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## Cover page scroll over blue text to see further important [instructions](#instructions): [if not working select “COMMents on rollover” in your Word preferences under view] **please read these.**

**N.B. ALL numbered categories in section (A) must be completed. Please do not use highlight to select choices within a category but simply delete the options that do not apply to your proposal (e.g. in A.2 if this is a course revision proposal, just delete the creation and deletion options and the various program ones, so it reads “course revision”) Do not delete any of the numbered categories—if they do not apply leave them blank. If there are no resources impacted please put “none” in each A. 7 category.**

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| A.1. [Course or program](#Proposal) | **b.a. in political science** |  |
| [Replacing](#Ifapplicable)  | **N/A** |
| A. 1b. Academic unit | **Faculty of Arts and Sciences**  |  |
| A.2. [Proposal type](#type) | **Program: Revision** |  |
| A.3. [Originator](#Originator) | **Michelle Brophy-Baermann** | [Home department](#home_dept) | **Political Science Dept.** |
| A.4. [Context and Rationale](#Rationale) Note: Must include additional information in smart tip for all [new programs](#type) | **Four revisions to the structure of Political Science programs are proposed:**1. **The list of required courses for the B.A. degree shall be revised to reflect that POL 202, 203 and 204 are to be re-numbered POL 102, 103 and 104, respectively. (Note that the revisions to these three courses’ numbers are identified on separate course revision forms. POL 300 and 308W remain on the list of required courses unaltered.)**
2. **In order to expand choice within the POL major, the department proposes to delete the list of restricted electives from the Catalogue description of “Course Requirements” and, in its place, insert the following language immediately following the list of the major’s five required courses (POL 102, 103, 104, 300 and 308W): “At least six additional Political Science courses, at least four of which must be at the 300 level or above.”**
3. **Because there is no interest among existing faculty to continue to offer The London Course, the program’s title and description will be deleted. (Note that The London Course program’s constituent courses, POL 444 and 445, are identified for deletion on separate course revision forms and this deletion is also noted there.)**
4. **Under the heading for the Political Science Minor’s Course Requirements, the numbers of the three listed courses should be changed to reflect their move from the 200- to the 100-level, as follows: POL 202, 203 and 204 shall become POL 102, 103 and 104, respectively. (Note that the revisions to these courses’ numbers are identified on separate course revision forms.)**
5. **Due to the reduced number of 3-credit POL courses these changes will raise the bottom number of the total credit range from 40-44 to 41-44 (and we still have a POL course that will double count as the SB Gen Ed.), we are also adding a note to ensure students do not take POL or POL for just a single credit, but a minimum of 3: "AT LEAST 4 ADDITIONAL three or four-credit political science courses at the 300-level or above.”**
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| A.5. [Student impact](#student_impact)Must include to explain why this change is being made? | **First-year students should find the re-numbered courses (POL 102, 103 and 104) more readily identifiable as courses that are appropriate for freshmen.** **The removal of the list of restricted electives will provide students’ greater choice in the courses they take within their POL major.****The London Course will no longer be available to students as a study abroad option.****Students will not be required to pay more or stay longer at RIC as a result of the proposed changes to the POL major, the POL minor or The London Course.****The change in total credits will not affect the number of courses students take to complete the program.** |
| A.6. [Impact on other programs](#impact)  | **None (individual course changes that affect other program are noted on those proposals).** |
| A.7. [Resource impact](#Resource) | [*Faculty PT & FT*](#faculty):  | **No impact** |
| [*Library*:](#library) | **No impact** |
| [*Technology*](#technology) | **No impact** |
| [*Facilities*](#facilities): | **No impact** |
| A.8. [Semester effective](#Semester_effective) | **Fall 2023**  | A.9. [Rationale if sooner than next Fall](#Semester_effective) | **None** |
| A.10. INSTRUCTIONS FOR CATALOG COPY: Use the Word copy versions of the catalog sections found on the UCC Forms and Information page. Cut and paste into a single file **ALL the relevant pages from the college catalog that need to be changed.** Use tracked changes feature to show how the catalog will be revised as you type in the revisions. If totally new copy, indicate where it should go in the catalog. If making related proposals a single catalog copy that includes all changes is preferred. Send catalog copy as a separate single Word file along with this form. |
| A.11. List here (with the relevant urls), any RIC website pages that will need to be updated (to which your department does not have access) if this proposal is approved, with an explanation as to what needs to be revised: |
| A. 12 **Check to see if your proposal will impact any of our** **transfer** **agreements,** **and if it does explain in what way. Please indicate clearly what will need to be updated. No impact** |
| A. 13 Check the section that lists “Possible NECHE considerations” on the UCC Forms and Information page and if any apply, indicate what that might be here and contact Institutional Research for further guidance. **None**  |

