



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 9, 2010

Vice Chancellor Beth Rushing  
University of Washington, Tacoma  
Box 358430

Dear Beth:

Based upon the recommendations of the Faculty Council on Academic Policy, the Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy has recommended approval of a minor in Politics. A copy of the proposal is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences program is authorized to specify these requirements beginning spring quarter 2010 and thereafter.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark".

Mark A. Emmert  
President

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Larry Knopp (with enclosure)  
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)  
Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)  
Mr. Todd Mildon, J.D. (with enclosure TIAS-20090818A)



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After college/school/campus review, send a signed original and 8 copies to the Curriculum Office/FCAS, Box 355850.

For information about when and how to use this form: <http://depts.washington.edu/uwcr/1503instructions.pdf>

<b>College/Campus</b> University of Washington Tacoma	<b>Department/Unit</b> Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences	<b>Date</b> August 18, 2009
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**New Programs**

- ☐ Leading to a Bachelor of \_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_ degree.
- ☐ Leading to a Bachelor of \_\_\_\_ degree with a major in \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Leading to a \_\_\_\_ Option within the existing major in \_\_\_\_.
- ☒ Leading to a minor in Politics

**Changes to Existing Programs**

- ☐ New Admission Requirements for the Major in \_\_\_\_ within the Bachelor of \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in \_\_\_\_ within the Bachelor of \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Revised Program Requirements for the Major in \_\_\_\_ within the Bachelor of \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Revised Requirements for the Option in \_\_\_\_ within the major in \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Revised Requirements for the Minor in \_\_\_\_.

**Other Changes**

- ☐ Change name of program from \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ New or Revised Continuation Policy for \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Eliminate program in \_\_\_\_.

Proposed Effective Date: **Quarter:** ☐ Autumn ☐ Winter ☒ Spring ☐ Summer **Year: 20 10**

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**EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE**

For new program, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support and departmental handouts. (Use additional pages if necessary).

Because of the growing complexity and globalization of our world, it is very important today that students develop a solid understanding of political ideas, processes, and outcomes. The need for improved understanding of politics is evident in domestic debates about health care, immigration, environmental protection, homeland security, and banking regulation as well as international issues such as terrorism, the role of United States in the international system, the spread of democracy and human rights, global poverty and global health issues.

The politics minor allows UWT students to strengthen their facility with political reasoning and theory in a way that will complement their studies in their chosen majors/concentrations. Specific areas of study that would benefit from a politics minor include environmental studies, history, communications, business, social work and urban studies. More substantially, the politics minor will help students become more informed about and engaged with domestic, national, and international issues.

Current course work in politics primarily supports IAS's Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE) major. This minor allows a greater number of students to benefit from the coursework in the PPE curriculum that centers on politics, while not requiring students to explicitly develop the understanding and critical thinking required by the entire PPE curriculum. Additionally, providing students with a better grounding in politics will support those students interested in being able to teach political science or social studies as high school teachers.

See attached proposal for more detail.

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED**

List all departments/units/ or co-accredited programs affected by your new program or changes to your existing program and acquire

the signature of the chair/director of each department/unit listed. Attach additional page(s) if necessary. *See online instructions.		
Department/Unit:	Chair/Program Director:	Date:
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#### CATALOG COPY

Catalog Copy as currently written. Include only sections/paragraphs that would be changed if your request is approved. Please cross out or otherwise highlight any deletions.

N/A

#### PROPOSED CATALOG COPY

Reflecting requested changes (Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications).  
**Please note:** all copy will be edited to reflect uniform style in the General Catalog.

## Politics Minor

Contact an advisor in Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences at (253) 692-4450 to learn more about this minor.

The minor in Politics is designed for students who seek to strengthen their facility with political reasoning and theory in a way that complements their studies in their chosen majors/concentrations. Students learn to analyze how political ideas and processes influence and shape domestic and international issues. Students also acquire the skills and knowledge necessary for being informed and effective participants in political processes.

