

University Curriculum Committee

Minutes #16

April 12, 2023

Members Present: Califf, Chen, Hunter, Howe, Kroesch, Leonard, Paolucci, Pierce, Pence, Ren, Hurd

Members Absent: Stabler, Newport

Guests: Ian Gawron – Office of Registrar, Thomas McClure – Department of Politics and Government, Brittney Vietti – Department of Politics and Government

Convene: Califf convened the UCC meeting at approximately 3:05 pm.

1. Introductions:

2. Minutes:

The minutes were approved without changes/objections

3. Action Items:

Accelerated Political Science Sequence (new) and General Political Science sequence (new) – Pence, Chen

Pence and Chen explained that the proposals will be presented together given how they relate to one another. They indicated that the General Political Science sequence was being created for administrative purposes given the accelerated sequence is being proposed. The General Political Science program functionally already exists and simply “converts” the Major in Politics and Government to a sequence option. Most of the discussion involved the “Take 6” elective section and how best to format the list of courses to ensure it all reflects clearly. Gawron (guest) indicated that the academic catalog format should look a bit different than what is displayed in the proposal and some editing can be done to ensure everything reflects correctly. Gawron (guest) indicated that Curriculum Forms has limited editing ability. There was also a brief discussion on accelerated programs generally and if it was required they take one graduate course. These discussions included: Califf, Paolucci, Hurd, Gawron (guest), McClure (guest). Pence motioned to approve the proposals pending approved Financial Implication Forms and clarification if accelerated master degree programs required at least one graduate course. Chen seconded. All voted in favor. Zero against. Zero abstention. Below is the approved catalog copy:

ACCELERATED POLITICAL SCIENCE SEQUENCE

Program Admissions Requirements

The Accelerated Political Science Sequence (APS) is a pathway in the Master’s Program in Politics and Government. The accelerated degree program is available to high-achieving students that are interested in advanced study and the opportunity to complete a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree in 5 years. Once accepted, the student will be expected to take graduate level credit during their senior year. These courses will count for both the undergraduate and graduate degree. Students that qualify must apply during the spring of their Junior year. Admission is based upon program capacity and academic competitiveness. Application procedure and deadlines are located on the Department of Politics and Government website.

Acceptance into APS includes acceptance into the Master's Program in Politics and Government, if the student is in good standing and has made progress towards their Master's degree in their Senior year. A student is still required to apply to the Graduate School to transfer over to graduate only status. This application will be required in the spring of the APS student's Senior year.

Major Requirements

Minimum required credit hours: 40

- POL 100
- POL 106
- POL 138
- POL 140
- POL 161
- POL 296

Take 1 of the following courses

- POL 398a01 (3)
- LGS 398a20 (3)
- IDS 398a02 (3)

Take 1 of the following courses

- POL 150
- POL 151

Take 6 (18 credit hours) additional Political Science electives.

It is recommended to take 12 credit hours of 400-level electives. Please consult your academic advisor.

- POL 212
- POL 213
- POL 214
- POL 215
- POL 217
- POL 218
- POL 220
- POL 221
- POL 222
- POL 225
- POL 231
- POL 232
- POL 236
- POL 240
- POL 241
- POL 245
- POL 246
- POL 247
- POL 251
- POL 252
- POL 254

- POL 255
- POL 261
- POL 262
- POL 265
- POL 266
- POL 283
- POL 291 (3)
- POL 293A03 (3)
- POL 299 (3)
- POL 300
- POL 302
- POL 405
- POL 307 or POL 407
- POL 310 or POL 410
- POL 412
- POL 312 or POL 413
- POL 324 or POL 424
- POL 325 or POL 425
- POL 326 or POL 426
- POL 327 or POL 427
- POL 328 or POL 428
- POL 334 or POL 434
- POL 337 or POL 437
- POL 338 or POL 438
- POL 339 or POL 439
- POL 340 or POL 440
- POL 344 or POL 444
- POL 345 or POL 445
- POL 349 or POL 449
- POL 351 or POL 453
- POL 352 or POL 458
- POL 461
- POL 358 or POL 462
- POL 344 or POL 444
- POL 361 or POL 464
- POL 333 or POL 483
- POL 496
- POL 497
- LGS 201
- LGS 203
- LGS 204

Notes:

1. Accelerated master 's degree (AMD) programs offer high achieving students the opportunity to complete their bachelor 's degree and master 's degree in a faster time frame than each degree separately. Students will take both graduate and undergraduate classes when they have junior or senior status and seamlessly transition into their master 's degree program. Students admitted into an accelerated master 's degree program may count a maximum of twelve (12) hours or 33% of course work (whichever is higher) towards both the bachelor 's degree and master 's degree. The undergraduate accelerated sequence should indicate a minimum number of graduate level credit hours that should be completed in order for the student to graduate in that sequence. Courses must be at the 400-level or be a dual credit 300 level course in which the student completes graduate

student requirements as outlined in the syllabus. The coursework requires approval of the academic advisor.

