

Program Revision

CGS Agenda Item: 16-41
Effective: Fall 2016

The following changes are requested for the recently revised MA program in Political Science:

- 1) The Department of Political Science was not aware of the implications of using the word “track” instead of “option” in our program language. Tracks are interpreted as concentrations, which cannot be tracked within Banner. The Graduate School and Continuing Education have requested that we use the word “option” to allow proper tracking of online student enrollment. In our revision, the two tracks from the original proposal (approved in February 2016) become options. Please note that this change does not affect the curriculum, learning objectives, or program delivery in any way. We are changing words to accommodate coding in Banner.
- 2) Because we are an **MA in PLS, and an MA in PLS with an option in Public Administration/Public Policy**, we split the language in the program mission to clarify career opportunities.
- 3) We indicate that the MA in PLS with the option in Public Administration/Public Policy is an online program. This language was not in the original proposal, but was added by the Graduate School for catalog language conformity.

CURRENT LANGUAGE

M.A. in Political Science

Program Mission: The program provides a flexible curriculum for students interested in American government, comparative politics, international relations, public administration, and public policy. Students will receive training in the advanced analytical, methodological, and theoretical approaches used in political science. The curriculum prepares students for work in public affairs, including employment in all levels of government, non-profit management, legal careers, lobbying, private sector government relations, and higher education. The program also prepares students for ~~future~~ Ph.D. or legal studies. Internships related to government, politics and the legal system are available.

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Degree Requirements

Degree requirements include those outlined for the master's degree by the Graduate School (see "Requirements for the Master's Degree"). Additional requirements include a total of 32 semester hours, including research methods, a thesis or capstone project, a major, minor, and electives. Students completing the Thesis option must complete 26 hours in addition to the 6 hour Thesis. Students completing the Capstone Project option must complete 29 hours in addition to the 3 hour Capstone Project.

Required Courses for All Students:

PLS 5001 (1) – Research in Political Science

PLS 5053 (3) – Research Methods

PLS 5950 (6) – Thesis

OR

PLS 5940 (3) – Capstone Project

Students must complete one of the following tracks:

Track 1: Political Science

Students interested in American politics, international relations, comparative politics, public law, and political theory must take 1) two proseminars, 2) 6 additional hours from the Political Science track, 3) 6 hours from the Public Administration/Public Policy track, 4) all required courses, and 5) additional Political Science graduate hours (4 hours for the Thesis option; 7 hours for the Capstone option) from either track or from other graduate electives (PLS 5980, 5990, or 5997).

Political Science Proseminars—complete two of the following (6 hours):

PLS 5373 (3) – Proseminar in American Politics

PLS 5023 (3) – Proseminar in International Politics

PLS 5433 (3) – Proseminar in Comparative Politics

Political Science Electives—complete two of the following (6 hours):

PLS 4774 (3) – American Constitutional Law

PLS 4853 (3) – Contemporary Constitutional Development

PLS 5073 (3) – Political Behavior

PLS 5153 (3) – Cities, Politics and Urban Policy*

PLS 5163 (3) – Subnational Government*

PLS 5173 (3) –Congress and the Presidency

PLS 4823 (3) – International Policy Issues*

PLS 4933 (3) – Ideologies of the Developing World

PLS 5033 (3) – Comparative Institutional Analysis

PLS 5533 (3) – Seminar in Political Modernization

PLS 4903 (3) – Classic Political Theory

PLS 4913 (3) – Contemporary Political Theory

PLS 4923 (3) – African American Political Thought

PLS 4943 (3) – American Political Thought

Track 2: Public Administration/Public Policy

Students interested in public administration, non-profits, and public policy must take 1) two proseminars, 2) 6 additional hours from the Public Administration/Public Policy track, 3) 6 hours from the Political Science track, 4) all required courses, and 5) additional Political Science graduate hours (4 hours for the Thesis option; 7 hours for the Capstone option) from either track or from other graduate electives (PLS 5980, 5990, or 5997).

Public Administration/Public Policy Proseminars—complete two of the following (6 hours):

PLS 5843a (3) – Proseminar in Public Policy Research and Analysis

PLS 5543 (3) – Proseminar in Public Administration

Public Administration/Public Policy Electives—complete two of the following (6 hours):

PLS 4793 (3) – Civic and Nonprofit Leadership

PLS 4823 (3) – International Policy Issues*

PLS 4873 (3) – Human Resource Management in Public and Nonprofit Organizations

PLS 4893 (3) – Budgeting in Government and Nonprofit Organizations

PLS 5153 (3) – Cities, Politics and Urban Policy*

PLS 5163 (3) – Subnational Government*

Courses marked with an * can count for either track, but cannot double-count.

Other Graduate Electives

The following courses count as electives in the M.A. degree, but do not count for track requirements. Students completing the Thesis option may count no more than 3 hours from the following courses. Students completing the Capstone Project option may count no more than 6 hours from the following courses.

PLS 5980 (1-3) – Administrative Internship

PLS 5990 (1-6) – Independent Study

PLS 5997 (3-6) – Study Abroad

Graduate Assistantships

Information on graduate assistantships may be obtained by contacting the Coordinator of Graduate Studies or Chair, Department of Political Science, 2135 Coleman Hall, EIU.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE

Master of Arts in Political Science

Master of Arts in Political Science with an option in Public Administration/Public Policy

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Required Courses (*Total Credits 7-10*)

PLS 5001- Research in Political Science	Credits-1
PLS 5053- Research Methods	Credits-3
PLS 5950- Thesis	Credits-6
OR	
PLS 5940- Capstone Project	Credits-3

Proseminars- complete two of the following (Total Credits 6)

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Additional Requirements (Total Credits 4-7): Students must take an additional 4-7 hours of graduate level courses from Political Science, Public Administration/Public Policy, or the courses listed below.

Students completing a Thesis may count no more than 3 hours from the following courses, and students completing the Capstone Project may count no more than 6 hours from the following courses:

PLS 5980 – Administrative Internship Credits- 1 to 6

PLS 5990 – Independent Study Credits- 1 to 6

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Date approved:

Department: March 23, 2016

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