Minor Change to an Undergraduate Program

Program Name: Minor in Political Science

Complete only if applicable
Program named above is:
☐ Option within (degree program name)

☐ Advising Pattern within (option name)

within (degree program name)

☑ Minor

☐ Certificate

☐ Changes being made affect a subject matter preparation or credential program.

Brief rationale for change:
Current minor is completely unstructured and does not expose most students to a variety of political science fields and methodologies. Moreover, the Degree Progress Report allows students to double count far more courses that the program and department desire for majors and minors within the department. The more structured minor will expose students to diverse theories, methods, cultures, and ideas.

Does the proposed change enhance or support the Diversity Action Plan (see definition & Task 3.1)? ___

If yes, please explain.

The proposed changes contribute to the Diversity Action Plan by promoting "a shared understanding of 'inclusive community'" by exposing students to a wide variety of different theories, ideas and cultures.

Required Signatures

The Department of Political Science has reviewed and approves this program change

Mahatley Dallen
Chair, Department Curriculum Committee

Date 2/17/15

Department Chair

Date 3/3/15

The College of Behavioural & Social Science has reviewed and approves this program change

Date 5/1/15

Chair, College Curriculum Committee

College Dean

Date 5/1/15

Send signature page with proposal attached to Curriculum Services at Academic Affairs, zip 110
AA Technical Review Completed

Date
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6 units selected from:
POLS 402 State and Local Government
POLS 472 The Presidency
POLS 473 Congress

3 units selected from:
POLS 351 Introduction to Legal Studies
POLS 451A Constitutional Law: Powers and Restraints
POLS 451B Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (This course is also offered as MCGS 451B)

3 units selected from:
POLS 431 American Political Thought
POLS 432 Recent American Political Thought
POLS 434 Origins of Western Political Thought
POLS 437 Contemporary Political Thought
POLS 438 Jurisprudence: Philosophy of Law (This course is also offered as PHIL 438)

3 units selected from:
POLS 302 Politics of the Developing World
POLS 341 International Relations

6-7 units selected from:
POLS 301 Vital Political Problems
POLS 324 Women and Politics (This course is also offered as WMST 324)
POLS 327 Politics of Race and Ethnicity in the United States (This course is also offered as MCGS 327)
POLS 331 & 331X Introduction to Political Inquiry & Techniques in Political Science Research
POLS 401 Sexual Minorities and the Law
POLS 402 State and Local Government
POLS 404 Interest Groups and Lobbying
POLS 427 U.S. Campaigns and Elections
POLS 460A Introduction to Public Administration
POLS 461 Environmental Politics and Policy
POLS 471A Public Policy Formation
POLS 472 The Presidency
POLS 473 Congress
POLS 489A Internship in Public Administration**
POLS 489B  Internship in International Relations**
POLS 489C  Internship in Political Science**
POLS 489E  Internship in Criminal Justice**
POLS 489G  Internship in Sustainability**
POLS 489K  Internship in Legal Studies**

* No more than 9 units may overlap with another major or minor offered by the Political Science Department.
** Political Science Minor students may count one 3-unit POLS internship toward the minor.