REQUEST FOR PROGRAM CHANGE(S)

University of Central Oklahoma

Please note: All information contained in this form will be reviewed by persons outside of your college. Please use clear and concise language when completing this form.

Name of program-major or minor to be changed: (maximum of 30 spaces)
Existing Name:
Political Science – Political Science-Public Administration

Proposed Name: (if changing)(maximum of 30 spaces)
*Remember when abbreviating names, this is how they will appear on student’s transcripts.
Political Science – Public Service
Proposed Name: (full name of program/major if longer than 30 spaces)

Is this a:  ___ Program  ___ Major  ___ Minor  ___ Sequence of Courses

Proposed change:
___ Name Change  ___ Degree Designation  ___ Admission Requirement
___ Curriculum Change  ___ GPA Requirement  ___ Other:

Is this program:  ___ Undergraduate  ___ Graduate

Is this a teacher preparation program? (All courses required for any teacher preparation program must have approval from the Council on Teacher Education (CTE) before approval from AACC or Graduate Council.)
Yes  ___ No  ___ If yes, send copy of proposal to the Director of Teacher Education, Dr. Bryan Duke.
CTE Approval (Stamp or initial)

Political Science
Department submitting the proposal

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Person to contact with questions  email address  5537  Ext. number

Approved by:

Rozilyn Miller  Digitally signed by Rozilyn Miller
Date: 2020.09.18 16:26:06 -05'00'
College Curriculum Committee Chair  Date
(Please notify department chair when proposal is forwarded to dean.)

Academic Affairs Curriculum or Graduate Council  Date

Effective term for this program change
(Assigned by Academic Affairs)

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1. Does this program change affect other programs or departments?  
   If yes, provide name(s) of department chair(s) contacted, date(s), and results of  
   X  Yes  ____  No  discussion(s).

   Dr. Kickham emailed Dr. Metz about the curriculum change. The following email was received in  
   return. The Department of Political Science feels that by including those courses as electives,  
   interested students still have the option of taking them.

   From: Neil Metz <NMetz@uco.edu>  
   Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 10:00:33 AM  
   To: Kenneth Kickham <KKickham@uco.edu>  
   Subject: RE: Curriculum proposal - Political Science

   Ken -

   My one comment is this, ECON 2103 and 2203 are both prereqs for many of the economics  
   electives (ECON 3203, 3353, 4303, 4323, and 4513). Depending on your plans for this portion of  
   the degree plan, it would likely be best for the students to keep ECON 2103 and 2203 as  
   required courses so they would have the option of taking any one of these courses.

   I will say that ECON 3203 and 4303 only require ECON 2103, and that while ECON 4513 has  
   ECON 2203 as a prereq, I think that could be waived in most instances. However ECON 3353  
   and 4323 would need both ECON 2103 and 2203.

   I will note that both ECON 2103 and 2203 are in the Social and Behavioral Analysis portion of the  
   core, and thus requiring ECON 2103 would allow them to take 3 of the 5 economics electives  
   without being required to take ECON 2203. And requiring ECON 2103 would not add any hours  
   to the major as it is in the core.

   Hopefully this makes sense if you have an questions, please give me a call.

   Neil
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   Neil Metz  
   Interim Chair and Associate Professor of Economics

2. Proposed curriculum change(s):
   (Please include entire major/minor as it exists and as it is proposed. *Italicize and bold changes.*)

   FROM
   Program: Political Science  
   Major: Political Science-Public Administration  
   Degree: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)  
   Dept: Political Science  
   College: Liberal Arts  
   Major Code: 5261

   Major Requirements Political Science - Public Administration-----------------------------45-53

   Political Science------------------------------------------6
   Required courses:
   POL 2103 Elements of Political Science

   TO
   Program: Political Science  
   Major: Political Science-Public Administration  
   Public Service (major name change)  
   Degree: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)  
   Dept: Political Science  
   College: Liberal Arts  
   Major Code: 5261

   Major Requirements Political-Science---Public Administration-Public Service .................45-53

   Political Science------------------------------------------6
   Required courses:
   POL 2103 Elements of Political Science
   POL 4993 Democratic Governance

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POL 4993 Democratic Governance

Public Administration Foundation

Required courses:

- ECON 2103 Principles of Microeconomics
- ECON 2203 Principles of Macroeconomics
- POL 1203 State and Local Government

POL 2413 Introduction to Public Administration
POL 2623 Applied Research in Public Administration
POL 4413 Public Policy Analysis
POL 4463 Public Finance and Budgeting

Public Administration Electives

Select from the following:

