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To: Dean Van Galen, Chancellor
116 North Hall
University of Wisconsin-River Falls

From: James Madsen, Chair
Faculty Senate
University of Wisconsin-River Falls

April 28, 2011

RE: UWRF Faculty Senate Motion 2010-2011/47

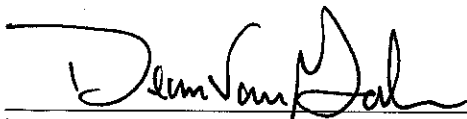
At the April 27, 2011 meeting of University of Wisconsin-River Falls Faculty Senate, motion 2010-2011/47 was passed and it is effective immediately. This motion is forwarded to you for your action.

Motion from the Academic Programs and Policy Committee (Jim Zimmerman, Chair) to approve changes in the Political Science major and minor.

Approved

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Disapproved



Dean Van Galen, Chancellor

4/29/11

Date

TRANSMITTAL for UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: Changes or Proposals

INFORMATION

1. Program title: Political Science
2. Department(s): Political Science
3. College(s): College Of Arts And Sciences
4. Proposal prepared by: Wes Chapin Date: 2/9/2011

5. Check all that apply:

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| ☐ New program | ☐ Existing program |
| ☐ Change in course name | ☐ Change in number of credits |
| ☒ Change in Major | ☒ Change in Minor |
| ☐ Change in course content | ☐ Change in Emphasis/Option |

6. Other Programs/Departments Consulted (Requires letters of support from all Departments or Programs substantially affected):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

7. Date of Implementation: Summer Semester 2011 Year

8. Have all courses in this program been approved? Yes ☐ No ☒
If "No," which ones? 110,114,220,230,279 Submitted To Curr. Comm.

9. Attach Request Narrative. (Include description of program before and after proposed changes).

UNIT APPROVALS: Requires signatures of all Departments Chairs and Deans whose programs will be affected by the changes or proposal. Signature lines for the affected Departments and Colleges (Noted in 6 above), are on the back of this form. These signatures should be obtained prior to review by all other shared governance levels.

	Signature	Date
Department Chair	<u>Wes Chapin</u>	<u>Feb 17 2011</u>
College Curriculum Cmtd. Chair	<u>Rim Isenby</u>	<u>2/28/2011</u>
Dean of College	<u>Jim M...</u>	<u>2/28/2011</u>
University Curriculum Cmtd. Chair	<u>Barbara S. Nelson</u>	<u>4/1/11</u>
Academic Policy & Programs Cmtd. Chair	<u>Jim Zimmerman</u>	<u>4/18/11</u>
Faculty Senate Chair	<u>James M...</u>	<u>5/4/11</u>
Provost / Vice Chancellor	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>5/11/11</u>
Chancellor	<u>Jim Van Der ...</u>	<u>5/12/11</u>

NOTE: The master copy of this transmittal and accompanying documents must be filed in the Provost's office upon final approval. The Provost's office will notify all appropriate administrative offices [Registrar, Dean(s), and Department Chair(s)] of approvals and necessary actions to implement changes.

Political Science: Proposed program changes, February 9, 2011

As a result of program assessment, the Department is proposing changes in its major and minor to better serve students, and to more effectively use limited staff and faculty time. The proposed changes were adopted by the Department at its December 14, 2010 meeting. The Program is being changed in several ways:

1. Several of the sub-fields in political science have a single, required course, while others have a range of choices. This has created challenges for assessment. For example, it is difficult to ensure that students are exposed to key material if they are not all in the same class unless the faculty members repeat materials in multiple courses. The proposed changes designate a required course in each sub-field, and this will address the assessment challenge.
2. Currently all students are required to take two "American" courses, but one course in the other subfields. This will be reduced one, to make it consistent with the other subfields, and will reduce the number of required credits by three.
3. The above change will result in an increase in the number of elective credits by three, but will not change the overall number of credits in the major.
4. The number of 300-level or above credits is being set at twelve credits for the major.
5. Student feedback suggests a need for new course focusing on discussion and debate, and this will be added as a required supporting course.
6. The changes to the minor are similar to the changes in the major. Instead of requiring two "American" courses, only one will be required, and the number of 300-level or above credits is being set at six for the minor.
7. Overall, the expectation is that the requirements in the proposed major and minor will also be easier for students to understand.

Political Science major – current requirements

Required Courses: 9 cr. hrs.

POLS 114 American National, State and Local Government 3 cr. POLS 200 Political Analysis 3 cr. POLS 480 Seminar in Political Science 3 cr.

Directed Electives: 15 cr. hrs. Select one course in each of the following five fields.

American Politics 3 cr. hrs.

POLS 225 Introduction to Public Administration POLS 253 State and Local Politics POLS 256 Public Policymaking POLS 311 American Political Parties and Elections POLS 322 Politics of American Cities POLS 326 The American Presidency: The Office and its Powers POLS 327 Congressional Politics

International Relations 3 cr. hrs.

POLS 260 Introduction to International Relations

Comparative Politics 3 cr. hrs.

POLS 245 Introduction to Comparative Politics

Political Philosophy 3 cr. hrs.

