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MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Susan Ross

DATE: 11/2/2021

SUBJECT: Curriculum Proposal # 21-22-25

This proposal reduces the number of required major courses by three credit hours and increases number of major electives by three credit hours in order to incorporate more advanced Political Science curriculum (i.e. upper level courses). The amount of overall hours required for the Political Science degree remains the same.

cc: Dianna Phillips
            Lori Schoonmaker
            Stephanie Gabor
            Laura Ransom
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CURRICULUM PROPOSAL (Submit one electronic copy to the Executive Director of Academic Programs by the second Tuesday of the month.)

Proposal Number:	#21-22-25
School/Department/Program:	College of Liberal Arts, Department of Social Sciences, Political Science
Preparer/Contact Person:	Dr. Gregory P. Noone
Title of Degree Program	B.A. Political Science
Telephone Extension:	X4673
Date Originally Submitted:	November 8, 2021
Revision (Indicate date and label it Revision #1, #2, etc.):	
Implementation Date Requested:	Fall 2022

I. **PROPOSAL ABSTRACT:** Write a brief abstract, not exceeding 100 words, which describes the proposed changes.

This proposal reduces the number of required major courses by three credit hours and increases number of major electives by three credit hours in order to incorporate more advanced Political Science curriculum (i.e. upper level courses). The amount of overall hours required for the Political Science degree remains the same.

II. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL. Provide a response for each letter, A-G, and for each Roman Numeral II–V. If any section does not apply to your proposal, reply N/A.

A. Deletion of course(s) or credit(s) from program(s) :   Total hours deleted: **0 hours**

BSBA 2200 Economics

We state that zero hours are deleted as we interpret this to mean hours deleted from the major requirement. In other words, the number of hours remains the same.

B. Addition of course(s) or credit(s) from program(s) :   Total hours added: **0 hours**

The current Political Science degree includes 24 credit hours of required courses and 15 credit hours of major electives for a total of 39 credit hours. This proposal moves three credit hours from the required courses to the major electives. As a result, the Political Science degree will include 21 credit hours of required courses and 18 credit hours of major electives for a total of 39 credit hours.

We state that zero hours are added as we interpret this to mean hours added to the major requirement. In other words, the number of hours remains the same.

Program	Current Program Hours (According to the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Catalog)	Proposed Program Hours
Political Science	120	120

C. Provision for interchangeable use of course(s) with program(s)
N/A

D. **Course Description Revision**: Include, as an appendix, a revised course description, written in complete sentences, suitable for use in the university catalog.

N/A

E. **Course Changes:** Identify changes to existing courses such as changes to title, course number, learning outcomes, and elective or required status.

N/A

F. **Create a New Course**(s) information (if applicable): For each new course complete the following:

N/A

New Course Supplemental/Supporting Documentation: **N/A**

   a. **Course Catalog Description**: Include, as an appendix, a course catalog description written in complete sentences that will be published in the university catalog. The word length for a catalog description should be less than 80 words. Do not include any prerequisites, corequisites or any other restrictions in the description.

   b. **Course Learning Outcomes (CLO's):** These should be stated in terms of what new knowledge and/or skills students should be able to demonstrate upon successful completion of the course. Present course learning outcomes as a bulleted list predicated with "Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to…"

      c.   **Course Outline:** Attach a course outline consisting of at least two levels.

      d.   **Assessments:** Describe generally how student's achievement of the course learning outcomes will be assessed

Shared Course: If this is a shared course, attach a memo from the Deans of the affected Schools explaining the rationale for courses being shared. **N/A**

G.   Attach an itemized summary of the present program(s) affected, if any, and of the proposed change(s).

Please see Appendix A

II.   RATIONALE FOR THE PROPOSAL

A.   **Quantitative Assessment**: Indicate the types of assessment data, i.e., surveys, interviews, capstone courses, projects, licensure exams, nationally normed tests, locally developed measurements, accreditation reports, etc., that were collected and analyzed to determine that curricular changes were warranted. Quantitative data is preferred.

The NSI and Political Science programs continue to grow in both the number of students and faculty. This proposal reflects the needs of the program and our students as well as maximizes the expertise of the faculty. The assessment data regarding this proposal was derived from three main sources. First, the NSI and Political Science programs administer exit surveys in our Capstone courses. Second, the NSI and Political Science programs both have robust and active Advisory Boards comprised of current professionals in the respective fields. Lastly, the advanced upper level courses have all been taught at least once at Fairmont State University and the course evaluations have been universally positive in terms of content, relevance, and structure.

