To be adopted:

Proposed Changes to Political Science Public Service Major

PRESENT:

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

1. Lower-division requirements (five courses [at least 20 units])
   a) POSC 010 or POSC 010H
   b) One course from POSC 005 or POSC 005H or POSC 005W, POSC 007, POSC 015 or POSC 015H or POSC 017, POSC 020 or POSC 020H
   c) ECON 003
   d) SOC 004
   e) SOC 005 or STAT 040

Students in the major must complete two of the 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 (11 courses [at least 44 units])
   a) Political Science distribution: choose one course from each group
      (1) Comparative Government and Politics
          Group: 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 161/LNST 188, POSC 162/LNST 142, POSC 163, POSC 164 or POSC 164S, POSC 178
      (2) International Relations and Foreign Policy
          Group: 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 133, POSC 135, POSC 136

PROPOSED:

1. Lower-division requirements (five courses [at least 20 units])
   a) POSC 010 or POSC 010H or POSC 010W

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a) Political Science distribution: choose one course from each group
   (1) Comparative Government and Politics
       Group: 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 161/LNST 188, POSC 162/LNST 142, POSC 163, POSC 164 or POSC 164S, POSC 178
   (2) International Relations and Foreign Policy
       Group: 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 133, POSC 135, POSC 136
147 or POSC 147S, POSC 150 or POSC 150S, POSC 169

150S, POSC 169

(3) Political Theory Group: 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

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b) Public Service requirement

(1) POSC 181, POSC 183

[no change]

(2) Eight (8) units from POSC 198G and POSC 198-I (prerequisite: GPA of 2.70 or better)

[no change]

(3) An additional four courses from POSC 118, POSC 170, POSC 171, POSC 172/URST 172, POSC 182, POSC 186

[no change]

JUSTIFICATION:

POSC 010W has been approved as a Writing Across the Curriculum course which needs to be added as a course option for the lower division American Government requirement for the Political Science Public Service Major.

The underlined upper-division political science courses have been approved by the Committee on Courses and based on course content, need to be placed into the area of focus as course options. The four areas are U.S. Government and Politics, Comparative Government and Politics, International Relations and Foreign Policy, and Political Theory.

In the International Relations and Foreign Policy area, POSC 133 is being deleted from this section. Due to course content, it is more appropriate for it to be listed in the Comparative Government and Politics Group.

APPROVALS:

Approved by the faculty of the Department of Political Science: July 1, 2014
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