

PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OPTION/CONCENTRATION IN POLS

Full Name of Current Program: Political Science Concentration in International Affairs

Stockton Program Acronym: POLS

Degree/level of Current Program (BA, BS, MA, MS, MBA, DPT, etc.): BA

CIP Code: TBD

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Date of Program Faculty Vote to Approve the Proposed New Option: September 1, 2017

Text Description of Proposed New Option: A new concentration in POLS in International Affairs will provide POLS students interested in two major subfields of political science of International Relations and Comparative Politics and POLS students interested in careers in their field to pursue a clear academic path within the POLS program. The justification for this concentration is twofold:

- 1) International relations (IR) and comparative politics (CP) are distinct fields within political science with their own conferences, journals, and established stand-alone departments, majors, or minors (e.g., *Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey*, *Cornell's International Relations minor*, *John's Hopkins School of International Studies*, *Harvard's Kennedy School*, *Princeton's Wilson School of Public & International Affairs*, etc). Furthermore, career options in international affairs are distinct from general POLS career paths and there is a separate set of corresponding fellowships, internships, and graduate schools.
- 2) Graduating students in POLS have repeatedly requested a concentration in international relations or some other variant of international studies in semi-annual focus sessions soliciting student input about the POLS program as part of our ongoing assessment efforts.

The recent hire of a full-time Assistant Professor of Comparative Politics (Lauren Balasco) allows for POLS to offer a full range of introductory, upper division, and independent study courses in international affairs, broadly defined. Also, POLS already established itself as the home of Stockton's Model UN program that serves as a pathway for careers in international affairs; recent successes include students securing competitive internships at major foreign policy think tanks in Washington D.C. and the State Department, admissions in John's Hopkins School of International Studies (SAIS) Middle East Studies M.A. program, and enrolling in the Peace Corps. In addition, POLS faculty will offer co- and extra-curricular programs such as day trips in the surrounding area (e.g., International Young Leaders Assembly 2017 Global Summits in NY and Washington D.C.), participation in the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) Academic Outreach Initiative, and more.

Therefore, this new concentration seeks to target individuals who want to further their education in international affairs. The proposed concentration is modeled after POLS existing concentrations in Pre-Law and EDUC-Social Studies. The program will grandfather all courses completed before the concentration is approved to allow students to retroactively select the concentration before the beginning of their last two semesters at Stockton.

The program faculty generated the concentration courses listed below through a combination of our knowledge of the state of the field. All required courses are in POLS.

COURSES REQUIRED FOR NEW OPTION IN THIS PROGRAM

To obtain the international affairs concentration, students must take at least six of the courses listed below. Two have been designated as required courses. Then, students must take three core courses and one additional core or recommended course. This is a total of six courses or 24 credits. Note: the POLS Pre-Law Concentration requires seven courses including Introduction to American Politics, a requirement for all POLS majors. As this concentration does not include Introduction to American Politics, we subtracted one course to allow POLS students the same level of flexibility with this concentration that they have with our existing concentration in pre-law.

Mandatory Courses for New Option (requires of 2 courses or 8 credits):

POLS 2170 Introduction to International Relations - International/multicultural course (I).

An overview of the changing international situation. Focuses not only on the traditional elements of the international system, i.e. the nation-states, but also on new aspects of global interdependence such as multinational corporations, international organizations, and political/economic integration.

POLS 2160 Introduction to Comparative Politics- International/multicultural course (I).

This course begins with a discussion of key ideas, theories, and concepts in the comparative study of politics. We then proceed with a regional perspective, examining and discussing modes of governance, social institutions, political structures, and conflicts in Western and Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and Latin America. As we examine each of these regions, and selected countries within the regions, social, political, historical, and economic differences and similarities will be highlighted with an eye toward forming a broader sense of how these factors shape ethnic conflict, human rights, social struggle, economic development, and other key issues.

Additional Core Courses for New Option (a minimum of 3 courses or 12 credits and up to 4 courses or 16 credits):

POLS 2140 Introduction to Political Theory- Values/Ethics course (V).

A study of the development of the American polity and current American political ideology and theory. Primary and secondary source reading materials will be assigned. The course will focus on how the following questions have been addressed in the American polity: what is politics; what is justice; and what is human nature?

POLS 2274 US Foreign Policy- Students will engage in a simulation of U.S. foreign policy as they learn about statecraft and negotiation in the current world system following a history of modern U.S. foreign policy goals and strategies.

