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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:



Susan Brodie Haire
Professor and Head, Department of Political Science



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

Basic View



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](#)

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](#)
[SOC 1101](#) or [SOC 1101H](#)
[SOC\(AFAM\) 2020](#)
[SOC 2420](#)
[SOC 2470](#)
[SOC 2600](#)
[SOC 2730](#)
[SOC\(AFAM\) 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)

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 4070
POLS 3010	POLS 4071
POLS 3100H	POLS 4072
POLS 3220	POLS 4073
POLS 3230	POLS 4080**
POLS 4010	POLS 4090* or POLS 4090H*
POLS 4020	POLS 4150 or POLS 4150H
POLS 4030	POLS 4155
POLS 4040	POLS 4156E
POLS 4045	POLS 4190 or POLS 4190H
POLS 4060	POLS 4641

Choose two courses from the following *American Studies* courses:

[POLS 3600](#)

[POLS 3610](#)

[POLS 4105](#) or [POLS 4105H](#)

[POLS 4400](#) or [POLS 4400H](#)

[POLS 4410](#) or [POLS 4410H](#)

[POLS 4420](#)

[POLS 4510](#)

[POLS 4515](#) or [POLS 4515H](#)

[POLS 4520/6520](#) or [POLS 4520H](#)

[POLS 4525*](#)

[POLS 4530](#) or [POLS 4530H](#)

[POLS 4540](#) or [POLS 4540H](#)

[POLS 4541](#)

[POLS 4550](#)

[POLS 4551](#) or [POLS 4551E](#)

[POLS 4555](#)

[POLS 4560](#)

[POLS 4565](#)

[POLS 4600](#) or [POLS 4600H](#)

[POLS 4605](#) or [POLS 4605H](#)

[POLS 4610/6610](#) or [POLS 4610H](#)

[POLS 4615](#) or [POLS 4615H](#)

[POLS 4620E](#)

[POLS 4625](#) or [POLS 4625H](#)

[POLS 4635](#)

[POLS 4640](#) or [POLS 4640H](#)

[POLS 4641](#)

[POLS 4645E](#)

[POLS 4650](#)

[POLS 4660](#)

[POLS 4665](#)

[POLS 4690](#)

[POLS 4700**](#) or [POLS 4700E**](#) or

[POLS 4700H**](#)

[POLS 4705**](#)

[POLS 4710**](#) or [POLS 4710E**](#) or

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[POLS 4770*](#)

[POLS 4780*](#) or [POLS 4780H*](#)

[POLS 4781*](#)

[POLS 4790](#) or [POLS 4790H](#)

[POLS 4900*](#)

[POLS 5030](#)

[SOCI\(LACS\)\(POLS\) 4055/6055](#)

Choose an additional eighteen hours of 3000-level or higher [POLS](#) courses including [POLS 2000](#) (excluding [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.

[POLS 5101](#)

[POLS 5121](#)

[POLS 5102](#)

[POLS 5122](#)

[POLS 5111](#)

[POLS 5131](#)

[POLS 5112](#)

[POLS 5132](#)

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