The General Sequence allows students the unique opportunity to tailor their electives to complement their career goals. Political Science majors may choose (but are not required) one of the following concentrations.

- American Politics
- Comparative Politics
- International Relations
- Public Law
- Public Policy
- Political Theory

Major Requirements

Minimum required credit hours: 40

- POL 100
- POL 106
- POL 138
- POL 140
- POL 161
- POL 296

Take 1 of the following courses

Minimum of 3 credit hours required

- POL 398a01 (3)
- LGS 398a20 (3)
- IDS 398a02 (3)

Take 1 of the following courses

- POL 150
- POL 151

Take 6 (18 credit hours) additional Political Science electives

The Political Science major requires a minimum of 12 credit hours at the 200-level and a minimum of 6 credit hours at the 300-level.

- POL 212
- POL 213
- POL 215
- POL 217
- POL 218
- POL 219
- POL 220
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- POL 283
- POL 291 (3)
- POL 293A03 (3)
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- POL 355
- POL 358
- POL 361

- POL 365
- POL 380
- LGS 201
- LGS 203

LGS 204

Notes:

Maximum 6 hours of POL 398a01 and LGS 398a20 may count toward major

Computational Physics Sequence (revise) – Pence, Chen

Chen explained the changes, which involved adding/removing required course, and specifying the electives section to indicate the courses that would satisfy the program. The main concerns involved them needing a letter of support from IT because they are adding IT 166 and IT 168 to the program, and a clarification on the electives on whether PHY 320, 340, 384 were exclusive to the electives or if they can choose between those three courses to satisfy the electives as well. This discussion included: Califf, Chen, Paolucci, Gawron (guest). Chen motioned to approve the proposals pending an update to the elective section and a letter of support from IT. Pence seconded. All voted in favor. Zero against. Zero abstentions. Below is the approved catalog copy:

Minimum required credit hours: 75

- PHY 107
- PHY 110
- PHY 111
- PHY 112
- PHY 217
- PHY 220
- PHY 240
- PHY 270
- PHY 284
- PHY 307
- PHY 318
- PHY 325
- PHY 388
- PHY 390 (1)
- IT 165, 166 or 168
- IT 254
- CHE 140
- MAT 145
- MAT 146
- MAT 147
- MAT 175
- MAT 260
- MAT 340

Take one of the following options:

- PHY 320
- PHY 340
- PHY 384

Take one of the following additional electives:

- PHY 320
- PHY 340
- PHY 361
- PHY 362
- PHY 371
- PHY 373
- PHY 380a05
- PHY 384
- PHY 387

Discussion of removing the UCC Liaison position to Academic Affairs Committee

Hurd led the discussion indicating that there is a discussion in the Academic Senate to remove the Academic Affairs Committee liaison position from the UCC bylaws. The rationale is that there is a bit of a contradiction where the UCC has bylaws for the liaison position, but the AAC does not have bylaws recognizing the position, which necessitates a reevaluation of the position. The discussion primarily centered around if the position was needed, personal experiences in that position, and that the Provost staff position attends both the UCC and AAC meetings and can present relevant information, if needed. The discussion also indicated that the AAC is an open meeting where UCC members/leadership can attend, if needed. The discussion primarily included: Califf, Paolucci, Hurd, Hunter, Pierce.

Kroesch motioned to approve the elimination of the AAC liaison position. Hunter seconded. All voted in favor. Zero against. Zero abstentions.

4. Liaison Assignments:

CGE – Nothing reported

CTE – Nothing reported

5. Staff report:

6. Miscellaneous:

There was a brief discussion on potential legislation concerning the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) where they are aiming to increase the minimum number of articulated courses in a major panel from one to four. Hurd indicated that this may have been revised down to two as the minimum, but the discussion involved IAI, what “major panels” were in relation to IAI, and potential reasonings why a change like this is being considered. Overall, this discussion involved: Hurd, Paolucci, Califf, Gawron (guest).

7. Adjournment:

The UCC adjourned approximately 4:00 pm.