



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

Michael K. Young  
President

May 21, 2014

Dean Robert C. Stacey  
College of Arts and Sciences  
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Dear Bob:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the revised admission requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. A copy of the change is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Department of Political Science is authorized to specify these requirements beginning autumn quarter 2014.

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 "Michael K. Young".

Michael K. Young  
President

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Meera Roy (with enclosure)  
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)  
Ms. Virjean Edwards (with enclosure)



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# CREATING AND CHANGING UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

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<b>College/Campus</b> <b>Seattle</b>	<b>Department/Unit</b> <b>Political Science</b>	<b>Date</b> 2/12/2014
<b>New Programs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Leading to a Bachelor of _____ in _____ degree.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Leading to a Bachelor of _____ degree with a major in _____.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Leading to a _____ Option within the existing major in _____.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Leading to a minor in _____.</li> </ul>		
<b>Changes to Existing Programs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in <u>Political Science</u> within the Bachelor of <u>Arts</u>.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Revised Program Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Revised Requirements for the Option in _____ within the major in _____.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Revised Requirements for the Minor in _____.</li> </ul>		
<b>Other Changes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Change name of program from _____ to _____.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Change delivery method or location of program.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New or Revised Continuation Policy for _____.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New Honors Requirements for _____.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate program in _____.</li> </ul>		
Proposed Effective Date: <b>Quarter:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Autumn <input type="checkbox"/> Winter <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer <b>Year:</b> 20 <u>14</u>		
Contact Person: Meera Roy	Phone: 543-9456	Email: meroy@uw.edu
Box: 353530		
<b>EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE</b>		
For new program, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support and departmental handouts. <i>(Use additional pages if necessary).</i>		
<p>The proposed changes to admission requirements are designed to work with recent changes in our advising staffing structure and to create a more predictable cycle of admission to the major. Our Advising office now employs three full-time professional advisers; previously it had two professional advisers and two half-time graduate students. Time that had been spent training and managing new graduate students each year can now be devoted to group information sessions with our students. With specific admission deadlines, the advisers will be able to create group advising sessions for all of the newly admitted students to cover the important but prosaic information about: departmental resources, major requirements, university requirements, deadlines, internships and other departmental opportunities. Advisers will still be meeting with students individually at the point of admission to the major, but they will be able to focus on specific student issues and individual learning goals. This is a direct response to information gathered from our departmental exit survey of graduating majors. Having specific due dates for adding the major will also give us more accurate information about the number of students in the major, allowing for better planning for upcoming quarters.</p> <p>Removing the requirement for sophomore standing (completion of at least 45 credits) to declare the major. Some students are ready to declare the major as freshmen, usually because of Running Start or AP credit. With this change students may now declare the major upon completing the introductory requirements regardless of class level.</p>		
<b>OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED</b>		
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.

**Department Admission Requirements**

1. ~~Sophomore standing (completion of 45 college credits)~~
2. Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA
3. Three introductory political science courses (15 credits) with a grade of at least 2.0 in each from the following: POL S 101, POL S 201, POL S 202, POL S 203, POL S 204, POL S 205.
4. ~~Students are admitted all quarters and there are no quarterly deadlines. Applications and additional information available from advisers in 215 Smith.~~

**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.

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3. Students are admitted all quarters. Applications are due on the second Friday of each quarter. Applications and additional information are available from advisers in 215 Smith and on the Political Science Department website.
4. Applicants who meet the stated requirements will be admitted in time to register for the following quarter as majors.

**APPROVALS**

Chair/Program Director:

Date:

2/27/14

College/School/Campus Curriculum Committee:

Date:

4/23/14

Dean/Vice Chancellor:

Date:

5/1/14

Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair:

Date:

5/16/14

**POST TRI-CAMPUS APPROVAL (when needed)**

Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair:

Date: