

PROGRAM PROPOSAL

Proposed Name of Degree/Credential: B.A. Political Science

Faculty Proposing New Program: Scott A. Frisch

Review and Approval:

Signature of Proposer: _____

1. Curriculum Committee Approval:

Curriculum Chair: _____ Date: _____

2. Academic Senate Approval:

Chair, Academic Senate: _____ Date: _____

3. Administration Approval:

President (or designee): _____ Date: _____

1. Definition of the Proposed Degree Major Program

- 1a. *Name of the campus submitting the request, the full and exact designation (degree terminology) for the proposed degree major program, and academic year of intended implementation.***

Campus - California State University Channel Islands

Degree - Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Implementation – Fall 2006

- 1b. *Name of the department, departments, division or other unit of the campus that would offer the proposed degree major program. Identify the unit that will have primary responsibility.***

Political Science Program

- 1c. *Name, title, and rank of the individual(s) primarily responsible for drafting the proposed degree major program.***

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- 1d. *Objectives of the proposed degree major program.***

Political Science is the study of government, public policies and political behavior. Political Science uses both humanistic and scientific perspectives and skills to examine all countries and regions of the world. The major in Political Science will be based on the educational objectives emphasized in the California State University Channel Island's mission. All students graduating with a degree in Political Science will have taken course work and developed competencies in all four key areas of the university mission: interdisciplinary and integrative learning; multicultural perspectives; international perspectives and civic engagement through service learning or experiential learning. Unlike traditional political science majors, all students will be required to complete a course on racial politics in the United States. This is not only consistent with our mission, but it reflects the ethnic and racial reality of California in the 21st century. The curriculum will have a strong international component as well, as all graduates will take international politics, and comparative government, and many of the elective courses emphasize international perspectives. All students graduating from CSUCI must complete nine units of upper division interdisciplinary course work. Finally, experiential and service learning are woven throughout the curriculum, and the required capstone

course is a community based project designed to synthesize learning through analysis of an important policy issue.

General Objectives

- Provide students with the opportunity to earn a B.A. degree in Political Science from California State University Channel Islands
- Provide students with interdisciplinary and service learning opportunities
- Instill students with multicultural and international perspectives
- Graduate students with the necessary skills and knowledge to enter law school, graduate school, and the public or private sector work force

Learning Objectives

Students completing the requirements for a B.A. degree in Political Science will be able to:

- Write clearly and with purpose on issues of international and domestic politics and public policy
- Participate as a civically engaged member of society
- Analyze political and policy problems and formulate policy options
- Use electronic and traditional library resources to research key local, state, national and international policy issues and present results
- Demonstrate competency with basic tools underlying modern social science research including competency in statistics and qualitative analysis
- Demonstrate critical thinking, including the ability to form an argument, detect fallacies, and marshal evidence, about key issues of public policy and politics
- Discuss the major theories and concepts of political science and its subfields
- Deliver thoughtful and well articulated presentations of research findings

1e. *Total number of units required for the major. List of all courses, by catalog number, title, and units of credit, to be specifically required for a major under*

the proposed degree program. Identify those new courses that are (1) needed to initiate the program and (2) needed during the first two years after implementation. Include proposed catalog descriptions of all new courses.

Total number of units required for the major: 39 units

Required Courses: 24 Units (12 Lower Division/12 Upper Division)

Lower Division: (12)

POLS 102 Comparative Government (3) (existing course)

This course is designed to introduce the student to the contemporary study of comparative politics. This will be accomplished by providing the student with a global perspective that will lend itself to increasing the student's political literacy in comparative as well as domestic politics. The theme for the course will be that of democratization and democracy. Topics will include political institutions (constitutions, executives, legislatures, courts, and political parties), political behavior (voting, group activism, and other modes of political participation), and political ideas (political culture, socialization, and political economy).

POLS 103 Introduction to International Politics (3) (existing course)

This course offers an overview of current theory, topics, and research in the Political Science subfield of International Relations (IR). Emphasis will be placed on role of power in international affairs, the structure of the international system, the meaning of security, and the importance of economic relations between nations and regions.

