



## **Proposal to the Senate Educational Policy Committee**

*for approval of a Minor in Political and Civic Leadership*

### **PROPOSAL TITLE:**

Proposal to Establish a Minor in Political and Civic Leadership administered by the Department of Political Science of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

This proposal creates a minor in political and civic leadership. This minor is part of the Department of Political Science's Civic Leadership Program for undergraduates, which provides two avenues for participation—a concentration for political science majors and a minor for students majoring in other fields. (A proposal for a civic leadership concentration accompanies this submission).

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The Civic Leadership Program [CLP]<sup>1</sup> offers undergraduates an informed appreciation of the successes and deficiencies of American democracy, the values and structures on which it is based, and the challenges it will face in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Because the potential benefits of democratic governance cannot be realized without an abundant supply of capable and committed civic leaders, the Civic Leadership Program takes on the mission of generating a stream of highly motivated, exceptionally capable, ethically

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<sup>1</sup> In what follows, "Program" refers collectively to the curricular components (i.e., for undergraduates, a concentration for political science majors and a minor for students in other majors).

aware, and broadly trained individuals who will be prepared to assume leadership positions in civic affairs in both the private and the public domains.

The CLP was founded in 2006 as a product of the joint vision of University of Illinois alums and benefactors Richard G. and Carole J. Cline and Professor Peter F. Nardulli, former Head of the Department of Political Science, and began as a combined B.A./M.A. program. It underwent a departmental faculty review in AY 2011-2012. As a result of this review, the Department of Political Science made several adjustments, most notably to expand opportunities for undergraduate participation. After consultation with other units on campus, the Department decided to develop a concentration within the major and an undergraduate minor. The Department also decoupled the undergraduate and graduate portions of the program (i.e., completion of the concentration or minor will be a prerequisite for admission to the M.A. program, and, as before, the graduate program will be limited to those who had participated in the CLP at Illinois at the undergraduate level. However, the undergraduate component is separate, and students may complete a concentration or minor without the expectation of having to continue for the M.A.). This submission follows from that departmental decision.

There are two paths to undergraduate participation in the Civic Leadership Program: the Civic Leadership Concentration (for political science majors) and the Political and Civic Leadership Minor (for students majoring in other fields). Admission to the concentration or minor is competitive and is based on academic performance, demonstrated leadership achievement, and the potential for meaningful civic engagement and leadership. Successful completion of either the concentration or the minor requires three components: foundational coursework in political science and/or related disciplines, specialized coursework in civic leadership, and an academic internship. The Program also offers extracurricular and networking opportunities for students in the concentration and minor.

The minor is designed to meet the needs of students with majors in fields other than political science who have interests in civic leadership, American politics, and public policy. The minor will point CLP students toward coursework inside and outside the Department that will provide them with the substantive background and theoretical foundations to understand leadership and policymaking in the U.S. context and to participate as civic leaders.

The content of the proposed Civic Leadership Program concentration and minor is distinct from other leadership-oriented curricula on campus. For example, the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences sponsors a minor in leadership studies, and in conjunction with the Leadership Center, a leadership certificate. Those programs emphasize “leadership theory” and “interpersonal dimensions of leadership.”<sup>2</sup> Those facets of leadership differ significantly from the civic, political change, and policy-oriented focus of this proposed concentration and minor. (A letter of support from ACES is included.)

A more complete description of the Civic Leadership Program and its justification appears in the handbook as Appendix A to this document.

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<sup>2</sup> See Minor in Leadership Studies, <http://www.illinoisleadership.uiuc.edu/leadership/index.asp> and <http://www.illinoisleadership.uiuc.edu/certificate/requirements.asp> (Accessed: November 20, 2013).

## **BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:**

- a. Additional staff and dollars needed.

None.

- b. Internal reallocations (e.g., change in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc.)

The creation of a CLP concentration and minor will require some minimal reallocations of advising time from the Department's undergraduate studies office, a course release for a faculty director, and a limited reallocation of teaching priorities from some existing courses to other existing courses.