B.   **Qualitative Assessment**: Based upon the assessment data above, indicate why a curricular change is justified. Indicate the expected results of the change. Be sure to include an estimate of the increased cost, or reduction in cost of implementation. FOR EXAMPLE: Will new faculty, facilities, equipment, or library materials be required?

First and foremost, no additional costs are required as all courses will be taught by full time faculty. No additional faculty, facilities, equipment, or library materials will be required. Just as importantly, the Curriculum Committee should note the Dean's signature and approval of this proposal as the Dean oversees all budget issues in the College of Liberal Arts (COLA).

We examined the data derived from our sources above as well as our constant internal analysis of what our program needs to provide to our students in order to put them in the best position to succeed in the field. This is an ongoing process as demonstrated by our relatively brief but very successful history. In 2007, Dr. Greg Noone, PhD / JD was hired as an Assistant Professor of Political Science and Law and appointed the Director of the fledging Intelligence Research Analysis (IRA) program. He was tasked with leading both programs simultaneously in order to grow both programs. In 2007 the IRA program's entire major consisted of two undergraduate students and there were thirteen

undergraduates enrolled in the Political Science major. Dr. Noone immediately set on a course of putting together an Advisory Board for each degree program that represented the current field of political science, and national security and intelligence with members from academia, government, the Senate and House standing committees, CIA, PIAB, FBI, DIA, DOJ, DoS, DoD and military intelligence.

Dr. Noone also undertook an extensive review of the curriculum of both degrees and completed a survey of programs in the field. Extensive meetings with the Political Science Advisory Board also led to the development of several new Political Science courses.

Fifteen years have passed and the NSI Program and the Political Science Program have more than 200 majors. Today our faculty includes Dr. Bill Harrison, Dr. Todd Clark, Professor Robert Bolton, Dr. Robert Papp, Professor Abruzzino and Dr. Greg Noone. The NSI and Political Science faculty possess over one hundred years of practical experience in the fields of national security, intelligence, law, law enforcement, military and political science.

In order to continue to grow the Political Science program we must continually assess our strengths and weaknesses and make sure we are placing the student first. This relatively small change does just that and will ultimately improve the students' educational experience at Fairmont State University.

III.   **APPROVAL**

Should this proposal affect any course or program in another school, a memo must be sent to the Dean of each school impacted and a copy of the memo(s) must be included with this proposal. In addition, the Deans of the affected schools must sign below to indicate their notification of this proposal.

By signing here, you are indicating your college's/school's notification of this proposal.

College	Dean	Signature
College of Liberal Arts	Dr. Christopher Kast	Chris Kast

IV.   Should this proposal affect any course to be added or deleted from the general studies requirements, a memo from the chair of the General Studies Committee indicating approval of the change must be included with this proposal.

   N/A

V.   ADDITIONAL COMMENTS. **N/A**

Appendix A
B.A. Degree in Political Science
Current Program

Core Curriculum Courses (30-33 Credit Hours)		Credit Hours
First Year Seminar	SOAR 1100 or HONR 1100	1
Written Communication	ENGL 1101	3
Written Communication	ENGL 1102 (Recommended)	3
Oral Communication	COMM 2200, COMM 2201, or COMM 2202	3
Mathematics	MATH 1407, MATH 1507, MATH 1510, MATH 1430, MATH 1530, MATH 1540, MATH 1585, MATH 2501	3
Humanities	HIST 2211, 2212, 2213, PHIL 2200, 2250, or 2275	3
Fine Arts	ART 1120, ART 1141, MUSI 1106, MUSI 1120, MUSI 1167, MUSI 1168, MUSI 1169, MUSI 2247, MUSI 2277, MUSI 2279, THEA 1120	3
Natural Science	BIOL 1104, BIOL 1105, BIOL 1106, BIOL 1180 & 1181, CHEM 1101, CHEM 1105, GEOL 1101, GEOL 1102, PHYS 1101, PHYS 1105, SCIE 1100, SCIE 1103, SCIE 1105 SCIE 1107, SCIE 1115, SCIE 1120, SCIE 1130, SCIE 1210, SCIE 1250, SCIE 2200	3-4
Social Science	POLI 2200 (Satisfied by Major Requirement)	X
Citizenship	POLI 1100 (Satisfied by Major Requirement)	X
Global Awareness, Fitness & Wellness, Technology	POLI 2210 (Satisfied by Major Requirement)	X

Required Major Courses (24 Credit Hours)		
Course Prefix & Number	**Course Name**	**Credit Hours**
CRIM 2295 OR PHIL 3325	Ethics in Criminal Justice OR Ethics	3
BSBA 2200	Economics	3
POLI 1100	American Government	3
POLI 2200	Introduction to Political Science	3
POLI 2210	Principles of International Relations	3
POLI 2220	Comparative Government	3
CRIM 4400 OR POLI 4400	Research in Social Sciences	3
POLI 4490	Capstone Seminar in Political Science	3
	TOTAL CREDITS	**24**

Students may choose from any advanced (3300/4400) Political Science courses.