POLS 150 American Political Institutions (3) (existing course)

This course examines the major American national and state political institutions and processes, including the presidency, congress, the federal court system, political parties, the electoral system, and major institutions of state government. This course emphasizes how these institutions and processes function within changing American Constitutional principles of the role of law, federalism, shared power, and individual and civil rights. Meets Title V national and state government requirement.

SOC/PSY 203 Statistical Applications in the Social Sciences (3) (new course)

Course will cover the organization and classification of social science data, graphical representations, central tendency and variability, types of data encountered in the social sciences, chi-squared and other nonparametric techniques, correlation and regression, introduction to statistical inference, mean difference tests and an introduction to analysis of variance. Students will use SPSS to analyze data.

Upper Division: (12)

POLS 300 Research Methods in Political Science (3) (needed to initiate)

Introduction to research methods commonly used in political science. Topics include: research design, literature reviews, measurement and observation. Covers quantitative as well as qualitative methods of inquiry.

POLS 301 Political Theory (3) (existing course)

Political Theory is devoted to assessing the authority, legitimacy, and justification of various kinds of political arrangements. How should people live together in society? Is democracy really the best form of government? Can a society “legislate morality”? What do individuals owe their government? What does their government owe them? This course will consider these and related questions through an introductory survey of works by major political philosophers such as Plato, Hobbes, Locke, Mill, and Marx. We will also explore ramifications for issues such as freedom of speech, religious liberty, affirmative action, economic inequality, criminal punishment, civil disobedience, and revolution.

POLS 306 The Politics of Race and Ethnicity (3) (needed to initiate)

Examines the ways in which race and ethnicity affect American politics and public policy. Special attention will be paid to issues of race and politics in contemporary southern California.

POLS 499 Capstone – (3) (needed to initiate)

Integrating and culminating experience in which students work in teams to analyze political or policy issues, formulate and communicate recommendations, in a community-based setting.

- 1f.** *List of elective courses, by catalog number, title, and units of credit that can be used to satisfy requirements for the major. Identify those new courses that are (1) needed to initiate the program and (2) needed during the first two years after implementation. Include proposed catalog descriptions of all new courses.*

The Major requires 15 units of electives chosen from the following courses:

ELECTIVE COURSES

- ESRM 328 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (3) (existing course)
POLS 140 California Government and Politics (1) (existing course)
POLS 305 Women and Politics (3) (needed to initiate)
POLS 315 Congress and the Presidency (3) (existing course)
POLS 316 State and Local politics and policy (3) (needed first two years)
POLS 317 Judicial Power and Process (3) (needed first two years)
POLS 318 The Electoral Process (needed to initiate)
POLS 320 Public Administration (3) (existing course)
POLS 321 Public Budgeting and Finance (needed first two years)
POLS 325 American Public Policy (3) (existing course)
POLS 326 Government and Politics of Selected Nations (3) (needed to initiate)
POLS 327 International Relations of Selected Areas (3) (needed to initiate)
POLS 328 United States Foreign Policy (3) (needed first two years)
POLS 330 Political Sociology (Same as SOC 330) (3) (existing course)
POLS 335 Politics and Film (4) (needed first two years)
POLS 340 Environmental Politics and Public Policy (Same as ESRM 340) (3)
(needed first two years)
POLS 345 Science and Public Policy (Same as BIOL 345) (3) (needed first two
years)
POLS 430 Political Communication (Same as COMM 430) (3) (needed first two
years)
POLS 490 Special Topics in Political Science (3) (needed to initiate)
POLS 492 Service Learning In Political Science (3) (needed to initiate)
POLS 493 Internship in Political Science (3) (needed to initiate)
POLS 494 Independent Research In Political Science (1-3) (existing course)

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ESRM 328 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (3) (existing course)

Introduction to fundamental concepts and techniques of geographic information systems, including the collection, manipulation, analysis, interpretation, display, and communication of spatial information for environmental decision making.