- POL 3313 Municipal Management/Politics
- POL 3343 Administrative Law
- POL 3543 Public Service Human Resource Management
- POL 3583 Urban Government and Policy
- POL 4253 Ethics in Public Service
- POL 4423 Environmental Politics
- POL 4443 Cases in Public Administration
- POL 4463 Public Finance and Budgeting
- POL 4523 Public Program Evaluation
- POL 4603 Intergovernmental Relations
- POL 4693 State Administration
- POL 4900 Practicum in Public Service (1-4 hours)

Economics Electives

Select from the following:

- ECON 3203 Intermediate Microeconomics
- ECON 3353 Principles of Public Finance
- ECON 4303 Urban Economics
- ECON 4323 Policy Analysis
- ECON 4513 Labor Economics and Public Policy

Public Administration Service Foundation

Required courses:

- ECON 2103 Principles of Microeconomics
- ECON 2203 Principles of Macroeconomics
- POL 1203 State and Local Government

POL 2413 Introduction to Public Administration
POL 2623 Applied Research in Public Administration
POL 4413 Public Policy Analysis

POL 4463 Public Finance and Budgeting

POL 4473 Public Service Human Resources (added course/new course level)

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Political Science Foundation

Required courses:

- POL 1203 State and Local Government
- POL 2103 Elements of Political Science
- POL 4993 Democratic Governance

Analytics Foundation

Select from the following:

- POL 2013 Political Science Statistics (added course)
- POL 4523 Public Program Evaluation

Focused Electives

Select from the following:

- ECON 2103 Principles of Microeconomics
- ECON 2203 Principles of Macroeconomics
- POL 2623 Applied Research in Public Administration
- POL 3313 Municipal Management/Politics
- POL 3343 Administrative Law
- POL 3583 Urban Government and Policy
- POL 4253 Ethics in Public Service
- POL 4353 Sustainable Economic Development
- POL 4363 Urban Sustainability
- POL 4xx3 Animals in Policy, Law and Ethics (new course AY 20)
- POL 4xx3 Public Strategic Management (new course AY 20)
- POL 4423 Environmental Politics
- POL 4443 Cases in Public Administration
Modern Language Requirement..........................0-8

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Electives to bring total to........................................124

Minimum Grade Requirements Average in (a) all college course work, (b) course work at UCO, and (c) major courses.................................................................................. 2.50

For other regulations pertaining to graduation, see pages 68-69 of the 2018-2019 catalog.

- Students wishing to apply for the Accelerated BA/MPA program in Public Administration may enroll in three MPA graduate levels courses as seniors under the Graduate College’s Mixed Admissions Policy. Admission requires a 3.0 undergraduate GPA, and application to and approval of the POL Accelerated BA/MPA Committee.

3. Degree Designation: (Example, B.A. to B.F.A.). N/A

Existing Designation: ____________________ To: ____________________

POL 4593 State Gov Admin & Policy (new course number and name, reorder)
POL 4603 Intergovernmental Relations
POL 4900 Practicum in Public Service (1-4 hours)

The following courses may also be considered when fulfilling focused electives.
POL 4910 Seminar in Political Science (1-4 hours)
POL 4920 Workshop (1-9 hours)
POL 4930 Individual Study (1-4 hours)
POL 4940 Field Study (1-6 hours)
POL 4950 Internship (1-8 hours)
POL 4960 Institute in Political Science
POL 4970 Study Tour

Economics Electives:..................................................3
Select from the following:
ECON 3203 Intermediate Microeconomics
ECON 3553 Principles of Public Finance
ECON 4303 Urban Economics
ECON 4323 Policy Analysis
ECON 4513 Labor Economics and Public Policy

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4. Change(s) in Minimum GPA Requirements: N/A
FROM (Existing Catalog Requirements) TO (Proposed Catalog Requirements)

5. Change(s) in Admission Requirements for the Program/Major: N/A
FROM (Existing Catalog Requirements) TO (Proposed Catalog Requirements)

6. Other requested action:
   None.

7. Will requested change require additional funds? _ Yes _ X No
   If yes, please specify the amount of the additional costs, the source of the funds, and how they will be expended over the next three years, including new or re-allocated full or part time faculty/staff.

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8. Please provide a summary of the requested changes. (This is a listing of the changes requested) (This information will be submitted to the OSRHE)

2 categories of substantive changes to be made:

Name change. The name of the major has caused confusion; the current name is Political Science (program), Political Science-Public Administration (major). We wish to eliminate the prefix of the major “Political Science” and rename Public Administration to Public Service.

Curriculum change. Proposal eliminates required economics electives outside of the College of Liberal Arts.

