Council Approval

Note: This form is intended to track the progress of a proposal (whether from Academic Affairs or Health Sciences) through the Undergraduate and Graduate Councils.

Proposal: **Emphasis in Community Involvement and Nonprofit Leadership**

This proposal needs to go through:

Undergraduate Council   [X]
Graduate Council   [ ]
Both Approvals   [ ]
Grad Approval/Undergrad Notification   [ ]

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This proposal has been approved by:

Chair of Undergraduate Council _____ Date: 3·9·15

Chair of Graduate Council _____ Date: _____

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Once the appropriate signature(s) have been obtained, please forward this completed form to the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Chief Academic Officer _____ Date: 3-10-15

Once the Chief Academic Officer's signature has been obtained, this approval document will be forwarded to the **Office of the Academic Senate**.

Cover/Signature Page - Abbreviated Template

Institution Submitting Request: University of Utah
Proposed Title: Area of emphasis in Political Science in Community Involvement and Nonprofit Leadership
Currently Approved Title:
School or Division or Location: College of Social and Behavioral Science
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Department of Political Science
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code[1] (for new programs):
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 45.10
Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): 08/24/2015
Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date:

Proposal Type (check all that apply):

Section #		Item	Section #		Item
R401-5 *Items submitted will be reviewed by OCHE. If there are any issues, the proposal will be returned for clarification/correction. If no issues, the proposal will be returned with a note of approval and the request will be placed on the General Consent Calendar of the next Regents' agenda.*			R401-6 *Items submitted will be reviewed by OCHE. If there are any issues, the proposal will be returned for clarification/correction. If no issues, the proposal will be returned with a note of approval and the request will be placed on the General Consent Calendar of the next Regents' agenda.*		
4.1.5.2	☐	Minor*	6.1.1	☐	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Program
5.1.1.1	☒	New Emphasis on an Existing Degree*	6.1.5	☐	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Unit
5.1.2	☐	Certificate of Proficiency Not Eligible for Financial Aid			
5.1.3	☐	Out-of-Service Area Delivery of Programs			
5.1.4	☐	Name Change of Existing Programs			
5.1.5	☐	Program Transfer			
	☐	Program Restructure			
	☐	Program Consolidation			
5.1.6	☐	Program Discontinuation			
	☐	Program Suspension			
5.1.7	☐	Administrative Unit Creation			
	☐	Administrative Unit Transfer			
	☐	Administrative Unit Consolidation			
5.1.8	☐	New Center			
	☐	New Institute			
	☐	New Bureau			
5.1.9	☐	Graduate Certificate			

*Requires "Section VI: Program Curriculum" of Abbreviated Template

Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:
I certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

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Signature   Date:

Printed Name:

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[1] CIP codes <u>must</u> be recommended by the submitting institution. For CIP code classifications, please see
http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55.

Section I: Request

The Department of Political Science requests approval to add a new area of emphasis in Community Involvement and Nonprofit Leadership to the existing undergraduate major in political science. This area of emphasis consists of 5 upper division courses in political science selected from a list of courses. This area of emphasis would not change the existing requirements for the political science major. If approved, this proposal would allow political science majors the option of focusing their major courses in this area and to have this emphasis included on their transcript upon graduation. The selection of an area of emphasis is not required for political science majors.

Section II: Need

The Department of Political Science added three areas of emphasis in 2013 in response to a request from the political science undergraduate Student Advisory Committee (SAC). The creation of areas of emphasis in International Politics, Law and Politics, and Public Policy were motivated by the desire of political science majors to demonstrate a learning focus that would be beneficial to their future plans for employment or additional education and recognized on their official transcript. This proposal for a new area of emphasis is closely related to the creation of the previous areas of emphasis. This proposal seeks to build on the department's strength in nonprofit organizations at the graduate level and extend this to undergraduates interested in focusing their course work in this area and pursuing careers in the nonprofit sector. Based on comments from our undergraduate SAC and the experience of our advisors, we have an increasing number of students in the political science major who are interested in pursuing careers related to local, national, and international nonprofit organizations or pursuing additional education in this area.

As a result of the interest and comments from students, the Department's Undergraduate Studies Committee proposed the creation of an emphasis in Community Involvement and Nonprofit Leadership to the faculty. The full political science faculty considered this proposal at a department meeting on December 12, 2014 and approved the proposal unanimously.

Section III: Institutional Impact

This proposal to create a new area of emphasis within the existing political science major requires no changes to department structure or personnel. All the courses included in the proposed emphasis are political science courses taught by department faculty and instructors. Advising for political science majors with respect to the proposed area of emphasis will be handled by the department's undergraduate advisors. Political science majors who wish to have an area of emphasis in their major can take courses from the appropriate list and report their intent to have an emphasis to a political science advisor when applying for graduation.

Section IV: Finances

This proposal requires no changes to department funding or costs.

Section VI: Program Curriculum

The current political science major requires 36 semester hours of POLS courses with 9 hours of required lower-division courses and 27 hours of elective upper-division courses in political science of which 9 hours must be courses at the 5000-5999 level. In addition, all political science majors must complete 12 hours of courses in allied areas

outside of political science. This proposal does not change the existing requirements for the political science major but instead provides for an optional area of focus within the POLS elective hours. Political science majors may continue to complete the major without selecting an area of emphasis.

Emphasis in Community Involvement and Nonprofit Leadership

Course Prefix and Number	Course Title	Credits
Required Courses		
POLS 1100	American National Government	3
Complete 2 of 3:		
POLS 2100	Intro to International Relations	3
POLS 2200	Intro to Comparative Politics	3
POLS 2300	Intro to Political Theory	3
	Sub-total	9
General Elective Courses within Political Science		
POLS 3000-5999	Four elective POLS courses	12
	Sub-total	12

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Complete at least 15 semester hours from the following courses[1]:

POLS/HONOR 3005	International Leadership Academy*	3
POLS 3020	Neighborhood Democracy	3
POLS 3960	Civil Society and Civic Engagement**	3
POLS 5525	Engaging Volunteers in Public and Nonprofit Organizations	3
POLS 5530	Nonprofit Board Governance	3
POLS 5545	Public and Nonprofit Organizations: Media and Public Relations	3
POLS 5550	Nonprofit and Nongovernmental Organizations	3
POLS 5560	Developing Revenue in Nonprofit Organizations	3
POLS 5565	NGO Development and Leadership	3
POLS 5570	Management of Nonprofit Organizations	3
POLS 5580	Nonprofit Financial Management	3
POLS 5960	Summer Laboratory for Social Change***	3
POLS 5810	Democratic Activism and Social Change****	3
	Sub-total	15
	Total credits for major	36

* Existing Honors course offered by a political science faculty member to which a POLS course designation would be added. ** New course offered in Spring 2015 under a special topics number (POLS 3960) with the intent of creating a new permanent course number at the 3000 level. *** New course to be offered Summer 2015 under a special topics number (POLS 5960) with the intention of creating a permanent course number in the future at the 5000 level. **** Research seminar being offered next year (2015-2016) which could be taught periodically as a research seminar or potential created as a permanent course number.

1. Other POLS courses related to an emphasis may be counted toward the emphasis with the approval of the department's director of undergraduate studies. Changes to the list of approved courses in political science or in the allied areas may be made with the approval of the chair of the Department of Political Science and the CSBS Curriculum Committee.