POLS 140 California Government and Politics (1) (existing course)

Introduction to the structure and function of California state government. Satisfies California state and local government requirement for students who have taken American Government without a California component or who receive Advanced Placement credit for American Government.

POLS 305 Women and Politics (3) (needed to initiate)

Examines the role of women as political actors in the United States. Also explores the impact of public policies on women in America.

POLS 315 Congress and the Presidency (3) (existing course)

This course will examine the ongoing struggle between the President and Congress to enact public policy. Students will study both institutions in isolation and in their interaction. Particular attention will be placed on the electoral incentives of members of each institution and the inherent difficulties of cooperation in a system of separation of powers.

POLS 316 State and Local politics and policy (3) (needed first two years)

Examines the structures, functions, policies, and administration of subnational governments in the United States.

POLS 317 Judicial Power and Process (3) (needed first two years)

Study of the American court system, including study of the history, organization, politics and policymaking of the judicial branch.

POLS 318 The Electoral Process (3) (needed to initiate)

Explores political parties, campaigns, elections and voting behavior in the American context.

POLS 320 Public Administration (3) (existing course)

This course is an introduction to public administration in the United States at the national, state and local levels of government. It will explore the various trends in American public administration, examine the unique circumstances involved in administering public organizations and look at different techniques of public management. Topics of study include: the structure and function of the American system of federalism, organizational theory and behavior, public budgeting and finance, public human resources management and the role of women in public administration

POLS 321 Public Budgeting and Finance (needed first two years)

Examines the major concepts of public budgeting and finance in the United States. Key topics of study include: expenditure estimation, revenue forecasting, capital budgeting, budget reform and financial management. The politics that characterize the budgetary process will be emphasized throughout.

POLS 325 American Public Policy (3) (existing course)

A study of how public policy is formulated and implemented, using several policy areas such as health, transportation, housing, energy, and welfare policy as areas for specific examination. The course will review several contemporary perspectives on policy making.

POLS 326 Government and Politics of Selected Nations (3) (needed to initiate)

An intensive study of the politics and government of a nation or group of nations. Topics will include study of the government structure, political processes, political behavior and public policies. Areas of focus varies by semester.

POLS 327 International Relations of Selected Areas (3) (needed to initiate)

Examination of the international political and economic relations among nations of a particular area of the world. Area of focus varies by semester.

POLS 328 United States Foreign and Defense Policy (3) (needed first two years)

Examines the process of foreign policy making by the United States from several theoretical perspectives.

POLS 330 Political Sociology (Same as SOC 330) (3) (existing course)

Examines power and power structures at all levels of society. The roles of social classes, movements, and institutions in shaping the political process and social influences on political behavior are explored.

POLS 335 Politics and Film (4) (needed first two years)

Explores the themes, issues and processes of politics through an in depth study of selected films. Area of focus varies by semester.

POLS 340 Environmental Politics and Public Policy (Same as ESRM 340) (3) (needed first two years)

Exploration of environmental politics in both the international and domestic contexts.

POLS 345 Science and Public Policy (Same as BIOL 345) (3) (needed first two years)

Examines the relationship between science, politics, and public policy and prepares students to make informed decisions concerning the societal implications of many rapidly advancing avenues of scientific research.

POLS 430 Political Communication (Same as COMM 430) (3) (needed first two years)

An analysis of the relationship between mass media and political decision-making. Topics covered include: political communication theories and trends, the relationship between political institutions and the press in the US and in other countries, elections, debates, political campaigning and advertising, new media and politics, political socialization, education, politics and popular culture.

POLS 490 Special Topics in Political Science (3) (needed to initiate)

In depth analysis of current topics in Political Science. Topics vary each semester. Repeatable by topic.

POLS 492 Service Learning In Political Science (3) (needed to initiate)

Community based service combined with course work and reflection on a topic with political or policy significance.

