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

Proposed Changes to Public Policy Major

PRESENT:

Major Requirements
The major requirements for the B.A. degree in Public Policy are as follows:

Students will not be admitted into the major until they have completed PBPL 001 with a “C-“ grade or better.

1. Lower-division requirements (six courses [at least 24 units])
   a) PBPL 001
   b) POSC 010 or POSC 015
   c) ECON 003
   d) PHIL 002 or PHIL 003
   e) HIST 017B or HIST 020
   f) One course chosen from ECON 005, PSYC 011, SOC 005, STAT 040, STAT 048

2. Upper-division requirements (10 courses chosen from two tracks, with no more than seven courses from one track)

PROPOSED:

[no change]

1. Lower-division requirements (five courses [at least 20 units])
   a) [no change]
   b) PBPL 002
   c) [no change]
   d) PBPL 004
   e) One course chosen from HIST 017B, HIST 020, SOC 015 or SOC 020

3. Upper-division requirements (12 courses [at least 48 units])
   a) ECON 101, POSC 114 or STAT 100A
   b) PBPL 101
   c) 10 courses chosen from two tracks, with no more than seven courses selected from one track

Track 1: Health and Population Policy
ANTH 147/WMST 140, ANTH 160, ECON 129, ECON 156, ECON 183, ENSC 141/MCBL 141/SWSC 141, ETST 116/HISA 147, POSC 180, PSYC 178, PSYC 179, SOC 137, WMST 140/ANTH 147

Track 2: Social, Cultural, and Family Policy
ANTH 109/WMST 109, ANTH 148/WMST 150, ECON 122E, ECON 155/WMST 155, ECON 159, EDUC 114, EDUC 132/POSC 132, ETST 126, ETST 139, ETST 146/EDUC 146, ETST 156, MCS 133/SOC 138, MCS 139/SOC 139, MCS 171/SPN

Track 1: Health and Population Policy
ANTH 147/GSST 140, ANTH 160, ECON 129, ECON 156, ECON 183, ENSC 141/MCBL 141/SWSC 141, ETST 116/HISA 147, POSC 180, PSYC 178, PSYC 179, SOC 137, GSST 140/ANTH 147

Track 2: Social, Cultural, and Family Policy
ANTH 109/GSST 109, ANTH 148/GSST 150, ECON 122E, ECON 155/GSST 155, ECON 159, EDUC 114, EDUC 132/GSST 132, ETST 126, ETST 139, ETST 146/EDUC 146, ETST 156, MCS 133/SOC 138, MCS 139/SOC 139, MCS
Track 3: Economic Policy

Track 4: Urban/Environmental Policy
ECON 121F, ECON 143A/ENSC 143A, ECON 143B/ENSC 143B, ECON 146/URST 146, ENSC 101, ENSC 141/MCB 141/SWSC 141, ENSC 143C/ECON 143C, LWSO 175 (E-Z), PHIL 117, POSC 127, POSC 172/URST 172, SOC 182/URST 182, SOC 184

Track 5: Policy Institutions and Processes
ANTH 104, ECON 116, ECON 119, HIST 111, HISA 120B, LWSO 100, LWSO 193, PHIL 165, POSC 101, POSC 146, POSC 150, POSC 167, POSC 168, POSC 170, POSC 173, POSC 186, PSYC 175, RLST 174, RLST 175, SOC 150, SOC 151, SOC 159

Track 6: International and Foreign Policy
ECON 187/LNST 187, POSC 120, POSC 125, POSC 126, POSC 127, POSC 129, POSC 154, POSC 158/LNST 148, POSC 159, POSC 160, POSC 162/LNST 142, POSC 169, RLST 173/POSC 109, SOC 135, SOC 181

3. Public Policy Seminar/Colloquia
During the junior and senior years, students must enroll in PBPL 191 (Seminar in Public Policy), which includes attendance at public lectures to the campus community given by outside speakers — typically policy makers, administrators and researchers — on timely and important policy issues facing the Inland Empire, the state, the nation, and the world.

4. Domestic or International Policy Practicum
In the third or fourth year of the program (or during the summer between the third and fourth years), students must undertake a policy practicum (PBPL 198-I), which consists of an internship (paid or voluntary) on a policy issue or problem with a local,
state or federal government agency, nonprofit or for-profit organization, a trade association, a labor/trade union, or a public-affairs firm. The Public Policy Program Committee helps students locate internship opportunities. The summer internship provides students with an opportunity to gain real-world experience and apply the analytical skills learned in the classroom. Students enrolled in the UC Riverside Washington Academic Program, the UC Center at Sacramento program or the Education Abroad Program can apply that experience toward the policy practicum requirement, and do not need to undertake a separate internship.

5. **Senior Thesis (for Honors candidates only)** [no change]

Students who have an outstanding academic record in their course work during the first three years of the program can become candidates for Honors in Public Policy during the spring quarter of their junior year. All honors candidates must enroll in a two-quarter senior thesis seminar (PBPL 195H) that will culminate in a written thesis covering a real policy problem of the student’s choice. The thesis project could grow out of the practicum experience.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

1. Numeric change reflects substitution of upper division for lower division training in statistics. This change is necessary to ensure that Public Policy majors have sufficient experience in producing as well as consuming the kind of cost-benefit analysis that is fundamental to policy analysis. These skills will be essential to their success in our new required course: PBPL 101.

1b. The new course focuses on “politics and policy” and applied research, which is more relevant for our Public Policy students than the emphasis on “U.S. political institutions” and associated models that constitute the current Political Science options.

1d. The new course focuses on “ethics in public policy” as opposed to ethics as a philosophical concern. This emphasis is more relevant for our Public Policy majors, who are required to complete an internship and will need exposure to relevant applications of ethics in professional settings.

1e. This broader range of courses will increase options for Public Policy majors to gain an exposure to the history and nature of policy issues in the United States necessary to be successful in the major’s upper division courses.

2. Numeric changes accommodate the upper division statistics course (previously a lower division requirement) and a new writing-intensive policy analysis course (PBPL 101).

2a. Upper division statistics requirement replaces lower division statistics requirement.

2b. Previously, students received no training in doing policy analysis, which is a requirement for many of their internships and essential to policy practitioners. PBPL 101 will provide this necessary training.
2c. Identical to (2) in the current requirements; 2c shifts the substantive track requirements “down” so that
the tracks are included in this single requirement as opposed to appearing as separate, numbered
requirements.

Throughout the text of the major, referrals to WMST courses have been changed to GSST to reflect
changes to the department’s name and course subject codes.

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