



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS**  
**Substantive Program Modification Form**

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	<b>USD</b>
<b>CURRENT PROGRAM TITLE:</b>	<b>Political Science, B.A. B.S.</b>
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	<b>45.1001</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>Political Science Department</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	<b>Arts &amp; Sciences</b>

**University Approval**

*To the Board of Regents and the Executive Director: I certify that I have read this proposal, that I believe it to be accurate, and that it has been evaluated and approved as provided by university policy.*

*Elizabeth M. Freeburg*

*3/23/2020*

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 Vice President of Academic Affairs or  
 President of the University

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 Date

**1. This modification addresses a change in:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total credits required within the discipline | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of supportive course work       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total credits of elective course work        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total credits required for program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program name  | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing specialization                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIP Code  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below)                         |

**2. Effective date of change: 7/1/2020**

**3. Program Degree Level:**

- Associate  Bachelor's  Master's  Doctoral

**4. Category:**

- Certificate  Specialization  Minor  Major

**5. If a name change is proposed, the change will occur:**

- On the effective date for all students
- On the effective date for students new to the program (enrolled students will graduate from existing program)

**6. Primary Aspects of the Modification (add lines or adjust cell size as needed):**

*Existing Curriculum*

*Proposed Curriculum (highlight changes)*

Pref.	Num	Title	Cr. Hrs.	Pref.	Num	Title	Cr. Hrs.
<b>Departmental Requirements</b>				<b>Departmental Requirements</b>			
POLS	100	American Government	3	POLS	100	American Government	3
				POLS	101	Intro to Political Science	3
POLS	205	Information Literacy	3	POLS	205	Information Literacy	3
POLS	263	Intro to Political Theory	3	<b>Delete</b>			
POLS	489	Capstone	3	POLS	489	Capstone	3
POLS	141	Governments of the World	3	POLS	141	Governments of the World	3
		or				or	
POLS	250	Intro to International Relations	3	POLS	250	Intro to International Relations	3
POLS	210	State & Local Government	3	<b>Delete</b>			
		or					
POLS	320	Public Administration					
				POLS	226	Public Policy	3
						or	
				POLS	320	Public Administration	
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>18</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>18</b>
<b>Electives</b>			<b>15</b>	Students take one course from each of the following subfields: American Politics/Institutions, Public Administration/ Public Policy, and Comparative Politics/International Relations.			
Any POLS course not required above may serve as an elective, with a maximum of six internship hours permitted. Students can take 6 credits of internship and should consider the following: 1) two internships (3 cr. hrs each) must be significantly different internships and 2) only 3 credits count toward the major. The other 3 count toward the degree.				Subfield A: American Politics/Institutions Choose one of the following:			
				POLS	212	Race and Justice	3
				POLS	305	Women and Politics	3
				POLS	336	Campaign & Democracy	3
				POLS	360	Politics of Inequality	3
				POLS	429	Courts & Judicial Politics	3
				POLS	430	Constitutional Law	3
				POLS	432	American Presidency	3
				POLS	434	Interest Group Politics	3
				POLS	438	The Legislative Process	3
				<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>3</b>
				Subfield B: Public Administration/ Public Policy. Choose one of the following:			
				POLS	210	State and Local Government	3
				POLS	404	Local Govt Admin & Politics	3
				POLS	407	Environmental Law & Policy	3
				POLS	421	Intro to Nonprofit Sector	3
				POLS	422	Fundraising Pub/Nonprofit	3
				POLS	423	Nonprofit Governance & Adm	3
				POLS	424	Planning Princ & Techniques	3
				POLS	425	Introduction to G.I.S.	3
				POLS	426	Pub Pol Analy & Prog Eval	3
				POLS	442	National Security Policy	3
				POLS	467	Analytic Tech in Public Pol	3
				<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>3</b>
				Subfield C: Comparative Politics/International Relations Choose one of the following:			
				POLS	441	Genocide in the Modern Era	3
				POLS	446	Politics of India and Pakistan	3
				POLS	447	Latin American Politics	3
				POLS	449	Middle Eastern Politics	3
				POLS	451	Adv Prob in Internl Relations	3
				POLS	452	Globalization & Development	3
				POLS	453	American Foreign Policy	3
				POLS	454	International Law/Organizations	3
				POLS	455	International Human Rights	3
				POLS	456	International Political Econ	3
				POLS	458	Democracy & Authoritarianism	3
				<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>3</b>
				<b>Electives:</b> Choose 9 credits of any POLS coursework, only three of which may be internship credits. Only three credits from a Faculty Led Program may be applied to the nine credits of electives, also.			<b>9</b>
Total number of hours required for major			33	Total number of hours required for major			<b>36</b>
Total number of hours required for degree			120	Total number of hours required for degree			120

## **7. Explanation of the Change:**

POLS 101 Introduction to Political Science will be a new requirement for all Political Science majors. It will introduce students to the full discipline of Political Science by including foundational ideas from International Relations, Comparative Politics, American Government, Public Policy, and Public Administration. In the course of introducing those subfields, Methodology and Political Theory will also be incorporated. This will better prepare the majors for introductory courses in the subfields—POLS 100 American Government, POLS 141 Governments of the World (Comparative Politics), POLS 250 Introduction to International Relations, POLS 226 Public Policy, and POLS 320 Public Administration) and subsequently moving into upper-division electives. POLS 101 will serve as the gateway course to the major and students should take the course during their first year as a Political Science major. It is designed neither to become a General Education course nor as a replacement for POLS 100 American Politics; POLS 100 is limited to the study of the American experience and represents the introduction to one subfield of Political Science while POLS 101 introduces students to the discipline of Political Science.

Additionally, in order to remain up to date within the field of political science, and utilize the expertise of the Department, students will now take either Public Administration or Public Policy as a required course. The study of public policy has gained more importance in the field and the subfield reflects the expertise of the Department.

Moreover, to ensure that students have a broad representation of their major field, students will take at least one upper-division course in the following three areas: American Politics, Public Policy/Public Administration, and Comparative Politics/International Relations.