Students minoring in Politics take two core classes, and supplement these with three additional courses intended to deepen and apply their knowledge of politics. In this way, students minoring in Politics learn to analyze how political ideas and processes influence events in their major fields of study.

### Requirements

The Politics minor requires 25 credits of coursework: 10 credits of two (choose two out of three) required foundational classes (TPOL S 202: Introduction to American Politics, TPOL S 203 Introduction to International Relations, and TPOL S 201: Introduction to Political Values and Ideas); and 15 credits in three additional electives at the 300- or 400-level that develop a more advanced understanding of politics. A course list follows. Students may request to transfer up to 10 credits to be applied toward the courses fulfilling the minor. Students must maintain an average GPA of 2.0 in the five classes that satisfy the minor requirements. Students in the Politics, Philosophy and Economics concentration may not minor in Politics.


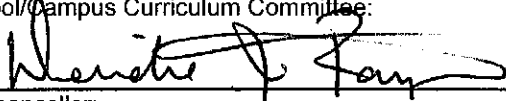

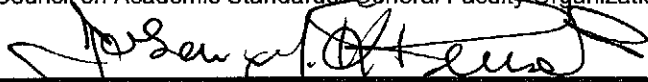
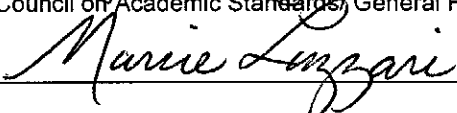
#### Required Core Course (10 credits, 2/3 classes)

- TPOL S 202: Introduction to American Politics
- TPOL S 203: Introduction to International Relations
- TPOL S 201: Intro to Political Values and Ideas

#### Other Requirements

15 credits from any of the following courses:

- TIBCIN 358: History of Philosophy: Medieval and Modern (5)
- TIBCIN 360: History of Philosophy: Modern and Contemporary (5)
- TIBCG 363: Philosophical Perspectives of the Environment (5)
- TIBCG 456: Environmental Ethics (5)
- TPOL S 310: Modern European Political Theory (5)
- TPOL S 321: American Foreign Policy (5)
- TPOL S 340: Middle East Politics (5)
- TPOL S 366: Islam (5)
- TPOL S 368: The Politics and Law of International Human Rights (5)
- TPOL S 400: American Presidency (5)
- TIBCIN 355: Mind of Modernity (5)
- TPOL S 435: Contemporary Geopolitics (5)
- TPOL S 420: Theories of Political Violence (5)
- TPOL S 410: Labor rights and Human Rights (5)
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- TSMUS 322: American Labor Since the Civil War (5)

Chair/Program Director: 	Date: 11/24/09
College/School/Campus Curriculum Committee: 	Date: 11/24/09
Dean/Vice Chancellor: 	Date: 11/24/09
Faculty Council on Academic Standards/General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair: 	Date: 11/25/09
<b>POST TRI-CAMPUS APPROVAL (when needed)</b>	
Faculty Council on Academic Standards/General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair: 	Date: 01/12/10

# Proposal for Minor in Politics

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*Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences  
University of Washington Tacoma*

**(Note: Students majoring in Politics, Philosophy and Economics may not also minor in Politics)**

## **Objectives of Minor**

- To strengthen students' ability to discuss and write critically about significant political events and developments, both domestic and international.
- To develop students' understanding of how current events and contemporary political institutions have resulted from long-term political processes, and are reflective of political ideologies.
- To improve students' understanding of how politics and political ideology influence social movements, both in the U.S. and abroad.

## **Course Requirements**

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## **Educational Objectives** *(What students will do after graduation)*

Graduates with a minor in politics will have a solid understanding of political ideas, processes, and outcomes. Students will be prepared to pursue careers in government, law, planning, nonprofit management, community work, diplomacy, business, teaching, journalism and other fields, as well as for graduate study in these areas.

