

TO: Fall Semester Curriculum Committee
 FROM: Prof. Jacob Segal, Chair, Department of History, Philosophy and Political Science
 DATE: September 14, 2022
 RE: Change in **Degree Requirements for the A.A. Liberal Arts-Political Science Concentration**

The Department of History is proposing a change in the degree requirements for the A.A. Liberal Arts Political Science Concentration. We also propose removing one learning outcome

FROM:

Current Political Science Concentration	
Arts OR Media and Film Studies OR Music OR Theatre	3
Speech	3
Literature	3
Psychology	3
Sociology	3
Philosophy: PHI 67 or PHI 79	3
U.S Politics POL 51	3
World History or Anthropology HIS 65 or ANT 38	3
U.S History: History 11 or History 12 or History 19	3
Elective Global Politics, recommended POL 52 or POL 59	3
	30 credits

1. be exposed to the central issues and range of subfields of political science
2. develop critical thinking in order to form opinions on political issues which they will also be able to analyze, critique, and debate
3. be able to formulate cohesive positions about political issues using rigorous quantitative data to support their arguments
4. be able to use evidence from related disciplines to support their arguments

TO:

New Political Science Concentration	
Arts OR Media and Film Studies OR Music OR Theatre	3
Speech	3
Literature or Philosophy	3
U.S History or U.S Politics	3
World History OR Anthropology OR World Languages and Cultures	3
Psychology or Sociology	3
Liberal Arts Seminar	3
<p style="text-align: center;">Concentration Requirement</p> <p>Students enrolled in a Concentration cannot use the following required course to also satisfy a CUNY Flexible Core Requirements.</p> <p>Select ONE (1) course from three of the four groups for a total of nine (9) credits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Group I: Political Theory:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ POL 5000 - Clash of Political Ideas: Introduction to Political Theory ▪ <u>Group II: U.S. Politics:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ POL 5100 - Introduction to U.S. Government or ▪ POL 5500 - U.S. Political Parties ▪ <u>Group III: Global Politics:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ POL 5200 - Introduction to Comparative Government or ▪ POL 5900 - Introduction to International Relations ▪ <u>Group IV: State, Local, and Urban Politics:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ POL 5300 - State and Local Government and Politics or ▪ POL 5600 - Urban Politics 	9
	30 credits

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2. Develop critical thinking in order to form opinions on political issues which they will also be able to analyze, critique, and debate
3. Be able to formulate cohesive positions about political issues using rigorous quantitative data to support their arguments

Rationale:

This change has three aspects. First, we are changing the requirements to the now standard 21 liberal arts requirements, including the liberal arts seminar to make the concentration simpler and straight forward in order to made advising and completion easier. Unlike the other liberal arts concentrations, the political science concentration did not require students to take specific pathway courses but it was still a complex set of requirements. Second, we changed the concentration requirements. In the current model, the concentration requirements were embedded in the liberal arts requirements. We shift all the specific course requirements to the nine concentration credits and require students to take three courses in the four groups of political science: Political Theory, U.S Politics, Global Politics and State, Local and Urban politics. We hope that the students will therefore gain an appreciation of the political science discipline which will allow them to better choose a focus if they become majors in political science. We picked the courses that have equivalencies in Brooklyn College. Third, we wish to remove the fourth learning outcome because the concentration no longer requires student to take specific courses outside Political Science. Students will not be able to utilize liberal arts and concentration requirements for pathway requirements.

We have updated our curricular map accordingly, coordinating the learning outcomes with the new requirements and taken out one learning outcomes.

- Students will be exposed to the central issues and the range of subfields of political science. (POL 50, POL 51, POL 52, POL 55, and POL 53)
- Students will develop critical thinking in order to form opinions on political issues which they will also be able to analyze, critique, and debate. (POL 56, POL 53, POL 51 and Pol 55)
- Students will be able to formulate cohesive positions about political issues using rigorous quantitative and qualitative data to support their arguments. (POL 51, POL 55, POL 52, POL 53 and POL 59)

CURRENT

Add/Delete/Change	A.A. LIBERAL ARTS – Political Science Concentration	
	HEGIS: 5649.00	
	PROGRAM CODE: 01044	
	CUNY CORE	CREDITS
	REQUIRED CORE: (4 Courses, 12 Credits)	12
	When Required Core courses are specified for a category, they are strongly suggested and/or required for the major.	
	ENG 1200 Composition I	3
	ENG 2400 Composition II	3
	± Mathematical & Quantitative Reasoning	3

