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	Department Political Science College Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters	
Program Name Bachelor of Arts with Major in Political Science	<input type="checkbox"/> New Program <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change Program	Effective Date <small>(TERM & YEAR)</small> Fall 2022
Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment See attached memo.		
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Approved by Department Chair <u>Kevin Wagner</u> College Curriculum Chair _____ College Dean _____ UUPC Chair <u>Dan Meeroff</u> Undergraduate Studies Dean <u>Edward Pratt</u> UFS President _____ Provost _____	Date <u>11/8/21</u> 11.23.21 12-1-2021 <u>12-6-21</u> <u>12-6-21</u> _____ _____	

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Political Science Memo and Rationale for Changes

The Department of Political Science has decided to update its curricular program to meet the existing needs of its students. Towards that aim, the department proposes several changes to the undergraduate curriculum, as explained in this memo.

Section 2A

- **POS 3330 will be re-titled to “Exploring Political Science” and will replace POS 3703: Research Methods in Political Science as one of the required courses.**

The current course requirement, POS 3703: Research Methods in Political Science, teaches students advanced quantitative methodology. While some knowledge of quantitative methods is necessary at the undergraduate level, the department thinks students would be better served by a course that exposes them to the field of political science more broadly. POS 3330: Exploring Political Science (proposed new title) was created expressly for this purpose. POS 3330 introduces students to the various subfields of political science, approaches to scientific inquiry within the field, and the fundamentals necessary to conduct initial research in the discipline. Students will be encouraged to take this foundational course early in their academic careers, leading to better performance in their upper-division courses and an improved graduation rate.

- **Change from three required courses (9 credits) to two required courses plus a choice of two out of four required courses (12 credits).**

Currently, Political Science majors must pass three required courses: POS 2041: Government of the U.S.; CPO 3003: Comparative Politics; and POS 3703 Research Methods in Political Science. The current list of required courses excludes some of the major sub-fields of political science, including International Relations and Political Theory. To encourage broader exposure to the various subfields of political science, the requirements will be amended so that all political science majors will now take two foundational courses (POS 3330: Exploring Political Science and POS 2041: Government of the U.S.) plus a choice of two out of four courses representing major subfields of political science: Comparative Politics; International Relations; Research Methods; and Political Theory. This change will ensure that students receive broad exposure to the different sub-fields, which is essential for a complete education in political science. Additionally, the new structure will give students more choices for fulfilling their requirements, which should help to improve graduation rates.

Section 2B

- **Change in upper-division coursework from 27 to 24 credits.**

To encourage broader exposure to the core courses in each subfield of the discipline, we proposed increasing the required courses from 9 to 12 credits. So that the total credits needed for the B.A. in Political Science degree remain at 36 credits, the upper-division coursework has been adjusted accordingly, from 27 to 24 credits.

- **Change in distribution of upper-division coursework.**

The existing requirements specify that majors must complete 27 credits of upper-division coursework with at least 9 credits in “Section A: American Politics, Political Theory, and Public Policy” and at least 6 credits in “Section B: World Politics.” The proposed change would delineate the sub-fields of political science more clearly and encourage students to explore more of the sub-fields by requiring majors to take at least one course (3 credits) in three of the following five categories: American Politics; Comparative Politics; International Relations; Political Theory; and Public Policy/Public Administration.

- **List of upper-division courses replaced with more general language.**

Currently, the degree requirements list specific courses that count towards each section of the upper-division coursework requirement. This list is out-of-date; some of these courses are no longer offered, and some regularly taught courses are not included. This has created substantial confusion for students, as it is not clear to them that courses not on the list may also count towards the major and so they sometimes avoid taking those courses. To remedy this problem, the new requirements will simply read, “Any 3000/4000 level course with a __ prefix [__ 4931/4932 may be repeated for credit with a different topic],” with the blank filled in with the prefix of each designated subfield (POS for American Politics, CPO for Comparative Politics, INR for International Relations, POT for Political Theory, and PUP/PAD for Public Policy/Public Administration). This is similar to language found in the Political Science degree requirements at other SUSF schools, including the University of Florida and Florida State University.

Minor in Political Science:

- **Adjustments to Minor in alignment with Major changes described above.**

In accordance with the changes to the Major as described above, the Minor in Political Science will now require that students take two foundational courses (POS 3330: Exploring Political Science and POS 2041: Government of the U.S.) plus a choice of one out of four courses representing major subfields of political science: Comparative Politics; International Relations; Research Methods; and Political Theory. In addition, Minors will be required to take 2 upper-division courses. Again, this will ensure broad exposure to the discipline and help students to complete the Minor in a timely manner due to the greater number of choices amongst the required classes.