POLS 493 Internship in Political Science (3) (needed to initiate)

Community based internship in political science

POLS 494 Independent Research In Political Science (1-3) (existing course)

Independent research in Political Science conducted under the supervision of a faculty member.

1g. *If any formal options, concentrations, or special emphases are planned under the proposed major, explain fully.*

None.

1h. *Course prerequisites and other criteria for admission of students to the proposed degree major program, and for their continuation in it.*

None.

1i. *Explanation of special characteristics of the proposed degree major program, e.g., in terminology, units of credit required, types of course work, etc.*

The proposed B.A. in Political Science is a mission driven degree, as all four major attributes of the mission – international, multicultural, service learning and interdisciplinary learning are required elements for graduates. In particular, the requirement that majors complete Racial and Ethnic politics sets the program apart.

1j. *For undergraduate programs, provisions for articulation of the proposed major with community college programs.*

As part of the Lower Division Transfer Program, the Complete American Government course (CAN GOVT 2) may be transferred from the community college and is included in the major as POLS 150. In addition, an articulation agreement has been reached with Moorpark College for MO 2 (Comparative Government) as equivalent to POLS 102 (Comparative Government) and MO 4 (International Relations) as equivalent to POLS 103 (International Politics). It is anticipated that similar articulation agreements will be forthcoming with other community colleges.

1k. *Provision for meeting accreditation requirements, where applicable, and anticipated date of accreditation request.*

N/A

2. Need for the Proposed Degree Major Program

Political Science is a foundation major as listed in Academic Programs and Resource Planning in the California State University, 1980, p. 33.

Political Science is a popular major throughout the California State University system. In academic year 2002-2003, 1,112 Political Science degrees were awarded throughout the system. If programs that are frequently included in a department of Political Science (such as Public Administration, and International Relations) are included in the Political Science total, the number of majors jumps to 1,586. California State University Northridge, the CSU campus nearest to CSUCI, graduated 93 political science majors in 2003.

The CSUCI Office of Admissions and Records maintains a log of potential student inquiries of degrees not currently offered at our campus. Admissions and Records has received 193 inquiries from students likely to major in Political Science (students requested information about: Political Science, International Relations, Pre-law, law, Government). This represents more than 11 percent of total inquiries.

Ventura County is home to a large number of government employers who would benefit from graduates of a four year degree in Political Science. According to the Census Bureau, there are 31,576 state and local government employees in Ventura County as well as 8,700 civilian employees of the federal government and 6,883 military employees of the federal government. Traditionally, government employees have been attracted to the political science degree, especially coursework in public administration. Government employment is often considered more stable than many other fields and there is an ongoing need for government services.

2a. *List of other California State University campuses currently offering or projecting the proposed degree major program; list of neighboring institutions, public and private, currently offering the proposed degree major program.*

All other CSU campuses offer political science (or Government) except CSU Monterey Bay and the California Maritime Academy.

USC, UCLA and UCSB all offer B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Political Science

California Lutheran University offers a B.A. in Political Science

Pepperdine University offers a B.A. in Political Science

2b. *Differences between the proposed program and programs listed in Section 2a above.*

Unlike traditional programs in Political Science, the CSUCI B.A. develops breadth of knowledge by requiring that students take coursework in four mission related areas – international, multicultural and gender, interdisciplinary, and civic engagement/service learning. All CSUCI Political Science majors must complete a capstone course that integrates disciplinary and cross-disciplinary knowledge through undertaking a community oriented service learning project.

2f. *Professional uses of the proposed degree major program.*

The Political Science major will prepare students for careers in federal, state and local governments; law; business; international organizations; nonprofit associations and organizations; campaign management and polling; journalism; education; electoral politics, research and advocacy. In addition, the major in Political Science prepares students for graduate and professional study in the field of Political Science as well as International Relations and Public Administration.

