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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the School of Public and International Affairs to offer a new Area of Emphasis in Courts, Justice, and Law under the major in Political Science (A.B.) will be an agenda item for the March 17, 2023, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu
Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro
PROPOSAL FOR AN AREA OF EMPHASIS

Date: December 5, 2022

School/College: School of Public and International Affairs

Department/Division: Political Science

Program (Major and Degree): Political Science (A.B.)

Area of Emphasis Title: Courts, Justice, and Law

Which campus(es) will offer this program? Athens

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2023

CIP: 45100201

Area of Emphasis Description:

The Area of Emphasis in Courts, Justice, and Law will allow students to specialize within the political science major. There are more than 700 students majoring in Political Science at the University of Georgia, and the single largest area of interest among these students is in courts, justice, and law. Many students interested in public sector careers or in attending graduate programs in law, criminal justice, or public affairs wish to highlight their course specialization in the courts, justice, and law area. This is also important for students who are interested in criminal justice studies at UGA but who opt not to select the Criminal Justice major due to the 15-credit hour/full-time internship requirement. Many of these students major in Political Science instead and complete all the coursework in the proposed area of specialization. They wish to emphasize the courts, justice, and law emphasis in lieu of being able to complete the Criminal Justice major. Additionally, annual surveys of political science majors each year consistently record a high level of interest in specialized fields associated with courts, justice, and law. Faculty have also expressed an interest in offering this area of emphasis.

Students wishing to complete this area of emphasis must earn a grade of “C” or better on at least six hours of coursework under “Courts and Justice” and another six hours of coursework listed under “Law and Legal Theory.” Courses may satisfy both requirements for the major and requirements for an area of emphasis. There will be no additional requirements for the area of emphasis. This area of emphasis only includes 4000-level POLS courses that are regularly offered.

Select at least 6 credit hours from the following Courts and Justice courses:

- POLS 4090, Social Justice (3 hours)
- POLS 4525, Election Law and Administration (3 hours)
- POLS 4740, Judicial Process and Behavior (3 hours)
- POLS 4760, Supreme Court Politics: The Institution and Its Justices (3 hours)
- POLS 4770, The Supreme Court: Cases and Controversies (3 hours)
• POLS 4780, Special Topics in Law and Judicial Process (3 hours)
• POLS 4781, Criminal Justice Systems in the United States and Britain (3 hours)
• POLS 4900, Law Enforcement Administration (3 hours)

Select at least 6 credit hours from the following Law and Legal Theory courses:
• POLS 4080, Legal Theory (3 hours)
• POLS 4700, Constitutional Law: Powers (3 hours)
• POLS 4705, Law and Politics of Public Land (3 hours)
• POLS 4710, Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties (3 hours)
• POLS 4720, Criminal Procedure (3 hours)
• POLS 4730, Criminal Law (3 hours)
• POLS 4750, Gender, Law, and Politics (3 hours)

Major Requirements: See attached.

Approvals:

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Susan Brodie Haire
Professor and Head, Department of Political Science

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Matthew R. Auer
Dean, School of Public & International Affairs
Political Science - A.B.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Entrance Requirements for the Major

General Education Core Curriculum
(Selected with the advice of an academic advisor)

Areas I II III IV V

Area VI

Major Requirements

College-wide Requirements must be satisfied in order to graduate with this major

TOTAL DEGREE HOURS 120 hours

I. FOUNDATION COURSES (9 HOURS)

ENGL 1101 or ENGL 1101E or ENGL 1101S
ENGL 1102 or ENGL 1102E or ENGL 1103 or ENGL 1050H or ENGL 1060H
MATH 1101 or MATH 1113 or MATH 1113E or MATH 2200 or MATH 2250 or MATH 2250E or MATH 2300H or MATH 2400 or MATH 2400H or MATH 2410 or MATH 2410H or STAT 2000 or STAT 2000E

II. SCIENCES (7-8 HOURS)

At least one of the physical science or life science courses must include a laboratory.
Physical Sciences (3-4 hours)

No preferred courses for this area. See Core Curriculum view.

Life Sciences (3-4 hours)

No preferred courses for this area. See Core Curriculum view.

III. QUANTITATIVE REASONING (3-4 HOURS)

Preferred Course(s): STAT 2000 or STAT 2100H or MATH 1060 or MATH 2200 or MATH 2300H or MATH 2260 or MATH 2400 or MATH 2400H or MATH 2410 or MATH 2410H

IV. WORLD LANGUAGES AND GLOBAL CULTURE, HUMANITIES AND THE ARTS (12 HOURS)

Note: Course credit received as a result of a score on a departmental foreign language placement test will not satisfy the General Education Core Curriculum requirements in Area IV, World Languages and Global Culture, Humanities and the Arts.