Major Electives (15 Credit Hours)		
Course Prefix & Number	**Course Name**	**Credit Hours**
POLI 3306	The American Presidency	3
POLI 3307	Congress and the Legislative Process	3
POLI 3310	Recent Political Theory	3
POLI 3311	Global Affairs	3
POLI 3315	National Security and Intelligence	3
POLI 3320	US Foreign Policy	3
POLI 3325	Politics of Intelligence	3
POLI 3330	U.S. National Security Policy	3
POLI 3331	Intelligence and Covert Action	3
POLI 3332	Insurgency and Counterinsurgency	3
POLI 3333	Espionage, Counterintelligence and Strategic Deception	3
POLI 3334	Fundamentals of Defense Intelligence	3
POLI 3335	Congress and National Security	3
POLI 3350	International Law and Organizations	3
POLI 3360	Future Global Crisis	3
POLI 3365	Homeland Security	3
POLI 3370	World Religions and Politics	3
POLI 3380	Propaganda and Politics	3
POLI 3385	Politics in Film and Fiction	3
POLI 3390	Law and the Legal System	3
POLI 3395	Constitutional Law	3
POLI 4404	Civil Liberties in the US	3
POLI 4405	Terrorism	3
POLI 4410	Problems in American Government	3
POLI 4411	Area Studies	3
POLI 4412	Area Studies	3
POLI 4413	Area Studies	3
POLI 4415	International Problems	3
POLI 4420	Supreme Court of the United States	3
POLI 4425	Military Justice	3
POLI 4435	Intelligence Law	3
POLI 4440	National Security Law	3
POLI 4445	Law of Armed Conflict / International Humanitarian Law	3
POLI 4455	Model United Nations	1-12
POLI 4460	Political Science Practicum	1-12
POLI 4499	Special Topics in Political Science	1-12

POLI 4998	Undergraduate Research	0-6
	TOTAL CREDITS	**15**

Total Core Curriculum Hours	**30**
Major Courses	**24**
Major Electives	**15**
Minor	**18**
Free Electives (If applicable)	**33**
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	**120**

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Global Awareness, Fitness & Wellness, Technology	POLI 2210 (Satisfied by Major Requirement)	X

Required Major Courses (21 Credit Hours)		
Course Prefix & Number	**Course Name**	**Credit Hours**
CRIM 2295 OR PHIL 3325	Ethics in Criminal Justice OR Ethics	3
POLI 1100	American Government	3
POLI 2200	Introduction to Political Science	3
POLI 2210	Principles of International Relations	3
POLI 2220	Comparative Government	3
CRIM 4400 OR POLI 4400	Research in Social Sciences	3
POLI 4490	Capstone Seminar in Political Science	3
	TOTAL CREDITS	**21**

Students may choose from any advanced courses (3300/4400) in Political Science or National Security and Intelligence.

Major Electives (18 Credit Hours)		
Course Prefix & Number	**Course Name**	**Credit Hours**
NSIS 3300	Intelligence Research	3
NSIS 3305	History of National Security and Intelligence	3
POLI 3300	Public Administration	3
POLI 3302	State and Local Government	3
POLI 3303	Political Parties	3
POLI 3306	The American Presidency	3
POLI 3307	Congress and the Legislative Process	3
POLI 3310	Recent Political Theory	3
POLI 3311	Global Affairs	3
POLI 3315	National Security and Intelligence	3
POLI 3320	US Foreign Policy	3
POLI 3325	Politics of Intelligence	3
POLI 3330	U.S. National Security Policy	3
POLI 3331	Intelligence and Covert Action	3
POLI 3332	Insurgency and Counterinsurgency	3
POLI 3333	Espionage, Counterintelligence and Strategic Deception	3
POLI 3334	Fundamentals of Defense Intelligence	3
POLI 3335	Congress and National Security	3
POLI 3350	International Law and Organizations	3
POLI 3360	Future Global Crisis	3
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