Eventually, new one-credit courses associated with the program will be developed and proposed. Until those courses assume a more permanent form, the Department will offer these under the PS 199: Undergraduate Open Seminar rubric.

- c. Effect on course enrollment in other units and explanations of discussions with representatives of those departments

We expect a minimal effect on course enrollments in other departments. Completion of the minor could be done entirely with courses in political science, but also permits as many as nine hours outside political science. A listing of these courses is provided in the Program of Study below. It is our experience that students with interests in civic leadership already take many of these courses. As such, the effect of our proposals is to add a curricular logic to guide the choices students are already making. Our projected maximum number of students per year (in the concentration and the minor) is 50.

We shared information about our proposed revisions with the Departments of African American Studies, American Indian Studies, Anthropology, Asian American Studies, Economics, English, Gender and Women's Studies, Latina and Latino Studies, Philosophy, and Sociology as well as the LAS Unit on Global Studies, the College of Engineering, the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences, and the Department of Educational Policy Studies of the College of Education. Letters of support from a number of these units are included in a separate document.

- d. Impact on the University Library

We have requested a letter from the Library, and that letter is forthcoming. The effect of this minor (and the concentration) will be minimal, as students whose major is political science already take some or all of these courses.

- e. Impact on computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.

The effect of this minor (and the concentration) will be minimal. There is no need for new classrooms, laboratories, specialized equipment, etc.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

All students in the Civic Leadership Program (whether as a Political Science major with a Concentration in Civic Leadership or as a student with a different major and a Minor in Political and Civic Leadership) must complete 17 hours of courses related to and distributed within the Civic Leadership Program as described below in the Program of Study.

## **PREREQUISITES FOR THE MINOR**

The minor has no formal prerequisites. Students may apply after having completed nine hours-- including at least three hours at an advanced level – of courses required for completion of the minor.

## **EXPECTED ENROLLMENT IN THE MINOR**

No more than 20 students are expected to enroll in this minor per year.

## **ADMISSION TO THE MINOR**

Admission to the Civic Leadership Program (whether as a concentrator or minor) is competitive and is based on academic performance, demonstrated leadership achievement, and the potential for meaningful civic engagement and leadership. Applications are considered on a rolling basis.

## **MINOR ADVISOR**

Advising for the Political and Civic Leadership Minor will be performed by a designated advisor in the Office of Undergraduate Studies of the Department of Political Science assisted as necessary by other staff in that unit, the Director of Undergraduate Studies and/or the Director of the Civic Leadership Program.

## **CERTIFICATION OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION**

The Department of Political Science will confirm completion of the minor based on a review of the coursework the student has taken.

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 15, 2014

## **STATEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY CATALOG:**

A revised program of study entry appears below. Proposals for addition are underscored; proposals for deletion are struck through.

**CLEARANCES:**

Signatures:

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31 March 2014

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# Political Science

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The Department of Political Science encourages students to acquire a broad understanding of political science and to pursue selected subfields of the discipline in depth. To accomplish these objectives, the department provides courses of study that introduce students to the discipline and to its principal fields. Among these are American government and politics, comparative government and politics, international relations, political philosophy, and public policy/public administration. Supporting courses are an integral part of the program and should be selected with a view toward building a coherent selection adapted to the student's particular interests.

## The Civic Leadership Program

Students are admitted to the Civic Leadership Program through a competitive process administered by the Department of Political Science. The Civic Leadership Program offers a plan of study to enable students with the capacity, skills, and knowledge to provide informed, principled, and effective civic leadership. Students can participate either as Political Science Majors with a concentration in Civic Leadership or as majors in other fields with a Minor in Political and Civic Leadership. All students in the Civic Leadership Program must complete 17 hours of courses related to and distributed within the Civic Leadership Program. See the Civic Leadership concentration and Political and Civic Leadership minor below.