It also moves the following courses around:
POL 2103 Elements of Political Science – Political Science to Political Science Foundation
POL 4993 Democratic Governance – Political Science to Political Science Foundation
ECON 2103 Principles of Microeconomics – Political Science to Focused Electives
ECON 2203 Principles of Macroeconomics – Political Science to Focused Electives
POL 1203 State and Local Government – Public Administration to Political Science Foundation
POL 2623 Applied Research in Public Administration – Public Administration to Focused Electives

It changes the name Major Requirements “Political Science - Public Administration” to “Public Service”, as well as “Public Administration Foundation” to “Public Service Foundation”.

It adds POL 4473 Public Service Human Resources to Public Service Foundation. It moves “Public Administration Electives” to “Focused Electives”.

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It adds POL 4xx3 Animals in Policy, Law, and Ethics (new course), as well as POL 4xx3 Public Strategic Management (new course) to Focused Electives. It renames POL 4693 to State Gov Admin & Policy.

It also adds common courses as potential focused electives.

9. The reason(s) for this change are based on which of the following: (Check all that apply; explain and document in Question #10)
   ___ Specialized Accreditation
   ___ SSCI (Self Study for Continuous Improvement)
   ___ Benchmark (e.g. comparison to peer institutions)
   ___ Assessment Data
   x Faculty Knowledge/Discipline Expertise
   ___ Advisory Board/Outside Professional Group
   x Other

10. For all items checked in Question #9, please provide a concise, yet comprehensive, statement that explains the reasons for requesting the change including any necessary documentation. (The information provided here will be submitted to the OSRHE)
    This request is the result of faculty consensus that a name change to “Public Service” more accurately represents the breadth of course offerings in this degree track. It opens up and clarifies the major for students to pursue public service positions not only in government, but also in non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, and in public-minded private sector jobs. The curriculum changes reflect new course changes and additions, as well as updates the economics requirement. The common courses are included under focused elective because the special topics often fulfill a focused component of the degree program and students may not understand that they can apply toward their degree.
College of Liberal Arts

Please answer these three math questions and attach this page to all new program and program change proposals for undergraduate degree programs only.

As part of the broader work of the Mathematics Success Initiative, the Math Pathways Task Force has identified four gateway mathematics courses that are suitable general education mathematics course options. These courses, College Algebra/Pre-Calculus, Introduction to Statistics, Functions and Modeling, and Quantitative Reasoning, are included on the Course Equivalency Project transfer matrix and provide rigorous mathematical content that is more relevant and appropriate for specific academic majors.

Please respond to the following questions:

1. Which mathematics course is required as part of the general education requirements? If the program allows for multiple gateway mathematics course options, provide a rationale for each.

All undergraduate majors in the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) are required to successfully complete 3 credit hours of math. The UCO University Core lists twelve possible math courses:
  - MATH 1113 Math for General Education
  - MATH 1513 College Algebra
  - *MATH 1453 College Algebra for Business
  - *MATH 1593 Plane Trigonometry
  - *MATH 2013 Structures of Mathematics
  - *MATH 2023 Foundations of Geom & Meas
  - *MATH 2053 Business Calculus
  - *MATH 2153 Bio-Calculus
  - *MATH 2313 Calculus I
  - *MATH 2305 Accelerated Calculus 1 and 2
  - *STAT2103 Intro Statistics for Sciences
  - *STAT2113 Statistical Methods

Note: The asterisk before a course indicates this math course is required in a specific major.

MATH 1113 Mathematics for General Education fulfills the CLA math requirement. In order to assist students to graduate in a timely manner, CLA accepts multiple math courses for students that have changed majors or for transfer students.

2. Describe how the mathematics course was selected and how it best meets the needs of the program’s students.

MATH 1113 for General Education was selected in a collaborative decision between UCO advisors, CLA department chairs, and CLA deans. This decision was reconfirmed in Spring 2019.
Here is the course description for MATH 1113 Mathematics for General Education:
This course surveys mathematical topics that are not intended as preparation or substitution for College Algebra. The goals of this course are to develop quantitative skills necessary for students to better understand their world and to place mathematics in a context that develops their appreciation of its history, sophistication, and utility as an ongoing human activity. A broad range of topics are selected from: logic and set theory, numeration and number systems, geometry, mathematical models, probability, statistics and inference, graph theory, personal financial applications, and fair apportionment of resources. Prerequisite(s): Three units of high school mathematics or the equivalent.

This sentence from the course description best explains why this course is appropriate for CLA majors: “The goals of this course are to develop quantitative skills necessary for students to better understand their world and to place mathematics in a context that develops their appreciation of its history, sophistication, and utility as an ongoing human activity.”

3. How does this mathematics course articulate with your partner institutions?
In reviewing the Course Equivalency Project 2019-2020 information on the OSRHE website on May 30, 2019 (https://www.okhighered.org/transfer-students/2019-20/mathematics.pdf), there are 36 Oklahoma institutions in the matrix that accept MATH 1113 for General Education.