## UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL <br> Request for Change(s)

Originating unit requesting change: Political Science
Type of Change requested:

| $\square$ | Course number(s) |
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| $\square$ | Course title |
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Course prerequisite(s)
Drop course(s)
Drop program(s)
Semester and year change(s) take effect:
Appropriate computer abbreviation
if course title is more than 30 spaces:
In space provided, briefly summarize change requested:
The BA requirements are being changed to allow greater flexibility for students. Students may now take a distribution of 3 lower level POSC classes rather than being required to take lower level theory. At the upper level, students may take either upper level Theory (32xx3) or upper level Methods (39xx3). We will also require students to have upper level

## Programs Only*



## Current code: POSC-BA (ex: INDE-BFA) <br> Can have second major: <br> $\qquad$ Yes <br> $\qquad$ No <br> Current 6-digit CIP Code: 45.1001

 Proposed New Code (list 2): $\qquad$ or $\qquad$Does the change require a new or change in CIP code? $\qquad$ ${ }_{Y e s} X$

If yes, what is the proposed 6-digit CIP code?
*for reference, please visit: https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/resources.aspx?y=56

## Catalog Copy: if additional space or formatting is needed, include as an attachment

Present catalog copy (paste-up from catalog is acceptable).
Included as an attachment instead: $X$

Proposed change(s). (Include exact catalog copy as desired. Strike-through deletions and Underline changes)
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1. What is the justification for the change(s) requested?
1) The current degree requires two Political Theory classes. A decision was made to shift the degree to requiring a distribution of classes from different subfields rather than specifically requiring political theory. The distribution at the lower and upper levels better represents the philosophy of a Bachelor of Arts degree.
2) Students will also now be able to count POSC 10133 to their major in place of 20123. The current reauirements onlv allow 20123. meanina some students reneat a second
2. If applicable, explain how the change(s) will affect the current program outcomes and assessment mechanisms.

This will require slight changes in learning outcomes specific to Political Theory.
3. Faculty Resources: How will the unit provide faculty support for this change and any other impact this change may have on other current departmental listings.
This will not require any additional resources, and we do not foresee changing our course offerings.
4. Educational Resources: Will this change require additional resources not currently available (e.g. space, equipment, library, other)? If yes, list additional resources needed.
5. If this change affects other units of the University, include a statement signed by the chairperson(s) of the affected unit(s).
6. If cross-listed, provide evidence of approval by all curriculum committees appropriate to both the originating and cross-listed units.

$\overline{\text { Approval signature of chairperson of originating unit }}$

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| The BA with a major in political science requires 30 hours of political science courses passed with a grade of "C-" or better and a maximum of 13 hours below the 30000 level. | The BA with a major in political science requires 30 hours of political science courses passed with a grade of "C-" or better and a maximum of 13 hours below the 30000 level. <br> Consistent with the traditional liberal arts, BA students are required to explore political science broadly. At the lower level, students will take introductory courses in three political science subfields (American Politics, Political Theory, Comparative Politics, International Politics, Judicial Politics, Methodology), while at the upper level, students are encouraged to explore a breadth of topics, though they will have the opportunity to concentrate their upper level classes in a particular subfield. <br> Students intending to do graduate work in international or comparative <br> fields are encouraged to continue foreign language study beyond the 20000 level. A minor is required; any minor approved for the BA degree is acceptable. |
| A maximum of 6 hours, may be applied toward major requirements POSC 31990 International Residential Study 1-20 <br> POSC 33023 International Organizations <br> Research 3 <br> POSC 34073 Moot Court 3 <br> POSC 40003 Senior Honors in Political <br> Science 3 <br> POSC 40910 Washington Internships 1-12 <br> POSC 40960 Civic Literacy Internships 3 | A maximum of 6 hours, may be applied toward major requirements POSC 31990 International Residential Study 1-20 <br> POSC 33023 International Organizations <br> Research 3 <br> POSC 34073 Moot Court 3 <br> POSC 40003 Senior Honors in Political <br> Science 3 <br> POSC 40910 Washington Internships 1-12 <br> POSC 40960 Civic Literacy Internships 3 |


| Any topics courses may be repeated provided the specific subject matter changes. The three-hour seminar taken in conjunction with the Washington Center Internship Program may be counted in addition to six hours of internship. | POSC 40970 Independent Study in Political |
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|  | Science 1-20 |
|  | Any topics courses may be repeated provided |
|  | changes. The three-hour seminar taken in |
|  | conjunction with the |
|  | Washington Center Internship Program may be counted in addition to six hours of internship. |
| Students intending to do graduate work in |  |
| fields are encouraged to continue foreign | international or comparative |
| language study beyond the | fields are encouraged to continue foreign |
| 20000 level. A minor is required; any minor | language study beyond the |
| approved for the BA degree is acceptable. | $z 0000$ level. A minor is required; any minor approved for the BA degree is acceptable.(moved to up above) |
| Specific requirements are as follows: Political |  |
| hours | Science BA, 30 |
| 1. 3 hours of: | hours |
| POSC 20203 Introduction to Political Theory 3 | 1.3 hours of: |
| 2. Any two of the following: 6 hours | POSC 20203 Introduction to Political Theory 3 |
|  | 2. Any two of the following: 6 hours |
| POSC 20093 Scope and Methods of Political | 1. Any three of the following classes: 9 hours |
| Science 3 | POSC 20093 Scope and Methods of Political |
|  | Science 3 |
|  | POSC 10133 American and Texas |
| POSC 20123 Introduction to American Politics | Government |
|  | POSC 20123 Introduction to American Politics |
| OR |  |
| POSC 20144 Practicing American and Texas | OR |
| Politics 4 | POSC 20144 Practicing American and Texas |
|  | Politics 4 |
| POSC 20303 International Politics 3 | POSC 20123 Introduction to American Politics |
| POSC 20403 Introduction to Public Law 3 | POSC 20303 International Politics 3 |
| POSC 20503 Introduction to Comparative | POSC 20403 Introduction to Public Law 3 |
| Politics 3 | POSC 20503 Introduction to Comparative |
|  | Politics 3 |
|  | Students cannot receive credit for both |
|  | POSC 10133 and 20123. |
| 3. POSC 32XX3 (Political Theory): 3 hours | 2. POSC 32XX3 (Political Theory): 3 hours |


| 4. Any five 30000-level or above course: 15 <br> hours | 3. Any five 30000 -level or above course: 15 <br> hours <br> 5. Any Political science course (an elective): 3 <br> hours |
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|  | 4. Any Political science course (an elective): 3 <br> hours |
|  | $\frac{\text { *The requirements in } 2 \text { and } 3 \text { must come }}{\text { from at least 3 different subfields of political }}$ |
|  | $\underline{\text { science. }}$ |