## Major in Sciences and Letters Curriculum

E-mail: [pol@illinois.edu](mailto:pol@illinois.edu)

Degree title: Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Minimum required major and supporting course work equates to 50 hours including 30 hours of Political Science courses

General education: Students must complete the [Campus General Education](#) requirements.  
Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours

## Departmental distinction

To be eligible for distinction, a student majoring in Political Science must complete one of the following two tracks:

A. Individual Study Track. On this track, a student must:

1. Complete a senior thesis,
2. Earn a political science major grade point average on this campus of at least 3.25 or higher, and
3. Earn a grade point average in thesis course (PS 496) of 3.67 or higher.

B. Honors Program Track. On this track, a student must:

1. Complete a senior thesis,
2. Earn a political science major grade point average on this campus of at least 3.25 or higher,
3. Be admitted to and maintain good standing within the departmental honors program, and
4. Complete required coursework in the departmental honors program with a grade point average in the thesis courses (PS 495 and PS 496) between 2.67 and 3.66.

Admission to the departmental honors program requires the following:

1. Completion of PS 230 or PS 231 or an acceptable substitute,
2. An on-campus political science major grade point average of 3.5,
3. Completion of nine hours (including at least three advanced hours) of political science on this campus,
4. Application and affirmative vote of a departmental committee.

### **High Distinction**

To be eligible for high distinction, a student majoring in Political Science must:

1. Complete a senior thesis,
2. Earn a political science major grade point average on this campus of at least 3.25 or higher,
3. Be admitted to and maintain good standing in the departmental honors program, and
4. Complete required coursework in the departmental honors program with a grade point average in the thesis courses (PS 495 and PS 496) of 3.67 or higher.

### **Political Science Major Core Requirements**

<b>Hours</b>	<b>Requirements</b>
	<u>Students in the major must complete the Political Science Core requirements listed below and select one concentration in consultation with an academic adviser.</u>
3	PS 101 - Intro to US Gov & Pol
9	Select three from the following:
	PS 100 - Intro to Political Science OR PS 200 - Foundations of Political Science <sup>1</sup>

	PS 220 - Intro to Public Policy
	PS 230 - Intro to Pol Research
	PS 231 - Strategic Models
	PS 240 - Intro to Comp Politics
	PS 270 - Intro to Political Theory
	PS 280 - Intro to Intl Relations

<sup>1</sup> Credit is not given for both PS 100 and PS 200.

Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be taken on this campus.

All foreign language requirements must be satisfied.

A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Affairs Office before the end of the fifth semester (60-75 hours). Please see your adviser.

Not more than 6 hours of individual study courses in political science (PS 490) or 6 hours for internships (PS 491) or 6 hours of supervised research (PS 492) may be included in the major; a student with any mix of independent study hours and internship hours and supervised research hours may include a maximum of 9 hours of such credit in the major. PS 495 and 496 are reserved for those seniors doing honors theses for distinction in political science and may not be counted in the 50-hour minimum required for the major.

### **General Concentration in Political Science**

<b><u>Hours</u></b>	<b><u>Requirements</u></b>
<u>12</u>	<u>Political Science Major Core Requirements (as described above)</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>At least four political science courses at the advanced level<sup>2</sup></u>
<u>6</u>	<u>Political science courses at any level</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>Supporting course work is required and must be selected in consultation with the student's adviser. Supporting courses should complement subfields in political science chosen by the student. At least 12 of these 20 hours must be in courses numbered 200 or above.</u>
<u>50</u>	<u>TOTAL (30 in political science and 20 in supporting coursework)</u>

<sup>2</sup> Most advanced level courses will require as prerequisites the appropriate 200-level courses (or, in the case of American politics courses, PS 101) or the consent of the instructor. Students may count a maximum of six hours of credit in PS 300 and six hours of credit in PS 494 toward this requirement. Neither PS 495 nor 496 count toward the 30 credits of PS required for the major.