Political Science

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The B.A. program is designed to provide a broad overview of the discipline of political science. It offers a firm grounding in all aspects of the discipline while ensuring flexibility for students to design programs of study to fit their particular needs through the selection of electives. An [Honors Program](#) gives students the opportunity to gain research skills, improve their critical thinking and writing skills, increase interaction with faculty members and complete their degree with an honors distinction.

Prerequisite Coursework for Transfer Students

Students transferring to Florida Atlantic University must complete both lower-division requirements (including the requirements of the Intellectual Foundations Program) and requirements for the College and major. Lower-division requirements may be completed through the A.A. degree from any Florida public college, university or community college or through equivalent coursework at another regionally accredited institution. Before transferring and to ensure timely progress toward the baccalaureate degree, students must also complete the prerequisite courses for their major as outlined in the [Transition Guides](#).

All courses not approved by the Florida Statewide Course Numbering System that will be used to satisfy requirements will be evaluated individually on the basis of content and will require a catalog course description and a copy of the syllabus for assessment.

[Link to B.S. with Major in Data Science and Analytics](#)

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Bachelor of Arts with Major in Political Science

(Minimum of 120 credits required)

Degree Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science requires meeting the following requirements:

1. All bachelor's degree requirements (stipulated in the University Catalog, including foreign language).
2. A minimum of 36 political science credits with no grade less than "C."
3. The following **three** **two** courses:

Exploring Political Science	POS 3713	3
Government of the U.S.*	POS 2041	3
Comparative Politics	CPO 3003	3
RI: Research Methods in Political Science	POS 3703	3

**POS 2041 fulfills the State of Florida's Civic Literacy Requirement.*

4. **Two** of the following **four** courses:

Comparative Politics	CPO 3003	3
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Introduction to World Politics	INR 2002	3
Research Methods in Political Science	POS 3703	3
Global Political Theory	POT 2002	3

5. A minimum of 27 24 upper-division credits, with at least **one** 3-credit hour course taken in **three** of the following **five** categories: from the following list. At least nine credits must be from the American Politics and Political Theory section, and six credits must be from the World Politics section.

American Politics - Any 3000/4000 level course with a POS prefix [POS 4931/4932 may be repeated for credit with a different topic].

Comparative Politics - Any 3000/4000 level course with a CPO prefix [CPO 4931/4932 may be repeated for credit with a different topic].

International Relations - Any 3000/4000 level course with an INR prefix [INR 4931/4932 may be repeated for credit with a different topic].

Political Theory - Any 3000/4000 level course with a POT prefix [POT 4931/4932 may be repeated for credit with a different topic].

Public Policy/Public Administration – Any 3000/4000 level course with a PUP/PAD prefix [PUP/PAD 4931/4932 may be repeated for credit with a different topic].

<i>American Politics and Political Theory</i>		
Issues in American Politics	POS 3033	3
Political Film and Fiction	POS 3258	3
Law and American Society	POS 3691	3
Urban Politics*	POS 4145	3
Public Opinion and American Politics*	POS 4204	3
Media in Politics*	POS 4235	3
Campaigns/Elections*	POS 4275	3
The U.S. Presidency*	POS 4413	3
U.S. Congress*	POS 4424	3
Political Parties and Interest Groups*	POS 4453	3
Constitutional Law: Government Powers and Limits*	POS 4603	3
Constitutional Law: Civil Right and Liberties*	POS 4604	3
The Judicial Process*	POS 4609	3
American Political Thought	POT 4204	3
Women and Politics	PUP 3323	3
Policy Making and Administration*	PUP 4004	3
Government and the Economy	PUP 4710	3
<i>World Politics</i>		
Religions and World Politics	CPO 3761	3

Global Development and the Inequality of Nations	CPO 4033	3
Comparative European Politics**	CPO 4042	3
Politics of the European Union**	CPO 4101	3
Latin American Politics	CPO 4303	3
Comparative Politics: Middle East	CPO 4403	3
Comparative Politics: Russia and Eastern Europe	CPO 4633	3
The Comparative Politics of Ethnic Conflict	CPO 4724	3
American Foreign Policy	INR 3102	3
International Law: Foundations and Institutions	INR 3403	3
International Organization	INR 3502	3
International Political Economy	INR 3702	3
War and Peace	INR 4006	3
The International System	INR 4081	3
<i>Special Courses</i>		
Special Topics (CPO, INR, POS, POT)	4931 or 4932	3
Political Science Study Abroad	CPO 4957	1-6
Advanced Diplomacy	INR 4503	3
Directed Independent Study	POS 4905	1-3
Senior Research Project	POS 4910	3
Internship	POS 4941	1-3

* POS 2041, The Government of the U.S., is a pre/corequisite for this course.

** CPO 3003, Comparative Politics, is a pre/corequisite for this course.

