ADD, CHANGE OR DELETE UNIT, PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, OR ACADEMIC POLICIES

Complete this form consistent with the instructions in Academic Policy 1622.20. Use the form to add, change, or delete a program or unit or to change program policies. Proposed additions and changes must be consistent with Academic Policies 1100.40 and 1621.10 and any other policies which apply.

SECTION I: Approvals

_____   _____

Department / Program Chair   Date Submitted   Graduate Council Chair   Date

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College Dean   Date   Faculty Senate Chair   Date

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Honors College Dean   Date   Provost   Date

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Core Curriculum Committee   Date   Board of Trustees Approval/Notification Date

_____   _____

University Course and Programs Committee   Date   Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Approval/Notification Date

SECTION II: Profile Data - Required Information and Name Change Information

Academic Unit: ☐ Major/Field of Study   ☒ Minor   ☐Other Unit _____   ☐ Policy

Level: ☒ Undergraduate   ☐ Graduate   ☐ Law   Effective Catalog Year _____

Program changes are effective with the next available catalog. See Academic Policy Series 1622.20

Current Name   **Minor in Political Science**

College, School, Division **ARSC**   Department Code **PLSC**

Current Code (6 digit Alpha) **PLSC-M**   Proposed Code (6 digit Alpha) _____
Prior approval from the Office of the Registrar is required.

☐Interdisciplinary Program   CIP Code _____
Prior assignment from Office of Institutional Research is required.

Proposed Name _____
When a program name is changed, enrollment of current students reflects the new name.

SECTION III: Add a New Program/Unit

☐ For new program proposals, complete Sections II and VII and use as a cover sheet for a full program proposal as described in 'Criteria and Procedures for Preparing Proposals for New Programs in Arkansas.' ADHE
http://www.adhe.edu/divisions/academicaffairs/Pages/aa_academicproposals.aspx

     ☐ Program proposal uses courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____

SECTION IV: Eliminate an Existing Program/Unit

Code/Name _____   Effective Catalog Year _____

No new students admitted to program after Term: ___ Year: _____
Allow students in program to complete under this program until Term: ___ Year: _____

SECTION V: Proposed Changes to an Existing Program or Program Policies

Insert here a statement of the exact changes to be made: We are making two changes to the requirements for a political science minor: (1) we are now requiring students to take both PLSC 2003 and PLSC 2013 (whereas before students only had to take one of the two courses), and (2) no longer requiring students take courses in two of five subfields. Instead, they can now choose for themselves which upper-division courses to take to fulfill this part of the requirement.

Check if either of these boxes apply and provide the necessary signature:

☐ Program change proposal adds courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____

☐ Program change proposal deletes courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____

Check all the boxes that apply and complete the required sections of the form:

☐ Change of Name and Code (Complete only sections I, II, V and VII.)

☒ Change Course Requirements: (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)

☐ Change Delivery Site/Method (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)

☐ Change Total Hours (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)

☐ Change in Program Policies

SECTION VI: Justification

Justify this change and state its likely effect on any other degree program (including those outside the school or college). Identify any program or program components (other than courses) to be eliminated if this program is implemented. (Program and course change forms must also be submitted for such related changes.)

(1) Requiring students to take both PLSC 2003 and 2013 makes sense from a pedagogical perspective. The first, 2003 focuses on the American political system, the second on comparative politics (i.e., the political systems of other countries). If a student took only the first, she would be ignorant of the rest of the world; if she took only the latter, she would be ignorant about the U.S.

(2) The requirement that students take courses from two of the five subfields is anachronistic. In the past, PLSC majors were also required to do something along similar lines. The motive for this type of requirement was to ensure that students took courses from different faculty members to get a diversity of perspectives. This requirement was imposed at a time when the department had much fewer faculty. Because we have more faculty today, and because most faculty teach both undergraduate and graduate courses, it would be much more difficult for an undergraduate student to take multiple courses from the same professor. Making the change also would give minors much more flexibility when looking for upper-division courses, many of which, are often fill quickly at registration time.

SECTION VII: Catalog Text and Format

In the box below, insert the current catalog text which is to be changed, with changes highlighted with the color yellow. Include all proposed changes identified in Section V. Only changes explicitly stated in Section V will be considered for approval by the University Course and Programs Committee, the Graduate Council and the Faculty Senate. If you are proposing a new program, give proposed text with all of the elements listed below. If you are proposing modified text, include these elements as appropriate.

Include the following elements, in order, in the catalog text for proposed undergraduate program(s) or program changes:

- State complete major/program name
- Briefly define or describe the major/program or discipline.
- Identify typical career goals or paths for graduates. (Optional)
- State admission requirements (if any) for entry or entry into upper/advanced level of major/program.
- Identify location in catalog of university, college/school, and department/program requirements which the student must meet in addition to hours in the major, but do not restate these requirements.
- State course requirements in the major and any allied areas, giving number of hours and specific courses; specify electives or elective areas and give numbers of hours and courses in elective pools or categories; identify any other course requirements.
- State any other requirements (required GPA, internship, exit exam, project, thesis, etc.).
- Identify name and requirements for each concentration (if any).
- Specify whether a minor or other program component is allowed or required and provide details.
- State eight-semester plan requirements

For minors, state requirements in terms of hours, required courses, electives, etc.

For graduate program/units, include elements (as needed) parallel to those listed for undergraduate programs above.

For Law School program/units, prepare text consistent with current catalog style.

For centers, prepare text consistent with current catalog style.

Old Text:

Requirements for a Minor in Political Science: 18 hours including PLSC 2003 or PLSC 2013. At least 9 of these hours must be in courses numbered 3000 or above, and courses must be chosen from at least two of the five political science fields. Students should consult with an adviser in the department for the selection of appropriate courses.

New Text:
Requirements for a Minor in Political Science: 18 hours including PLSC 2003 and PLSC 2013. At least 9 hours must come from courses numbered 3000 or above. Students should consult with an adviser in the department for the selection of appropriate courses.

SECTION VIII: Action Recorded by Registrar's Office

PROGRAM INVENTORY/DARS

PGRM _____   SUBJ _____   CIP _____   CRTS _____

DGRE _____   PGCT _____   OFFC&CRTY VALID _____

REPORTING CODES

PROG. DEF. _____   REQ. DEF.

Initials _____   Date _____

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