POLS 230 Contemporary Political Ideologies POLS 308 Western Political Thought: The Renaissance through Marx POLS 309 Western Political Thought: Nietzsche to the Present POLS 310 History of American Political Thought

Political Behavior 3 cr. hrs.

POLS 212 The Politics of Equality and Inequality in the United States POLS 314 Women and Politics POLS 321 Political Participation

Electives: 12 cr. hrs.

Any POLS course, excluding courses taken to fulfill required or directed electives. **Restrictions:** Students may apply a maximum of 6 credits of POLS 379 Internship in Political Science toward the elective section of the major. Students majoring in Political Science must take a minimum of 15 out of the total 36 credits for the major in courses numbered at the 300 level or above, excluding credits taken for POLS 379 Internship in Political Science.

Required Supporting Course: Political Science Majors must take ONE of the following courses:

PSYC 201 Behavioral Statistics; SOCI 250 Introduction to Social Statistics; ECON 226 Introduction to Statistics; MATH 216 Elementary Statistical Concepts; or MATH 226 Fundamentals of Statistics.

Political Science major – proposed requirements

Required Courses: 21 cr. hrs.

POLS 114 Introduction to American Government and Politics 3 cr.¹

POLS 200 Political Analysis 3 cr.

POLS 220 Introduction to Public Opinion and Political Behavior² 3 cr.

POLS 230 Contemporary Political Ideologies 3 cr.³

POLS 245 Introduction to Comparative Politics 3 cr.

POLS 260 Introduction to International Relations 3 cr.

POLS 480 Seminar in Political Science 3 cr.

Electives: 15 cr. hrs.

Any POLS course, excluding courses taken as required supporting courses. **Restrictions:**

Students may apply a maximum of 6 credits of POLS 379 Internship in Political Science toward the elective section of the major. Students completing a major in Political Science must take a minimum of 12 out of the total 36 credits for the major in courses numbered at the 300 level or above, excluding credits taken for POLS 379 Internship in Political Science.

Required Supporting Courses:

- Political Science Majors must take ONE of the following courses: PSYC 201 Behavioral Statistics; SOCI 250 Introduction to Social Statistics; ECON 226 Introduction to Statistics; MATH 216 Elementary Statistical Concepts; or MATH 226 Fundamentals of Statistics.
- Political Science Majors must take the following course: POLS 110 Controversies in Politics⁴

¹ Title revision is proposed and is under consideration by the curriculum committees.

² This is a new course that is under consideration by the curriculum committees.

³ Title revision is proposed and is under consideration by the curriculum committees.

⁴ This is a new course that is under consideration by the curriculum committees, and is being submitted as a general education course. This course will not count as an elective in the major.

Political Science minor – current requirements

Required Courses: 3 cr. hrs.

POLS 114 American National, State and Local Government

Directed Electives: 12 cr. hrs. Select one course in each of four of the following five fields.

American Politics 3 cr. hrs.

POLS 225 Introduction to Public Administration POLS 253 State and Local Politics POLS 256 Public Policymaking POLS 311 American Political Parties and Elections POLS 322 Politics of American Cities POLS 326 The American Presidency: The Office and its Powers POLS 327 Congressional Politics

International Relations 3 cr. hrs.

POLS 260 Introduction to International Relations

Comparative Politics 3 cr. hrs.

POLS 245 Introduction to Comparative Politics

Political Philosophy 3 cr. hrs.

POLS 230 Contemporary Political Ideologies POLS 308 Western Political Thought: The Renaissance through Marx POLS 309 Western Political Thought: Nietzsche to the Present POLS 310 History of American Political Thought

Political Behavior 3 cr. hrs.

POLS 212 The Politics of Equality and Inequality in the United States POLS 314 Women and Politics POLS 321 Political Participation

Electives: 9 cr. hrs.

Any POLS course, excluding courses taken to fulfill required or directed electives. **Restrictions:** Students may apply a maximum of 3 credits of POLS 379 Internship in Political Science toward the elective section of the minor. Students completing a minor in Political Science must take a minimum of 9 out of the total 24 credits for the minor in courses numbered at the 300 level or above, excluding credits taken for POLS 379 Internship in Political Science.

Political Science minor – proposed requirements

Required Courses: 12 cr. hrs. (students must complete four of the following five courses)

POLS 114 Introduction to American Government and Politics 3 cr.⁵

POLS 220 Introduction to Public Opinion and Political Behavior⁶ 3 cr.

POLS 230 Contemporary Political Ideologies 3 cr.⁷

POLS 245 Introduction to Comparative Politics 3 cr.

POLS 260 Introduction to International Relations 3 cr.

Electives: 12 cr. hrs.

Any POLS course, excluding courses taken as required supporting courses. **Restrictions:**

Students may apply a maximum of 3 credits of POLS 379 Internship in Political Science toward the elective section of the minor. Students completing a minor in Political Science must take a minimum of 6 out of the total 36 credits for the major in courses numbered at the 300 level or above, excluding credits taken for POLS 379 Internship in Political Science.

Required Supporting Course:

- Students must take the following course: POLS 110 Controversies in Politics⁸

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⁸ This is a new course that is under consideration by the curriculum committees, and is being submitted as a general education course. This course will not count as an elective in the minor.