POLS 3221 Constitutional Law- Basic legal concepts of constitutional law, including but not limited to judicial review; the powers of Congress and the President; the doctrines of separation of powers and Federalism, will be covered. The case method approach will be used with an analysis of legal issues and procedures by which justices make decisions. This course has a W2 designation.

POLS 3315 Politics of Immigration- new course for Spring 2018

POLS 3313 International Order- This course on global governance and international law addresses issues and principles related to the development of international challenges regarding the use of force, humanitarian law, human rights, arms control, environmental security, and international political economy. While there is no prerequisite, a background in international relations is strongly recommended. The overarching goal of the course is to allow students to recognize the complex character of transnational social, political, and economic issues and to develop a critical understanding of the threats and opportunities raised by global governance and international law regarding these issues.

POLS 3662 International Political Economy- This course provides an overview of the field of International Political Economy (IPE). Central topics in IPE include the expansion of multinational corporations (MNCs), financial and economic crises, the global monetary system, international trade, economic development, and global governance.

POLS 2XXX Comparative Politics of Human Rights- This course provides a comprehensive overview of the conditions and politics of human rights in specific countries and regions of the world. Students are exposed to the important contemporary debates surrounding human rights, especially regarding their universalism, relativism, and political nature. Through country case study analysis, students also confront the politics and historical contexts of human right violations including -- but not limited to -- torture, genocide, discrimination, and political repression. Relying on case studies and the comparative method, we analyze how civil societies and governments, in their efforts to either enforce or suppress human rights, engage a variety of domestic and international institutions as well as legal frameworks to pursue their human rights agenda. We also explore the processes associated with transitional justice – the mechanisms countries adopt to offer justice to human rights victims of prior conflicts and authoritarian regimes. Lastly, this class provides an opportunity for students to engage in research and analysis of the conditions of human rights advocacy and enforcement in specific countries.

POLS 3XXX Politics of Transitional Societies- This course examines the politics of transitions within states and societies. Why do some authoritarian regimes allow democracy to return and others do not? Why are some democratic regimes more vulnerable to authoritarian reversals than others? What are “hybrid regimes” and what are the political implications of labeling them as either authoritarian or democratic? After the end of a civil conflict, how does a country build democratic institutions and peace? What is the lasting impact of “color revolutions” and the Arab Spring in the process of democratization? These questions, among others, will be explored

through country and regional analyses, comparing the actors, institutions, and processes of transitional periods in regions such as Central/Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Lastly, students will be exposed to the comparative politics literature that stresses the “conceptual messiness” that arises when defining a country’s progress towards, or regression from, democratic norms and values.

POLS 3800 or 4800 by permission only- These are Independent Study courses and accepted topics would include “Advanced U.S. Foreign Policy”; “Post-2015 Economic Development”; and others by consensus of the program faculty.

Recommended Courses for New Option (option of 1 course or 4 credits if you take only 3 core courses):

ECON 1200 Macroeconomics

ECON 3636 Political Economy (ECON 1200 Macroeconomics is a prerequisite)

MGMT 3113 International Business Management (MGMT 2110 Intro to Management is a prerequisite)

HIST 1124 Fractures in World History

PHIL 1203 Critical Thinking

PHIL 2112 ETHICS: THEORY AND PRACTICE

SUST 2701 INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (international study tour)

GNM 2438 The Science of Decision Making

GNM 2475 GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

GSS 1236 Go Global!

GSS 2635 UN Experience (international study tour)

GSS 2368 The Global Community (Honors)

GIS 4663 Data Visualization and Narratives

GIS 4658 Global Challenges and Solutions (Global Studies Minor capstone)

Language and History courses are strongly encouraged to compliment your specific area(s) of interest in the world; while not required for the concentration, below is a list of paths that you can pursue to fulfill at-some-distance credits:

HIST: LATIN-AMERICA, EUROPE, AMERICA, ATLANTIC HISTORY, INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN

Hybrid/In-person: The program does not offer any strictly online courses, but we do give faculty option of converting their course to hybrid (1/3 to 2/3 of course meetings online) with a suggested limit of one hybrid/semester. Therefore, 1 or more of these courses may be offered in hybrid form.

Admissions Criteria: Candidates with a POLS major will automatically be able to select this concentration and work towards completing the courses listed above. POLS does not have a minimum grade for successful completion of these courses.