- 2g.** *The expected number of majors in the year of initiation and three years and five years thereafter. The expected number of graduates in the year of initiation and three years and five years thereafter.*

	<u>Number of Majors</u>	<u>Number of Graduates</u>
Initiation Year	20	5
Third year	40	15
Fifth year	60	20

3. Existing Support Resources for the Proposed Degree Major Program

The University currently supports the Political Science minor as well as Political Science 150, a campus course that satisfies three units of the State mandated six units in American Institutions. One full time faculty member plus the services of two part-time instructors currently serve this need. The AY 2005-2006 budget for Political Science is \$127,741

- 3a.** *Faculty members, with rank, appointment status, highest degree earned, date and field of highest degree, and professional experience (including publications if the proposal is for a graduate degree), who would teach in the program.*

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New Hires

4. Additional Support Resources Required

- 4b.** *Any special characteristics of the additional faculty or staff support positions needed to implement the proposed program.*

N/A

- 4c.** *The amount of additional lecture and/or laboratory space required to initiate and sustain the program over the next five years. Indicate any additional special facilities that will be required. If the space is under construction, what is the projected occupancy date? If the space is planned, indicate campus-wide priority of the facility, capital outlay program priority, and projected date of occupancy.*

This major is part of CSUCI's overall Academic Master Plan and growth plan for the campus as a whole. There are no special facilities requirements (other than classroom space to accommodate growth) for Political Science.

- 4d.** *Additional library resources needed. Indicate the commitment of the campus to purchase or borrow through interlibrary loan these additional resources.*

The CSUCI Library already has the basic electronic databases necessary to begin a political science program – *JSTOR, CQ Weekly Report, CQ Researcher, Lexis-Nexis (including Congressional Universe), ProQuest, Countrywatch Forecast, Factiva, Rand California*. Additional Political Science books will need to be purchased to fill out the political science collection as the major grows.

- 4e.** *Additional equipment or specialized materials that will be (1) needed to implement the program and (2) needed during the first two years after initiation. Indicate the source of funds and priority to secure these resource needs.*

(1) None

(2) None

5. Abstract of the Proposal and Proposed Catalog Description

Proposed Catalog Description:

POLITICAL SCIENCE

PROGRAMS OFFERED

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
Minor in Political Science

Political Science is the study of government, public policies and political behavior. The major in Political Science provides students with a broad program of study designed to promote effective civic participation as a citizen, public servant, or elected official. The

curriculum requires students to complete course work in all four areas of the CSUCI mission: interdisciplinary, experiential and service learning, international and multicultural studies. The major develops skills in critical analysis and oral and written communication. It promotes an understanding of contemporary political systems and institutions, emphasizes competency in the basic tools of political science, and focuses on the relationship between Political Science and the other disciplines. Since politics and economics are so closely tied together, the program recommends that each student complete a basic course in economics (either ECON 300 or ECON 110 and 111) as part of the course of study. In addition, the program encourages students to become competent in a second language and recommends international study for political science students interested in international affairs.

Careers: The Political Science major will prepare students for careers in federal, state and local governments; law; business; international organizations; nonprofit associations and organizations; campaign management and polling; journalism; education; electoral politics, research and advocacy. In addition, the major in Political Science prepares students for graduate and professional study in the field of Political Science as well as International Relations, Law, and Public Administration.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (120 UNITS)

(Pending Approval from the CSU Chancellor's Office)

Lower Division Required	12
Upper Division Required	12
Upper Division Electives	15
General Education	48
Title V	3 (in addition to POLS 150)
<u>Free Electives</u>	<u>30</u>
Total	120

Lower Division Requirements (12 Units):

- POLS 102 Comparative Government (3)
- POLS 103 Introduction to International Politics (3)
- POLS 150 American Political Institutions (3)
- SOC/PSY 203 Statistical Applications in the Social Sciences (3)

Upper Division Requirements (12 Units):

- POLS 300 Research Methods in Political Science (3)
- POLS 301 Political Theory (3)
- POLS 306 The Politics of Race and Ethnicity (3)
- POLS 499 Capstone (3)

Upper Division Electives (15 units)

Students should select a total of 15 units from the following list:

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