To be adopted:

Proposed Changes to Political Science/Law and Society Major

PRESENT:

2. Requirements for Law and Society (36 units)
   a) PHIL 007 or PHIL 007H
   b) LWSO 100
   c) One course chosen from the following:
      ECON 111, POSC 114, PSYC 012, SOC 004 (or equivalent course in research methods).
   d) Five courses chosen from ANTH 127, ECON 119, HISE 153, PHIL 165, POSC 167, PSYC 175, SOC 159. (One of these courses may be replaced by a substitute choice from a list of courses published annually by the Law and Society Faculty Committee. Not more than two of the courses taken to meet this requirement (2.d) may be from the same department.)
   e) LWSO 193, Senior Seminar

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

PROPOSED:

2. Requirements for Law and Society (36 units)
   a) PHIL 007 or PHIL 007H
   b) LWSO 100
   c) One course chosen from the following:
      ECON 111, POSC 114, PSYC 012, SOC 004 (or equivalent course in research methods).
   d) Three courses chosen from ANTH 127, ECON 119, HISE 153, PHIL 165, POSC 167, PSYC 175, SOC 159.
   e) Two courses chosen from the following:
      ENSC 174, HISA 120A, HISA 120B, HISE 123, PHIL 164, LWSO 175, POSC 111, POSC 166, POSC 168, POSC 186, SOC 147, SOC 149, SOC 180.
   f) LWSO 193, Senior Seminar

Note: For section 2.d and 2.e combined, not more than two courses may be taken from the same department. In filling the dual requirements of the major, students may not count more than two courses toward both parts of their total requirements (Political Science requirements and Law and Society requirements).

JUSTIFICATION:

The only substantive change is for Section [2.d]. With the growth of the Law and Society program (nearly 500 majors), students find it difficult to meet the five-of-seven course requirement. Historically, this problem has been dealt with by maintaining a list of approved substitutable courses. Students often must petition to make more than one course substitution in order to meet the [2.d] requirements. The proposed change would incorporate the substitution list into the formal requirements of the major under section [2.e]. The change should provide students with more options and more flexibility in selecting classes. The distinction between [2.d] and [2.e] is that [2.d] courses are broader, survey-level courses, whereas [2.e] courses are more specialized.

APPROVALS:

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