### **Civic Leadership Concentration**



<u>Hours</u>	<u>Requirements</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>Political Science Major Core Requirements (as described above)</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>At least four political science courses at the advanced level<sup>3</sup></u>
<u>20</u>	<u>Supporting coursework is required and must be selected in consultation with the student's adviser. Supporting courses should complement subfields in political science chosen by the student. At least 12 of these 20 hours must be in courses numbered 200 or above.</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>At least two sections of PS 199<sup>4</sup> designated as pertaining to the Civic Leadership Program. A list of such sections is available in the Undergraduate Studies Office of the Department of Political Science.</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>Internship Course (PS 491)</u>
<u>1-3</u>	<u>One additional course (1-3 credits) in political science at any level</u>
<u>50-52</u>	<u>TOTAL (30-32 in political science and 20 in supporting coursework)<sup>5</sup></u>

<sup>3</sup> Most advanced level courses will require as prerequisites the appropriate 200-level courses (or, in the case of American politics courses, PS 101) or the consent of the instructor. Students may count a maximum of six hours of credit in PS 300 and six hours of credit in PS 494 toward this requirement. Neither PS 495 nor 496 count toward the 30 credits of PS required for the major.

<sup>4</sup> PS 199 is a temporary designation. As these courses are developed and receive PS numbers, these new course numbers will take the place of PS 199.

<sup>5</sup> Completion of the Civic Leadership Concentration must include either as major or supporting coursework one course in each of the following areas, chosen from a list maintained by the department:

1. An intermediate or advanced course in public policy (3 hours)
2. A course examining the construction and consequences of social identity relating to race, religion, ethnicity, or gender (3 hours)
3. A course exploring different perspectives on a just, ordered, and moral society (3 hours)

### **Minor in Political Science**

A minor in political science is designed for students who desire to enhance their ability to deal intelligently and critically with issues and ideas about government and politics. The minor permits choices among five subfields, each involving important theoretical and applied questions about the role of citizens, associations, and states in the application of political power. These subfields are: American Government and Politics, Comparative Government and Politics, International Relations, Political Philosophy, and Public Policy/Public Administration. Within a given subfield, students will be exposed to advanced courses that build on relevant introductory courses. These advanced courses will provide students with in-depth treatments of topics relevant to issues dealt with in their major field of study.

<b>Hours</b>	<b>Requirements</b>
3	Select one of the following: PS 100 - Intro to Political Science OR <u>PS 200 - Foundations of Political Science</u> <sup>6</sup> PS 101- Intro to US Gov & Pol
6	Select at least two of the following courses: PS 201- US Racial & Ethnic Politics PS 220- Intro to Public Policy PS 230- Intro to Pol Research PS 240- Intro to Comp Politics PS 270- Intro to Political Theory PS 280- Intro to Intl Relations
9	Select at least three courses at the advanced level. These courses must be selected from subfields in which credit already has been completed. For a listing of courses by subfield see the <a href="#">Curriculum Planning Map</a> .
18	TOTAL

<sup>6</sup> Credit is not given for both PS 100 and PS 200.

### **Minor in Political and Civic Leadership**

The Minor in Political and Civic Leadership is for students who are **not** political science majors. Minors must be admitted to the Civic Leadership Program and meet all of its requirements (17 hours). At least three courses (nine hours) must be at the advanced level.

<b>Hours</b>	<b>Requirements</b>
3	<u>One foundation course:</u> <u>PS 100 - Intro to Political Science OR PS 200 - Foundations of Political Science</u> <sup>7</sup> <u>PS 101- Intro to US Gov &amp; Pol</u> <u>GLBL 100- Intro to Global Studies</u> <u>GLBL 220- Governance</u>
9	<u>One course in each of the following areas, chosen from a list maintained by the department:</u> <u>1. An intermediate (200 level) or advanced (300 level) course in public policy (3 hours)</u> <u>2. A course examining the construction and consequences of social identity relating to race, religion, ethnicity, or gender (3 hours)</u> <u>3. A course exploring different perspectives on a just, ordered, and moral society (3 hours)</u>
3	<u>PS 491, Internship, or approved internship course in another department</u>
2	<u>At least two sections of PS 199<sup>8</sup> designated as pertaining to the Civic Leadership Program. A list of such sections is available in the Undergraduate Studies Office of the Department of Political Science.</u>

<u>17</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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<sup>7</sup>Credit is not given for both PS 100 and PS 200.

<sup>8</sup>PS 199 is a temporary designation. As these courses are developed and receive PS numbers, these new course numbers will take the place of PS 199.