



April 17, 2008

TO: David Pershing
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

FR: Chuck Wight *Ch W*
Chair, Undergraduate Council

RE: Minor in Political Science

At its meeting of Tuesday, April 15, 2008, the Undergraduate Council voted unanimously to approve a proposal from the Department of Political Science for a Minor in Political Science. The proposal is attached.

We are asking you, if you also approve of the proposal, to forward it on to the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate for their consideration.

Cc: Stephen Reynolds, Associate Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Science
Matthew Burbank, Chair, Political Science



TO: Steve Reynolds, Associate Dean
 Chair, Curriculum Committee

FROM: Matt Burbank, Chair *MB*
 Peri Schwartz-Shea, Associate Chair *PSS*

DATE: March 25, 2008

RE: **Proposed Minor in Political Science**

At a March 14, 2008 meeting, after consideration of its structure by the department's Undergraduate Studies Committee, the Political Science faculty voted unanimously to offer a new minor in Political Science. The justification for the minor is two fold. First, this proposal is a response to requests from students who would like to demonstrate some expertise in political science short of a full major. To date, students who had a major but were interested in taking other political science courses only had the option to pursue political science as a second major. Second, we believe that by allowing interested students to take additional political science courses and have them count toward a minor, it might improve department SCH at the margins.

Please let us know if there is any further information the Curriculum Committee requires. Thank you for your work.

Proposed requirements for a minor in political science

Students must complete a minimum of 18 credit hours in political science courses. Two (2) introductory level political science courses are required. An additional 12 elective credit hours in upper division (3000-level or above) political science courses are also required. The upper division elective credits may include a maximum of three (3) hours of internship credit to be counted toward the requirements for the political science minor.

<i>Introductory Courses (choose 2)</i>	<i>Credit</i>
POLS 1100 US National Government	3 units
POLS 2100 Introduction to International Relations	3 units
POLS 2200 Introduction to Comparative Politics	3 units
POLS 2300 Political Ideologies	3 units
 <i>Upper division Courses</i>	 12 units total
Choose four, three credit courses from POLS 3000-5999	
A maximum of three (3) internship hours may be counted toward the minor.	

Total Number of Units Required to Complete Minor 18 hours

All courses for the Minor must be taken for a letter grade and completed with a "C-" or better in the two introductory courses and an overall 2.0 G.P.A. or higher in all courses counted toward the minor requirements.

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Chair Robert Benedict
CSBS Curriculum Committee Dean Stephen E Reynolds
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