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Program Status	Active		
Academic Level	Graduate		
Type of proposal	Major/Field of Study		
Select a reason for this modification			
Making Minor Changes to an Existing Certificate, Degree or Program (including 15 or fewer hours, admission/graduation requirements, Focused Studies or Tracks)			
Are you adding a concentration?			
No			
Are you adding or modifying a track?			
No			
Are you adding or modifying a focused study?			
No			
Effective Catalog Year	Fall 2024		
College/School Code	Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)		
Department Code	Department of Political Science (PLSC)		
Program Code	PLSCMA		

In Workflow

1. ARSC Dean Initial
2. GRAD Dean Initial
3. Director of Curriculum Review and Program Assessment
4. Registrar Initial
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15. Catalog Editor Final

Approval Path

1. 07/26/23 12:13 pm
David McNabb (dmcnabb): Approved for ARSC Dean Initial
2. 07/26/23 2:05 pm
Jim Gigantino (jgiganti): Approved for GRAD Dean Initial
3. 07/26/23 2:06 pm
Jim Gigantino (jgiganti): Approved for Provost Initial

Degree Master of Arts

CIP Code

4. 08/07/23 1:55 pm
Lisa Kulczak
(lkulcza): Rollback to Initiator
5. 08/09/23 9:29 am
Christopher Liner
(liner): Approved for ARSC Dean Initial
6. 08/21/23 4:35 pm
Jim Gigantino
(jgiganti): Approved for GRAD Dean Initial
7. 08/21/23 6:15 pm
Lisa Kulczak
(lkulcza): Approved for Director of Curriculum Review and Program Assessment
8. 08/22/23 7:25 am
Gina Daugherty
(gdaugher): Approved for Registrar Initial
9. 08/22/23 9:49 am
Doug Miles
(dmiles): Approved for Institutional Research
10. 08/22/23 11:07 am
William Schreckhise
(schreckw): Approved for PLSC Chair
11. 09/26/23 11:31 am
Nik Rowan
(nrgreen): Approved for ARSC Curriculum Committee

12. 09/26/23 11:43 am
Christopher Liner
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ARSC Dean
13. 09/26/23 12:37 pm
Suzanne Kenner
(skenner): Approved
for Global Campus
14. 09/26/23 12:39 pm
Jim Gigantino
(jgiganti): Approved
for Provost Review
15. 10/19/23 3:14 pm
Ed Bengtson
(egbengts):
Approved for
Graduate Council

History

1. May 20, 2019 by
Pearl Dowe (pkford)

45.1001 - Political Science and Government, General.

Program Title

Political Science, Master of Arts

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary?

No

Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School?

No

What are the total 36
hours needed to
complete the
program?

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

Admission Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree Program: Applicants for graduate study in political science must be admitted to the Graduate School and also meet the following requirements: [submission of 1\) undergraduate/graduate transcripts](#), ~~satisfactory GRE scores~~; 2) ~~submission of~~ a [statement of purpose](#), ~~written essay~~, and 3) [a writing sample and 4\)](#) three letters ~~of~~ ~~of~~ recommendation from persons competent to judge the applicant's potential for graduate studies. Students from all academic backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Students who have had few political science courses at the undergraduate level may be required to enroll in undergraduate courses to begin their graduate studies.

Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree: The M.A. degree is a 36-semester hour program. Completion of the program is contingent upon passing a comprehensive examination or writing and defending a thesis.

Core (18 hours)**Take the following (9 hours):**

PLSC 5163	Public Policy	3
PLSC 5913	Research Methods in Political Science	3
PLSC 5943	Advanced Research Methods in Political Science	3

Take three of the following (9 hours):**9**

PLSC 5203	Seminar in American Political Institutions
PLSC 5213	Seminar in American Political Behavior
PLSC 5503	Comparative Political Analysis
PLSC 5803	Seminar in International Politics

Courses are offered in three areas of study: American [politics](#), ~~politics~~, comparative [politics](#), ~~politics~~ and international relations, and public administration and policy. From these offerings, students must select a primary area of study. A minimum of 12 hours from the primary area of study must be completed, of which six hours will be accepted from the core. A secondary field of no less than six hours will complement the choices in the primary field, of which three hours will be accepted from the core. Selection of the areas of study should be commensurate with the professional or career goals of the student. A minimum of 27 hours must be fulfilled by 5000-level classes. Students must take a minimum of 30 of their 36 course hours in the Department of Political Science. The remaining hours may be taken in other departments.

Courses at the 4000 level may be taken with the graduate adviser's consent. Under special circumstances, students may arrange to take graduate-level directed readings or independent research courses. Such courses require an application that must be approved by the student's graduate adviser in concert with the professor from whom the course is to be taken. The student must apply for such a course before the semester in which the course is to be taken.

Students should also be aware of Graduate School requirements with regard to [master's degrees](#).

Thesis Option: Students must take 30 hours of coursework and six hours of thesis credit. Under this option, the student's comprehensive examination will be a defense of the thesis. All M.A. candidates in this option are required

to develop a prospectus for their thesis. They must then write and orally defend an acceptable thesis.

Non-thesis Option: Students must take 36 semester hours of coursework. Under this option, students must take a comprehensive examination in their primary field of study.

Are Similar Programs available in the area?

No

Estimated Student 20

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Scheduled Program 2026-2027 ~~2019~~

Review Date

Program Goals and Objectives

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1. Provide Graduate MA students with an opportunity to complete the degree in a timely fashion.
2. Provide students with analytical and research skills that will be applicable as they move towards a doctoral degree or advance their professional career.

Learning Outcomes

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- (1) Demonstrate a general knowledge about trends in the discipline of political science, including epistemological diversity when studying complex issues;
- (2) Demonstrate the ability to apply that knowledge to specific policy or political contexts by using qualitative and quantitative data;
- (3) Demonstrate an understanding of global trends in areas such as governance and political economy, as well as complex policy issues involving, gender, race and ethnicity;
- (4) Demonstrate the ability to conduct independent research and communicate the results effectively in both oral and written form.

Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
The program admission requirements no longer include the submission of GRE scores.	The PLSC faculty unanimously agreed to remove the GRE score submission requirement for our graduate programs. This decision was made after careful consideration of various factors that affect the selection process of our students and the fairness of the admission process.

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Reviewer Comments

Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (08/07/23 1:55 pm): Rollback: The proposed changes do not need to be submitted as a reconfiguration--they can be handled via "Making Minor Changes". Please select that reason and re-submit so the workflow will update accordingly to reflect an on-campus approval process.

Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (08/21/23 6:13 pm): Attention Registrar: Please remove Undergraduate Council from workflow.

Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (08/21/23 6:14 pm): Adjusted effective date from fall 2023 to fall 2024; it is too late to make this change effective for fall 2023.

Gina Daugherty (gdaugher) (08/22/23 7:25 am): Undergraduate Council removed from workflow.

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