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Program Status **Active**

Academic Level Graduate

Type of proposal **Major/Field of Study**

Select a reason for this modification

Making Minor Changes to an Existing Degree (e.g. changing 15 or fewer hours, changing admission/graduation requirements, adding Focused Study)

Are you adding a concentration?

No

Are you adding a track?

No

Are you adding a focused study?

No

Effective Catalog Year Fall 2019

College/School Code

Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)

Department Code

Department of Political Science(PLSC)

In Workflow

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Approval Path

1. 09/17/18 10:01 am
Jeannine Durdik (jdurdik): Approved for ARSC Dean Initial

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2. 09/17/18 10:13 am
Patricia Koski
(pkoski): Approved
for GRAD Dean
Initial
3. 09/19/18 7:58 am
Terry Martin
(tmartin): Approved
for Provost Initial
4. 09/21/18 3:36 pm
Alice Griffin
(agriffin): Rollback
to Initiator
5. 09/24/18 7:00 am
Jeannine Durdik
(jdurdik): Approved
for ARSC Dean
Initial
6. 09/24/18 8:15 am
Patricia Koski
(pkoski): Approved
for GRAD Dean
Initial
7. 09/25/18 9:46 am
Alice Griffin
(agriffin): Approved
for Director of
Program
Assessment and
Review
8. 09/27/18 4:52 pm
Lisa Kulczak
(lkulcza): Approved
for Registrar Initial
9. 09/28/18 8:36 am
Gary Gunderman
(ggunderm):
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Institutional
Research

10. 09/28/18 9:35 am
Pearl Dowe
(pkford): Approved
for PLSC Chair
11. 10/11/18 2:14 pm
Pearl Dowe
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for ARSC Curriculum
Committee
12. 10/11/18 2:26 pm
Jeannine Durdik
(jdurdik): Approved
for ARSC Dean
13. 10/12/18 8:45 am
Miran Kang (kang):
Approved for Global
Campus
14. 10/12/18 9:05 am
Terry Martin
(tmartin): Approved
for Provost Review

45.1001 - Political Science and Government, General.

Program Title

Political Science, Master of Arts

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary?

No

Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School?

No

What are the total **36**
hours needed to
complete the
program?

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

Admission Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree Program: Applicants for graduate study in political science must be admitted to the Graduate School and also meet the following requirements: 1) satisfactory GRE scores, 2) submission of a written essay, and 3) three letters of recommendation from persons competent to judge the applicant's potential for graduate studies. Students from all academic backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Students who have had few political science courses at the undergraduate level may be required to enroll in undergraduate courses to begin their graduate studies.

Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree: The M.A. degree is a 36-semester hour program. Completion of the program is contingent upon passing a comprehensive examination or writing and defending a thesis.

Core (18 hours)

Take the following (9 hours):

PLSC 5163	Public Policy	3
PLSC 5703	Research Design in Political Science and Public Policy	3
PLSC 5913	Research Methods in Political Science	3
PLSC 5943	Advanced Research Methods in Political Science	3
Take three of the following (9 hours):		9

[PLSC 5203](#) Seminar in American Political Institutions

[PLSC 5213](#) Seminar in American Political Behavior

[PLSC 5503](#) Comparative Political Analysis

[PLSC 5803](#) Seminar in International Politics

Courses are offered in three areas of study: American politics, comparative politics and international relations, and public administration and policy. From these offerings, students must select a primary area of study. A minimum of 12 hours from the primary area of study must be completed, of which six hours will be accepted from the core. A secondary field of no less than six hours will complement the choices in the primary field, of which three hours will be accepted from the core. Selection of the areas of **study concentration** should be commensurate with the professional or career goals of the student. A minimum of 27 hours must be fulfilled by 5000-level classes. Students must take a minimum of 30 of their 36 course hours in the Department of Political Science. The remaining hours may be taken in other departments.

Courses at the 4000 level may be taken with the graduate adviser's consent. Under special circumstances, students may arrange to take graduate-level directed readings or independent research courses. Such courses require an application that must be approved by the student's graduate adviser in concert with the professor from whom the course is to be taken. The student must apply for such a course before the semester in which the course is to be taken.

Students should also be aware of Graduate School requirements with regard to [master's degrees](#).

Thesis Option: Students must take 30 hours of coursework and six hours of thesis credit. Under this option, the student's comprehensive examination will be a defense of the thesis. All M.A. candidates in this option are required to develop a prospectus for their thesis. They must then write and orally defend an acceptable thesis.

Non-thesis Option: Students must take 36 semester hours of coursework. Under this option, students must take a comprehensive examination in their primary field of study.

Are Similar Programs available in the area?

No

Estimated Student Demand for Program **20**

Scheduled Program Review Date **2019**

Program Goals and Objectives

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- 1. Provide Graduate MA students with an opportunity to complete the degree in a timely fashion.**
- 2. Provide students with analytical and research skills that will be applicable as they move towards a doctoral degree or advance their professional career.**

Learning Outcomes

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- (1) Demonstrate a general knowledge about trends in the discipline of political science, including epistemological diversity when studying complex issues;**
- (2) Demonstrate the ability to apply that knowledge to specific policy or political contexts by using qualitative and quantitative data;**
- (3) Demonstrate an understanding of global trends in areas such as governance and political economy, as well as complex policy issues involving, gender, race and ethnicity;**
- (4) Demonstrate the ability to conduct independent research and communicate the results effectively in both oral and written form.**

Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
Remove from the required core option PLSC 5703 Research Design in Political Science and Public Policy.	In reviewing our curriculum we determined that requiring students to take both PLSC 5703 and 5913 Research Methods in Political Science was redundant. In 5913 Students receive for the first half of the course a significant amount of the information that is provided in 5703.

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Reviewer Comments

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (09/21/18 3:12 pm): Changed course number in description field from 5702 to 5703 to match justification.

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (09/21/18 3:36 pm): Rollback: Please change reason for modification as Making Minor Changes. This action will impact the approval workflow where the request will remain on campus for approval. Once the change is made, please save and submit to return the request back to the approval process. Thank you.

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (09/25/18 9:37 am): Removed LON since request is considered a minor change with input from submitter.

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (09/25/18 9:45 am): Although the courses are in a red box, these are not new requirements for the program. It appears that an administrative update to typically offered field was being conducted at the time the program change was submitted. The only change is the removal of PLSC 5703.

Ryan Cochran (rcc003) (09/25/18 3:07 pm): Removed parentheses note from PLSC 5193.

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