	± Life and Physical Sciences	3
	FLEXIBLE CORE: (6 Courses, 18 Credits)	18
	When Flexible Core courses are specified for a category, they are strongly <i>suggested</i> and/or required for the major. One course from each Group A to E. and one (1) additional course from any group. <i>No more than two courses can be selected from the same discipline</i>	
	A. World Cultures and Global Issues	
	B. U.S. Experience In Its Diversity	
	C. Creative Expression	
	D. Individual & Society	
	± E. Scientific World	
	± Plus another course selected from any Group A – E	
CHANGE	DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: (09 7 Courses, 27 21 Credits)	27 21
CHANGE	To complete the degree within sixty (6) credits students must select courses that fulfill Major, Concentration, AND Flexible Core Requirements. No more than four (4) of the following nine (9) course may also satisfy a Flexible Core Requirement. Students enrolled in a Concentration cannot use the following required courses to also satisfy a CUNY Flexible Core Requirement.	
	Art or	03
	Media and Film Studies or	
	Music or	
	Theatre	
	AND	
	Speech	03
ADD	AND	
ADD	Literature or	
ADD	Philosophy	
ADD	AND	

ADD	U.S. Politics or	03
ADD	U.S. History	
ADD	AND	
ADD	Psychology or	03
ADD	Sociology	
	Sociology	03
ADD	AND	
ADD	World History or	03
ADD	Anthropology or	
ADD	World Languages and Cultures	
ADD	AND	
ADD	Liberal Arts Seminar (LAS)*	03
DELETE	AND	
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DELETE	PHI 6700 - Political Philosophy or	
DELETE	PHI 7900 - Global Ethics	
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DELETE	AND	
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DELETE	POL 5100 - Introduction to U.S. Government	
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DELETE	AND	
DELETE	HIS 1100 - U.S. History I: From the Pre-Colonial Period through the Civil War or	
DELETE	HIS 1200 - U.S. History II: from Post-Civil War to the Present or	
DELETE	HIS 1900 - Civil Rights and Related Movements	
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DELETE	AND	
DELETE	HIS 6500 - Social Unrest and Revolution in Modern Times or	
DELETE	ANT 3800 - Human Rights	

ADD	POLITICAL SCIENCE CONCENTRATION (3 Courses, 9 Credits)	9
ADD	Students enrolled in a Concentration cannot use the following required courses to also satisfy a CUNY Flexible Core Requirement.	
ADD	Select ONE (1) course from three of the four groups for a total of nine (9) credits.	
ADD	Group I: Political Theory	
ADD	POL 5000 - Clash of Political Ideas: Introduction to Political Theory	
ADD	Group II: U.S. Politics	
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ADD	Group IV: State, Local, and Urban Politics	
ADD	POL 5300 - State and Local Government and Politics or	
ADD	POL 5600 - Urban Politics	
CHANGE	<u>ELECTIVES: 03 to 15 0 credits sufficient to meet required total of 60 credits.</u>	03-15 0
CHANGE	Students are required to select a Global Politics course (3 credits). The following Global Politics courses are recommended. If additional elective credits are available, consultation with the concentration advisor is highly recommended.	
	POL 5200 – Introduction to Comparative Government or	
	POL 5900 – Introduction to International Relations	
	TOTAL CREDITS: 60	60
	Note:	
ADD	*Transfer students with 15 or more credits and students coded into the Allied Health Student Group are not required to take the Liberal Arts Seminar (LAS) and instead will take 3 credits of Electives. Consultation with an academic advisor is HIGHLY recommended for students meeting this criteria.	
	World Languages proficiency through the 200-level is recommended for students who do not have native fluency, or have not successfully completed three years of one foreign language in high school and passed the Regents Level 3 language exam. These students may take a 100-level World Language as a Flexible Core: World Cultures and Global Issues (Group A) Pathways requirement and a 200-level	

	World Language as a major requirement. Other concentrations may be able to do as listed above.	
	For concentrations other than General, it is recommended that you speak with your academic advisor.	

Proposed

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	± Life and Physical Sciences	3
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	D. Individual & Society	
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	± Plus another course selected from any Group A – E	
	DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: (7 Courses, 21 Credits)	21
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	Media and Film Studies or	

	Music or Theatre	
	AND	
	Speech	03
	AND	
	Literature or Philosophy	03
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	AND	
	U.S. Politics or U.S. History	03
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	AND	-
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ADD	Psychology or Sociology	03
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-	-	-
	AND	
	World History or Anthropology or World Languages and Cultures	03
	AND	
	Liberal Arts Seminar (LAS)*	03
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