

MEMORANDUM

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To: Angela Jacobs, Chair, CGS
Date: January 23, 2020
RE: Executive Action Taken at the CLAS Curriculum Committee Meeting on Jan 22, 2020

The following request was approved by executive action at the CLAS Curriculum Committee meeting on Jan 22, 2020. The request would be effective Fall 2020. I ask that similar action be taken at the Council on Graduate Studies.

Request: Remove prerequisites for the following classes:

PLS 4793/Civic & Nonprofit Leadership

PLS 4823/Comparative Public Policy

PLS 4853/The Supreme Court

PLS 4893/Budgeting in Government and Nonprofit Organizations

Rationale: These courses are offered online, primarily serving students in the online MA in Political Science with the Public Administration and Public Policy option. Most graduate students enrolling in the courses must seek the instructor's permission, since many did not complete their undergraduate degrees at Eastern. This process causes delays in registration and prevents graduate students from getting into classes they need for their study plans. Given the existing limits on undergraduates enrolling in courses at the 4750+ level, we are confident that removing the prerequisites will not have a negative impact on student learning.

Effective Date: Fall 2020

Current Catalog Language:

PLS 4793 - Civic and Nonprofit Leadership. (3-0-3) The application of organization and leadership theory to administrative structures, processes and behavior in government bureaucracies and community non-profit organizations. Includes an examination of organizational politics and policymaking, administrative leadership and alternative models of public organization and management. Prerequisites & Notes: PLS 1153G/PLS 1193G or permission of the instructor; junior standing and above. Credits: 3

PLS 4823 - Comparative Public Policy. (3-0-3) An analysis of contemporary world problems from the point of view of different nation-states. Students will help select the issues.

Prerequisites & Notes: Nine semester hours in the social sciences or permission of the instructor; junior standing or above. Credits: 3

PLS 4853 - The Supreme Court. (3-0-3) An analysis of the Supreme Court as a political and legal institution, with emphasis on the decision-making of the Justices in recent Court decisions.

Prerequisites & Notes: Three semester hours in public law or permission of the instructor; these include PLS 2513, PLS 3513; PLS 3523; PLS 3543; PLS 4774; PHI 3070; JOU 4771; HIS 3600G; HIS 4910. Credits: 3

PLS 4893 - Budgeting in Government and Nonprofit Organizations. (3-0-3) Processes, techniques and strategies of budgeting in government and nonprofit organizations. The course includes analysis of political and policy environments; revenues, from taxes to grants; spending priorities and decision-making; major types of budgets; capital budgeting; and financial management. Prerequisites & Notes: PLS 1153G or PLS 1193G or permission of the instructor. Credits: 3

Proposed Catalog Language (changes in red):

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