

**Executive Action:** add Accelerated MA in Political Science option for undergraduate students.

**Rationale:**

The accelerated graduate program in Political Science will allow interested students to shorten the length of the BA/MA process by about one semester, providing significant cost savings to students. Undergraduates will have the opportunity to take challenging graduate level courses, providing a unique learning environment, and introducing more students to earning a graduate level degree.

**Program Admission Requirements:**

Admission to the accelerated graduate program in Political Science requires that students have a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.25 and have completed a minimum of 60 hours of undergraduate course credit. In addition, applicants must have completed (or be concurrently enrolled in) a minimum of 15 hours of Political Science (PLS) courses, including at least 6 credits at the 3000-level. All applicants must submit two letters of reference and a professional goals statement. All enrolled students must meet with the Political Science graduate coordinator in addition to their undergraduate academic advisor to select classes.

**Shared Credit Course Options:**

Students may select up to three courses from list below. No more than one course may be at the 5000-level.

- PLS 4774z – American Constitutional Law. Credits: 3
- PLS 4763z – Environmental Politics & Policy. Credits: 3
- PLS 4793z – Civic & Nonprofit Leadership. Credits: 3
- PLS 4823z – International Policy Issues. Credits: 3
- PLS 4853z – The Supreme Court. Credits: 3
- PLS 4873z – Human Resource Management in Public & Nonprofit Organizations. Credits: 3
- PLS 4893z – Budgeting in Government and Nonprofit Organization. Credits: 3
- PLS 4903z – Classic Political Theory. Credits: 3
- PLS 4913z – Contemporary Political Theory. Credits: 3
- PLS 4923z – African American Political Thought. Credits: 3
- PLS 4933z – Ideologies of the Developing World. Credits: 3
- PLS 4943z – American Political Thought. Credits: 3
- PLS 5023z – Proseminar in International Politics. Credits: 3
- PLS 5033z – Comparative Institutional Analysis. Credits: 3
- PLS 5073z – Seminar in Political Behavior. Credits: 3
- PLS 5173z – Congress and the Presidency Credits: 3
- PLS 5373z – Proseminar on American Politics Credits: 3
- PLS 5433z – Proseminar in Comparative Politics. Credits: 3
- PLS 5533z – Seminar in Political Modernization. Credits: 3

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