## **Educational Outcomes** *(What students should be able to do at time of graduation)*

Students with a minor in politics will be equipped to understand political and social interactions, relations between states and capital, as well as the history of relationships between governments and citizens. The minor also aims to develop skills needed for informed and effective citizenship at all levels.

Students completing a minor in politics should be able to

- Engage in and employ sophisticated theoretical reasoning to analyze issues related to politics
- Analyze and explain the politics behind current events
- Investigate the relationship between politics and other areas of inquiry
- Discuss and write critically about domestic and international political and social issues

## **Required University Documentation**

### **Explanation and Rationale for Proposed Minor in Politics**

Because of the growing complexity and globalization of our world, it is very important today that students develop a solid understanding of political ideas, processes, and outcomes. The need for improved understanding of politics is evident in domestic debates about health care, immigration, environmental protection, homeland security, and banking regulation as well as international issues such as terrorism, the role of United States in the international system, the spread of democracy and human rights, global poverty and global health issues.

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### **Proposed Catalog Copy**

Graduates with a minor in Politics develop an understanding of the role of politics in their major field of study. Students learn to analyze how political ideas and processes influence and shape domestic and international issues. Students also acquire the skills and knowledge necessary for being informed and effective participants in political processes.

### **Required Core Course (10 credits, 2/3 classes)**

- TPOL S 202: Introduction to American Politics
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- TPOL S 201: Intro to Political Values and Ideas

### **Other Requirements**

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**All of the above classes are already part of the PPE curriculum and hence require no new resources.**



**Tacoma: Minor in Politics (TIAS-20090818A)**

Tri-Campus Review Comments:

NA

## UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM REVIEW PROCEDURES\*\*

### CHECKLIST

Title of Proposal: Minor in Politics (TIAS-20090818A)

Proposed by (unit name): Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences

Originating Campus:

☐ UW, Seattle

☐ UW, Bothell

☒ UW, Tacoma

**I. Phase I. Developed Proposal Review** (to be completed by Originating Campus' Academic Program Review body)

A. Review Completed by: (list name of program review body)

Chaired by:

11/25/09 Date proposal received by originating campus's review body

12/04/09 Date proposal sent to University Registrar

12/04/09 Date proposal posted & email sent to standard notification list

01/12/10 Date of originating campus's curriculum body approval

(Note: this date must be 15 business days or more following date of posting)

B. 0 Number of comments received. Attach the comments and a summary of the consideration and responses thereof: (1-2 paragraphs)

**II. Phase II. Final Proposal Review** (to be completed by FCTCP)

A. Review Completed by:

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☒ FCTCP subcommittee

☐ FCTCP full council

Chaired by: Steven Collins

01/22/10 Date request for review received from University Registrar

02/05/10 Date of FCTCP report

B. Review (attached)

YES NO

- ☒ Was notice of proposal posted on UW Website for 15 business days?
- ☒ Was notice of proposal sent to standard mailing list 15 business days in advance of academic program review?
- ☒ Were comments received by academic program review body?
- ☒ Was response to comments appropriate? (explain, if necessary)
- ☒ Was final proposal reviewed by FCTCP within 14 days of receipt?
- ☒ Was there adherence to the University Campuses Undergraduate Program Review Process? (explain, if necessary)

### C. Recommendation

The FCTCP Curriculum Review Sub-Committee completed the Phase II review of this proposal. The Sub-committee noted that all procedures were followed. The proposal did not generate any comments requiring a response.

The FCTCP sub-committee is pleased to have the Registrar forward the final proposal for final action. Thank you. Steven Collins, Chair, FCTCP

### Summary :

- ☒ Forward for final approval
- ☐ Forward to Provost because of University issues (Explain)
- ☐ Return to campus council because of insufficient review (Explain).

**\*\*Endorsed by Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 1/10/05, modified 1/31/06; These procedures apply to new undergraduate degrees, majors, minors (and certificates) and substantive changes to same**