EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
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To be adopted:

Proposed Changes to Political Science Minor

PRESENT:  PROPOSED:

The Political Science Department offers a minor in Political Science. [no change]

1. One lower-division course (at least 4 units) in political science, selected from POSC 005; POSC 010; POC 015 or POSC 017; POSC 020
   1. One lower-division course (at least 5 units) in political science, selected 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

2. Five upper-division course (at least 20 units) to be selected as follows:
   a) One course in each of the following areas (4 courses):

   (1) American Politics: POSC 100, POSC 101, POSC 108, POSC 143, POSC 145, POSC 146, POSC 149, POSC 166, POSC 167, POSC 168, POSC 170, POSC 171, POSC 172/URST 172, POSC 173, POSC 180, POSC 181, POSC 182, POSC 183, POSC 184, POSC 186

   (2) Comparative Politics: POSC 151, POSC 152, POSC 153, POSC 154, POSC 155, POSC 157, POSC 158/LNST 148, POSC 159, POSC 160, POSC 162/LNST 142, POSC 164

   (3) International Relations: POSC 123, POSC 124, POSC 125, POSC 126, POSC 127, POSC 128, POSC 129, POSC 130

   (1) American 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, 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 133, POSC 151, POSC 152, POSC 153, POSC 154, POSC 155 or POSC 155S, POSC 156, POSC 157, POSC 158/LNST 148, POSC 159 or POSC 159S, POSC 160 or POSC 160S, POSC 162/LNST 142, POSC 163 or POSC 163S, POSC 164 or POSC 164S, POSC 178 or POSC 178S

   (3) International Relations: 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 134
(4) Political Theory: POSC 110, POSC 111, POSC 112, POSC 113, POSC 116, POSC 122

(4) Political Theory: POSC 106 or POSC 106S, POSC 110 or POSC 110S, POSC 111, POSC 112, POSC 113, POSC 115, POSC 116, POSC 117, POSC 119, POSC 122

b) One additional course selected by the student from among those listed in (1) through (4) above.

[no change]

JUSTIFICATION:

Included in this change is the addition of the restored honors course, POSC 010H and two new lower-division honors courses, POSC 005H and POSC 020H. POSC 005W and POSC 007 have been included as part of the lower-division course offerings.

In areas (1) U.S. Government, (2) Comparative Government, (3) International Relations, and (4) Theory, the underlined courses are approved courses that need to be added into their respective areas.

POSC 110S, POSC 124S, POSC 144S, POSC 148S, POSC 155S, POSC 159S, POSC 164S, POSC 173S, POSC 180S and POSC 184S are the 5 unit versions of existing 4 unit courses with added discussion sections (the 5 unit courses are designated with an “S” for sections). The goal of the modification is to improve the quality of education in three ways: (1) to increase the material covered, (2) to facilitate more individualized education, and (3) to increase student participation and engagement with the course and its texts. Adding a discussion section and integrating additional readings and written assignments into those sections is intended to promote these objectives.

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APPROVALS:

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