World Languages and Global Culture (9 hours)

Preferred Course(s): Foreign Language Courses

Humanities and the Arts (3 hours)

No preferred courses for this area. See Core Curriculum view.
V. SOCIAL SCIENCES (9 HOURS)

- Students who have not met the Georgia and U.S. Constitution requirement by examination should enroll in POLS 1101 or POLS 1101E or POLS 1101H.

- A passing grade on an examination on the history of the United States and Georgia is required to satisfy the United States and Georgia History Requirement for all persons receiving a baccalaureate degree from the University, unless exempted by one of the following courses: HIST 2111, HIST 2111E, HIST 2111H, HIST 2112, HIST 2112E, HIST 2112H, HIST 3080H. Examinations are given at University Testing Services. Reexamination is permitted. Contact University Testing Services at (706) 542-3183 for information.

Preferred Course(s): HIST 2111 or HIST 2111H or HIST 2112 or HIST 2112H or POLS 1101 or POLS 1101H

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Area VI

ECON 2105 or ECON 2105H or ECON 2106 or ECON 2106H
Third semester foreign language

Choose twelve hours from the following courses, with no more than six hours from a single department:

AFAM(HIST) 2000 or AFAM 2000H
ANTH 1102 or ANTH 2120H
COMM 1110 or COMM 2150H
COMM 3100
COMM 4350/6350
ECON 2105 or ECON 2105H
ECON 2106 or ECON 2106H
ECON 2200 or ECON 2200H
GEOG 1101
GEOG 1103 or GEOG 2130H
GEOG 1125 or GEOG 2250H
GEOL 1120
HIST(AFST) 2052
HIST 2111
HIST 2112
HIST 2301 or HIST 2311H
HIST 2302 or HIST 2312H
HIST 2701 or HIST 2701H
HIST 2702 or HIST 2702H
INTL 1100 or INTL 1100H
PHIL 2010 or PHIL 2010H
PHIL 2020 or PHIL 2020H
PHIL 2030 or PHIL 2030H
PSYC 1101 or PSYC 1030H
SOCI 1101 or SOCI 1101H
SOCI(AFAM) 2020
SOCI 2420
SOCI 2470
SOCI 2600
SOCI 2730
SOCI(AFAM) 2820

Third semester of a foreign language

If any of the courses in Area VI have been used to satisfy Areas II-V of the Core Curriculum, General Electives may be taken here. (Refer to College-wide requirements when selecting General Electives)

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**Required Courses** (30 hours)
All courses for the major must have a grade of "C" (2.0) or better.

At least 24 hours of major required courses must be taken in residence.

Choose two courses from the following *Theory and Method* courses:

POLS 3000 or POLS 3000E
POLS 3010
POLS 3100H
POLS 3220
POLS 3230
POLS 4010
POLS 4020
POLS 4030
POLS 4040
POLS 4045
POLS 4060

POLS 4070
POLS 4071
POLS 4072
POLS 4073
POLS 4080**
POLS 4090* or POLS 4090H*
POLS 4150 or POLS 4150H
POLS 4155
POLS 4156E
POLS 4190 or POLS 4190H
POLS 4641
Choose two courses from the following *American Studies* courses:

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<td>POLS 5100, POLS 5110, POLS 5120, POLS 5130, and POLS 5140). Only six hours of the POLS courses may be at the 5000-level. Students may also select up to six hours of 3000-level or higher INTL or PADP courses.</td>
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Area of Emphasis in Courts, Justice, and Law (12 hours) - OPTIONAL

Students may complete the Area of Emphasis in Courts, Justice, and Law by choosing six hours from Courts and Justice (marked with *) and six hours from Law and Legal Theory (marked with **).

General Electives (36 hours)
(Refer to College-wide requirements when selecting general electives.)
Upper division (15 hours)
Any level (21 hours)

Note: Political Science requires individual review of non-equivalent transfer courses before they can be used to satisfy Area VI and Major Requirements.
Documentation of Approval and Notification

Proposal: Area of Emphasis in Courts, Justice, and Law under the major in Political Science (A.B.)

College: School of Public and International Affairs

Department: Political Science

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2023

Approvals:
- Political Science Department Head, Dr. Susan Brodie Haire, 12/5/22
- School of Public and International Affairs Dean, Dr. Matthew R. Auer, 12/5/22