Recruitment: POLS students will be made aware of this new concentration through its Blackboard advising section for all POLS majors and minors and through email communication.

In addition, Model UN will serve as a de facto opportunity to recruit students in this concentration. The program will also work with POLS, the Model UN program, and Career Center to identify students interested in careers in international affairs to benefit from co- and extra-curricular programming sponsored by POLS in conjunction with campus partners.

COURSES IN THE BASE PROGRAM (POLS)- To receive a B.A. degree in Political Science, a student is required to complete a minimum of 40 credits (10 courses) in Political Science and 24 credits (six courses) in cognate areas, which include historical studies, criminal justice, economics, anthropology, psychology, social work, sociology, gerontology, public law, philosophy (only PHIL1203 and PHIL1204) or additional political science courses.

All Political Science majors are required to take POLS 2100 Introduction to American Politics, POLS 2150 Introduction to Political Methodology and POLS 4695 Senior Seminar. Political Science majors must take POLS 2100 Introduction to American Politics before they earn 76 credits. POLS 2150 Introduction to Political Methodology is a prerequisite to POLS 4695 Senior Seminar and must be taken before students earn 95 credits.

General Political Science

POLS 1100 Introduction to Politics
POLS 2150 Introduction to Methodology*
POLS 4695 Senior Seminar*

American Politics

POLS 2100 Introduction to American Politics*
POLS 2150 Introduction to Political Methodology*
POLS 2211 Law and Legislative Process
POLS 2222 President and Congress
POLS 3235 American Political Behavior and Representation
POLS 3260 Interest Group Politics
POLS 3616 Political Parties
POLS 3625 Campaigns and Elections

Public Administration and Policy

POLS 2180 Introduction to Public Administration
POLS 2190 Introduction to Public Policy
POLS 2209 State and Local Government
POLS 2217 Careers in Public Service
POLS 2245 Race and Politics
POLS 3300/SUST 3300 Environmental Policy and Law
POLS 3315 Politics of Immigration

[no difference; meets existing requirement for 32 credits of POLS electives]

POLS 3265 Governing New Jersey

Political Behavior and Analysis

POLS 2150 Introduction to Political Methodology*
POLS 3235 American Political Behavior and Representation
POLS 3616 Political Parties
POLS 3625 Campaigns and Elections

Political Theory

POLS 2140 Introduction to Political Theory

[no difference; meets existing requirement for 32 credits of POLS electives]

POLS 3641 Modern Political Theory

POLS 3644 Classical Political Theory

POLS 3648 Topics in Political Theory

POLS 3675 American Political Thought

International Relations and Comparative Politics

POLS 2160 Introduction to Comparative Politics

[no difference; meets existing requirement for 32 credits of POLS electives]

POLS 2170 Introduction to International Politics

[no difference; meets existing requirement for 32 credits of POLS electives]

POLS 2274 U.S. Foreign Policy

[no difference; meets existing requirement for 32 credits of POLS electives]

POLS 2276 UN Experience (Model UN)

[no difference; meets existing requirement for 32 credits of POLS electives]

POLS 2XXX Comparative Politics of Human Rights

[no difference; meets existing requirement for 32 credits of POLS electives]

POLS 3313 International Order

[no difference; meets existing requirement for 32 credits of POLS electives]

POLS 3XXX Politics of Transitional Societies

[no difference; meets existing requirement for 32 credits of POLS electives]

POLS 3660 Comparative Politics Seminar

[no difference; meets existing requirement for 32 credits of POLS electives]

POLS 3662 International Political Economy

[no difference; meets existing requirement for 32 credits of POLS electives]

Law

POLS 2215 Law School Basics

POLS 3221 Constitutional Law

[no difference; meets existing requirement for 32 credits of POLS electives]

POLS 3225 Civil Liberties

POLS 3300/SUST 3300 Environmental Policy and Law

POLS 3621 Advanced Constitutional Litigation

POLS 3612 Women and the Law

POLS 3652 Gender and Political Action

POLS 4695 Senior Seminar: The Supreme Court*

Internships

POLS 3900 Political Science State/Local Internship

POLS 3910 Internship in Public Service

WASH 3620 Washington Seminar

WASH 3940 Washington Internship

Senior Capstone

POLS 4695 Senior Seminar*

POLS 4695 Senior Seminar: The Supreme Court*