

Curriculum Change Form
(Present only one proposed curriculum change per form)
(Complete only the section(s) applicable.)

Part I

(Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> New Course (Parts II, IV) <input type="checkbox"/> Course Revision (Parts II, IV) <input type="checkbox"/> Course Dropped (Part II) <input type="checkbox"/> New Program (Part III) <input type="checkbox"/> Program Revision (Part III) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Suspended (Part III)	Department Name Government <hr/> College Arts and Sciences <hr/> *Course Prefix & Number <hr/> *Course Title (30 characters) <hr/> *Program Title Master of Arts in Political Science (Major <u>X</u> , Option __; Minor __; or Certificate __) <hr/> *Provide only the information relevant to the proposal.	
Proposal Approved by:		
	<u>Date</u> 08/16/2006	<u>Date</u> _____
Departmental Committee	08/16/2006	Graduate Council* Council on Academic Affairs
<i>Is this a SACS Substantive Change?</i>	Yes*** <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
College Curriculum Committee	9-11-06	Approved _____ Disapproved _____
General Education Committee*	NA	Faculty Senate** _____
Teacher Education Committee*	NA	Board of Regents** _____ Council on Postsecondary Edu.*** _____
*If Applicable (Type NA if not applicable.) **Approval needed for new, revised, or suspended programs ***Approval/Posting needed for new degree program or certificate program ****If "yes", SACS must be notified before implementation. Please contact EKU's Office of Institutional Effectiveness.		

Completion of A, B, and C is required: (Please be specific, but concise.)

A. 1. Specific action requested: (Example: To increase the number of credit hours for ABC 100 from 1 to 2.) To suspend the Master of Arts in Political Science. A. 2. Effective date: (Example: Fall 2001) Spring 2007 A. 3. Effective date of suspended programs for currently enrolled students: (if applicable) Fall 2010	
B. The justification for this action: The program has suffered from low enrollment for the past 5 years, with 1-2 students completing the program per year. As there are only 5-6 students enrolled at any one time, it is very difficult to offer courses with sufficient enrollments to meet the minimum requirements. As a result, students in the MA program have been taking an excessive number of courses through independent study. The students who might pursue an MA would be better served by alternative programs, such as the MPA.	
C. The projected cost (or savings) of this proposal is as follows: Personnel Impact: None Operating Expenses Impact: None Equipment/Physical Facility Needs: None Library Resources: None	

Part III. Recording Data for New, Revised, or Suspended Program

MASTER OF ARTS

Political Science

The Master of Arts in Political Science degree program is designed to accommodate the needs and interests of individual students. The program can serve as an intermediate degree for those who wish to continue doctoral level study, or study in law and other professional schools. The degree can also serve as preparation for advanced positions in government, industry and other areas of employment as well as develop one's understanding of the political process and public policy.

Admission—The following criteria are set for an admission: (1) students must meet the minimum standards for cumulative undergraduate grade point average and general portion of the Graduate Record Examination as set by the Office of Graduate Education and Research; (2) letters of reference from two persons qualified to evaluate potential for successful performance in a program of graduate study in political science must be provided to the department; (3) at least 12 semester hours of political science are required for admission; and (4) a "Cumulative Value Index," score of at least 50.0. The following formula is employed in calculating the score on the "Cumulative Value Index." (Undergraduate Grade Point Average times 15) plus (the sum of the percentile scores on the verbal and quantitative portions of the GRE General Exam times .20) equals the Cumulative Value Index.

Students who meet the Graduate School minimums but do not have a Cumulative Value Index score of at least 50.0 may be granted a probationary admission. The minimum condition for transfer from probationary admission status to clear admission status is the successful completion of at least nine hours of graduate course work with a grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and with no more than one grade, regardless of the number of course credit hours, of "C" or lower. Students must be removed from probationary admission prior to registering in any course work beyond an initial twelve hours.

*Students must also meet the general requirements of the Graduate School.

Thesis Program

Political Science Core 24 hours
POL 800 and POL 878 6 hours
Three courses from POL 717, 721, 843, or 853 9 hours
American Government Elective 3 hours
(must be 800 level if both POL 717 & 721 are used above)
POL 899 Thesis 6 hours
Electives (must have prior approval by advisor to count for the degree) 9 hours
Total Requirements 33 hours
Non-Thesis Program

Political Science Core 21 hours
POL 800 and POL 878 6 hours
Three courses from POL 717, 721, 843, or 853 9 hours
American Government Elective 3 hours
(must be 800 level if both POL 717 & 721 are used above)

POL 891 Directed Research 3 hours

Electives (must have prior approval by advisor to count for the degree) 12 hours
Total Requirements 33 hours

Program Plan—During the first term, graduate students must meet with their advisor to develop a planned program. Students for whom program plans have not been appropriately filed will not be eligible for a second registration.

Admission to Candidacy—After a semester of full time graduate study or before enrollment in any of the last 12 hours of the program, students must apply for admission to degree candidacy. Refer to the General Academic Information section of this *Catalog* for complete degree completion requirements.

Comprehensive Examination—A written preliminary examination on the political science core is required. An oral comprehensive final examination which covers the student's program of study and its relation to the discipline of political science is required.

Thesis—Students who elect to write a thesis must submit an acceptable thesis. An oral defense of the thesis is also required