

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, ARTS, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
REPORT TO RIVERSIDE DIVISION
MAY 29, 2018**

To be adopted:

Proposed changes to the Political Science/International Affairs Major

PRESENT:

The major requirements for the B.A. degree in Political Science/International Affairs are as follows:

1. Lower-division requirements (two courses [at least 10 units]): One course from a and one course from b:

- a) POSC 015 or POSC 015H or POSC 017
- b) POSC 020 or POSC 020H.

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

Upper-division requirements (11 courses, 44-55 units):

- a) International Relations (three courses) POSC 123, POSC 124 or POSC 124S, POSC 125, POSC 126 or POSC 126S, POSC 127 or POSC 127S, POSC 128, POSC 129, POSC 130, POSC 132 or POSC 132S, POSC 134 or POSC 134S, POSC 135, POSC 137 or POSC 137S, POSC 138 or POSC 138S, POSC 139 or POSC 139S, POSC 147 or POSC 147S, POSC 150 or POSC 150S, POSC 169-~~POSC 189~~

- b) Comparative Politics (three courses) 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 or POSC 162S/LNST 142S, POSC 163 or POSC 163S, POSC 164 or POSC 164S, POSC 165 or POSC 165S, POSC 178 or POSC 178S, POSC 188 or POSC 188S

- c) General Political Science (three other

PROPOSED:

The major requirements for the B.A. degree in Political Science/International Affairs are as follows:

1. Lower-division requirements (two courses [at least 8-10 units]): One course from a and one course from b:

- a) No Change
- b) No Change

Upper-division requirements (11 courses, 44-55 units):

- a) International Relations (three courses) POSC 123, POSC 124 or POSC 124S, POSC 125, POSC 126 or POSC 126S, POSC 127 or POSC 127S, POSC 128, POSC 129, POSC 130, POSC 132 or POSC 132S, POSC 134 or POSC 134S, POSC 135, POSC 137 or POSC 137S, POSC 138 or POSC 138S, POSC 139 or POSC 139S, POSC 147 or POSC 147S, POSC 150 or POSC 150S, POSC 169

- b) Comparative Politics (three courses) POSC 120, 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 or POSC 162S/LNST 142S, POSC 163 or POSC 163S, POSC 164 or POSC 164S, POSC 165 or POSC 165S, POSC 178 or POSC 178S, POSC 188 or POSC 188S

- c) General Political Science (three other

political science courses in any subfield).

d) In addition, students must take two courses from the following:
ANTH109/GSST 109, ANTH 122, ANTH 127, ANTH 136/SEAS 136, ANTH 139, ANTH 161/LNST 161, ANTH 163, ANTH 164/LNST 164/GSST 164, ANTH168/ETST148/LNST168, ANTH 169/GBST 169, ANTH 182, ANTH 186/LNST 166, ANTH 188/GSST 151

ECON 171, ECON 175, ECON 178/ BUS 178, ECON 181, ECON 182, ECON 185/ LNST 185

HISA 117A, HISA 117B, HISA 140, HISA 161, HISA 162, HISA 163B, HISA 164A, HISA 164B, HISA 165, HISA 166, HISE 141, HISE 142, HISE 145 or HISE 145S, HISE 146 or HISE 146S, HISE 147, HISE 152, HISE 162, HISE 174, HIST 124, HIST 125, HIST 127, HIST 182, HIST 184, HIST 186 SOC 135, ~~SOC 136~~, SOC 137, SOC 161, SOC 181, ~~SOC 185~~

Students may petition for permission to count a specific course not on this list.

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ECON 171, ECON 175, ECON 178/ BUS 178, ECON 181, ECON 182, ECON 185/ LNST 185

HISA 117A, HISA 117B, HISA 140, HISA 161, HISA 162, HISA 163B, HISA 164A, HISA 164B, HISA 165, HISA 166, HISE 141, HISE 142, HISE 145 or HISE 145S, HISE 146 or HISE 146S, HISE 147, HISE 152, HISE 162, HISE 174, HIST 124, HIST 125, HIST 127, HIST 182, HIST 184, HIST 186 SOC 135, SOC 137, SOC 161, SOC 181

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JUSTIFICATION:

The first set of changes responds the fact that the new Banner system is flagging more students' transcripts for supposed failure to meet unit requirements. These are students who have taken the right number of courses in the categories defined by our different majors (we have four different POSC majors). But for a variety of reasons, the students don't have the number of units specified. In the broadest sense, this is because students don't all get the same number of units for taking the same classes. For example, currently we have a lower-division requirement that is measured both in number of courses (four) and units (20). This assumes, then, that each course taken toward the lower division requirement (5, 7, 10, 15, 17, 20) is a five-unit class. But we allow transfer students to meet some of these requirements by using community college courses, some of which come with only four units. The solution is to say that the lower division requirement remains four courses from the same list of lower div courses – but can be met with a range of units, from 16 to 20. A similar problem arises with upper division courses. In this case, the issue is that sometimes we offer S versions of our courses, and

sometimes we offer the versions without sections. In one case, the course is worth five units, in the other, four. The fix is similar.

We are removing courses that were deleted by other departments.

APPROVALS:

Approved by the faculty of the Department of Political Science:

February 12, 2018

Approved by the Executive Committee College of Humanities,
Arts, and Social Sciences:

February 28, 2018

Approved by the Committee on Educational Policy:

April 10, 2018