BUS

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155, BUS 157, PSYC 142
(3) Business and Society: BUS 100, BUS 102, BUS 107, PHIL 116, POSC 182, POSC 186
(4) Marketing: BUS 103, and two from BUS 112, BUS 113, BUS 114 or BUS 117
(5) Managerial Accounting/Taxation: BUS 108, and two from BUS 166, BUS 168A, or BUS 168B
(7) Finance: BUS 106/ECON 134 and two from BUS 135A, BUS 136, BUS 137, BUS 138, BUS 139
(8) Management Information Systems: BUS 101, BUS 171, BUS 173
(9) Production Management: BUS 104/STAT 104, and two from BUS 105, BUS 122, BUS 127/
STAT 127

**Note:** In filling the dual requirements of the selected major, students may not count more than two courses toward both parts of their total requirements (Political Science requirements and Administrative Studies requirements).

**JUSTIFICATION**

The political science department is proposing that students in the major would have to pass two lower-division political science courses with a grade of “C” or higher before moving on to any upper-division courses. This would apply to majors only. Any two lower-division courses would suffice. We felt that a 2 course requirement is a good compromise between 1 or say 3 - 4. We could consider stiffening the requirements to 3 or 4 lower-division courses (as other social science disciplines do) after seeing the results of this policy.

Information: Last quarter 234 students failed to get a grade of “C” or higher in lower-division courses. They represented 20% of all those enrolled in lower-division courses. We would expect some decline in enrollment in upper division courses in the future, as the new requirement takes effect. But of course, some % of students will improve their performance, so we don’t expect any dramatic declines. (This quarter 27% of the students enrolled in upper division courses are non-majors).

We would not anticipate a large increase in enrollments in the lower-division courses because no one would be grandfathered into this system. It would just pertain to incoming freshman once the catalog change has been made.

Underlined courses are new approved courses that are being added to their respective areas.
The strikeout course POSC 133 is being deleted from the International Relations area and is being added to the Comparative Government and Politics area – it is a comparative course, not international relations.

I have verified that all courses listed in this curriculum change are active via the Committee on Courses reports from 12/1/09 to 2/15/11. Cherrie Veriato.

APPROVALS:

Approved by the faculty of the Department of Political Science: February 2, 2011
Approved by the Executive Committee of the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences: 4/6/11
Approved by the Committee on Educational Policy: 4/27/11