### C. [Program Proposals](#program_proposals) **Complete only what is relevant to your proposal. Delete section C if not needed. PLease add in the 2020 CIP number for MAJOR revisions or new programs in C. 2; these can be found at** [**https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/browse.aspx?y=56**](https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/browse.aspx?y=56) **consult with Institutional research to be sure you select the correct one.**

|  | [Old (for revisions only)](#old_program) | New/revised |
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| C.1. [Enrollments](#enrollments) Must be completed. | **69** | **69** |
| C. 2. [2020 CIP number](#CIPnumber" \o "THESE CAN BE FOUND AT HTTPS://NCES.ED.GOV/IPEDS/CIPCODE/BROWSE.ASPX?Y=56 CONSULT WITH INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH TO BE SURE YOU SELECT THE CORRECT ONE.) |  |  |
| C.3. [Admission requirements](#admissions) |  |  |
| C.4. [Retention requirements](#retention) |  |  |
| C.5. [Course requirements](#course_reqs) for each program option. Show the course requirements for the whole program here. | Required Courses

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| POL 202 | American Government | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| POL 203 | Global Politics | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 204 | Introduction to Political Thought | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 300 | Methodology in Political Science | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 308W | Current Political Controversy | 4 | F, Sp |

AT LEAST SIX ADDITIONAL political science courses at the 300-level or aboveNote: POL 208 may also be taken to fulfill part of this requirement. **At least two courses must be from the following:**

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| POL 301W | Foundations of Public Administration | 4 | F |
| POL 306 | State and Local Government | 4 | Every third semester |
| POL 307 | Political Behavior | 4 | F (even years) |
| POL 309 | Gender and Politics in the U.S. | 4 | As needed |
| POL 318 | Crises of Liberalism | 4 | F |
| POL 331 | Courts and Public Policy | 4 | F |
| POL 333 | Law and Politics of Civil Rights | 4 | Annually |
| POL 334 | Contemporary Constitutional Problems | 4 | Sp (alternate years) |
| POL 342 | The Politics of Global Economic Change | 4 | Every third semester |
| POL 345 | International NGOs and Nonprofits | 4 | F |
| POL 346 | Foreign Policy | 4 | As needed |
| POL 353 | Parties and Elections | 4 | F, of election years |
| POL 354 | Interest Group Politics | 4 | F (alternate years) |
| POL 355 | Policy Formation Process | 4 | Sp |
| POL 358 | The American Congress | 4 | Every third semester |
| POL 359 | Politics and the Media | 4 | As needed |

Note: It is recommended that these courses be taken following POL 300 and POL 308. | Required Courses

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| POL 102 | American Government | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| POL 103 | Global Politics | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 104 | Introduction to Political Thought | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 300 | Methodology in Political Science | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 308W | Current Political Controversy | 4 | F, Sp |

AT LEAST SIX ADDITIONAL political science courses at least FOUR of which must be 3 or 4 credits and at the 300-level or above |
| C.6. [Credit count](#credit_count) for each program option | **40-44** | **41-44** |
| C.7. Program Accreditation (if relevant) |  |  |
| C.8 Is it possible that the program will be more than 50% online (includes hybrid)?\* | **NO** | **NO** |
| C.9 Will any classes be offered at sites other than RIC campus or the RI Nursing Ed. Center?\* | **NO** | **NO** |
| C. 10. Do these revisions reflect more than 25% change to the [program?\*](file:///Users/sabbotson/Documents/Curriculum/Program%20goals)  | **NO** | **NO** |
| C.11. [Program goals](file:///Users/sabbotson/Documents/Curriculum/Program%20goals)Needed for all new programs |  |  |
| C.12. Other changes if any |  |  |

\* If answered YES to either of these questions will need to inform Institutional Research and get their acknowledgement on the signature page.

## D. Signatures

* **Changes that affect General Education in any way MUST be approved by ALL Deans and COGE Chair**.
* Changes that directly impact more than one department/program MUST have the signatures of all relevant department chairs, program directors, and their relevant dean (e.g. when creating/revising a program using courses from other departments/programs). Check UCC manual 4.2 for further guidelines on whether the signatures need to be approval or acknowledgement.
* Proposals that do not have appropriate approval signatures will not be considered.
* Type in name of person signing and their position/affiliation.
* Send electronic files of this proposal and accompanying catalog copy to curriculum@ric.edu to the current Chair of UCC. Check UCC website for due dates. Do NOT convert to a .pdf.

##### D.1. Approvals: required from programs/departments/deans who originate the proposal. THESE may include multiple departments, e.g., for joint/interdisciplinary proposals.

| Name | Position/affiliation | Signature | Date |
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| Michelle Brophy-Baermann | Chair of Political Science |  | 11/20/22 |
| Earl Simson | Dean of FAS | \*Approved via email | 11/21/22 |