



MEMORANDUM

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To: Lee Patterson, Chair, CGS
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RE: Executive Action Taken at the CLAS Curriculum Committee Meeting on Oct 21, 2020

The following request was approved by executive action at the CLAS Curriculum Committee meeting on Oct 21, 2020. The request would be effective Fall 2021. I ask that similar action be taken at the Council on Graduate Studies.

Request: To revise admissions for the accelerated graduate program in Political Science.

Rationale for change:

We regularly enroll non-Political Science majors in both the face-to-face and online M.A. in Political Science. The current accelerated graduate program requirement of 15 hours in Political Science is a significant barrier to students in complementary majors and the BGS program. This change will expand opportunities for qualified non-majors to enroll in the accelerated graduate program.

Effective Date:

Fall 2021

Current Catalog Language:

Accelerated Graduate Program

Admission to the accelerated MA in Political Science requires that a student have completed a minimum of 60 hours of undergraduate course credit and have a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.25. In addition, applicants must have completed a minimum of 15 hours of Political Science (PLS) courses, including at least 6 hours at the 3000 level.

To apply for the accelerated MA in Political Science, applicants meeting the above requirements must submit two letters of reference and a professional goals statement to the Graduate Coordinator and must also complete the Graduate School's Accelerated Program Application.

Proposed Catalog Language:

Accelerated Graduate Program

Admission to the accelerated MA in Political Science requires that a student have completed a minimum of 60 hours of undergraduate course credit and have a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.25. In addition, applicants must have completed a minimum of ~~45~~9 hours of Political Science (PLS) courses, of which 6 hours must be at the 3000 level or above, as well as an additional 6 credit hours in a complementary discipline.

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