

Docket Item:

University Program Approval for a New Location: Oregon State University, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)/Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Political Science.

Summary:

Oregon State University proposes a new location in Bend, Oregon at the OSU-Cascades Campus to offer its existing program leading to B.A./B.S. in Political Science. Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) staff completed a review of the proposed program. After analysis, HECC staff recommends approval of the program as proposed.

Staff Recommendation:

The HECC recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Higher Education Coordinating Commission approve the following program:

Oregon State University B.A./B.S. in Political Science may be offered at the OSU-Cascades Campus in Bend, Oregon



Proposal for Delivery of an Existing Program to a New Location

1. Program Description

a. Program title, level, and delivery sites.

BA and BS in Political Science is currently delivered at the OSU Corvallis campus. This proposal seeks to extend the program to OSU Cascades.

b. Department and school/college that would offer the program. Include the name of the institution program coordinator.

The program is offered by the School of Public Policy in the College of Liberal Arts at Oregon State University. The program coordinator is Dr. David Bernell.

c. Briefly describe the academic program. List all course titles, including number of credits.

Political Science is the systematic study of politics wherever it takes place - in governmental institutions, the international arena, and civil society. The Political Science undergraduate degree has options in law and politics, international affairs, or environmental and energy politics. These options are not required but are beneficial to students as they give a depth of preparation in content areas that lead to a variety of opportunities for employment and graduate studies. Graduates will be prepared to comprehend the basic structure and processes of government systems and its theoretical underpinnings, analyze political problems, arguments, information, and theories, and apply methods appropriate for accumulating and interpreting data pertaining to the discipline of Political Science.

Foundations Courses – 12 credits

Select three courses from the following for 12 credits

PS 201, Introduction to the United States Government and Politics

PS 204, Introduction to Comparative Politics

PS 205, Introduction to International Relations

PS 206, Introduction to Political Thought

Methods/Writing Intensive Course – 4 credits

PS 300, Research Methods

Upper Division Subfield Courses – 12 credits

Select one course from at least three of the four following subfields for 12 credits

Subfield 1: American national government and politics, to include the judiciary, state and local government, public policy, public administration

PS 311, Congressional Politics

PS 312, Presidential Politics

PS 313, Campaign and Elections

PS 314, Interest Group Media Politics
PS 315, The Politics of Media
PS 317, Gender and Politics
PS 321, Constitutional Law: Government Powers and Constraints
PS 322, Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties
PS 323, Constitutional Law: Rights of the Accused
PS 326, Judicial Process and Politics
PS 331, State and Local Politics
PS 371, Public Policy Problems
PS 374, Sustainable Living: Practices and Policies
PS 375, The Civil Rights Movement and Policies
PS 455, The Politics of Climate Change
PS 473, US Energy Policy
PS 475, Environmental Politics and Policy
PS 476, Science and Politics
PS 477, International Environmental Politics and Policy
PS 478, Renewable Energy Policy

Subfield 2: Comparative Politics

PS 341, European and EU Politics
PS 343, Russian Politics
PS 344, Latin American Politics
PS 345, Politics of Developing Nations
PS 348, Chinese Politics
PS 350, Japanese Politics
PS 441, Democratization
PS 446, East Asian Political Economy

Subfield 3: International Relations

PS 351, American Foreign Policy
PS 356, International Politics of Asia Pacific
PS 454, International Law and Organizations
PS 455, The Politics of Climate Change
PS 457, US-China Relations
PS 458, International Political Economy
PS 470, Global Food Politics and Policy
PS 477, International Environmental Politics and Policy

Subfield 4: Political Philosophy:

PS 361, Classical Political Thought
PS 362, Modern Political Thought
PS 363, General and Race in American Political Thought
PS 365, American Political Thought
PS 461, Environmental Political Theory

Upper Division Political Science (PS) courses – 24 credits

Select 24 credits of additional upper-division political science courses

Baccalaureate Core, Option, or General Elective Credits – 128

Total – 180 credits

d. Indicate in what ways the proposed program at the new location(s) will differ from the on-campus program.

The program at OSU-Cascades will not differ from that of OSU-Corvallis. The curriculum, catalog description, and degree learning outcomes and assessment plan will be aligned across campuses. All courses needed to complete the major will be offered face-to-face though the full complement of courses cannot be offered at the OSU-Cascades. There will be sufficient courses offered at the OSU-Cascades campus for students to meet all degree requirements.

e. List any special requirements or prerequisites for admission to the program at the new location(s).

None

f. Is there an accrediting agency or professional society that has established standards for this program? If so, is the program currently accredited? If accredited, what steps would be needed to accredit the program at the proposed new location(s)?

None

g. Provide evidence of consultation with other public universities regarding non-duplication of similar programs offered in the same region, or ones that will cause undue hardship to another public university.

An Early Alert notification was on the April 2021 agenda for the Statewide Provost's Council. As a result of that process, we are not aware of any undue hardship to another public university.

2. Demand

a. List any similar programs offered at the proposed or nearby location(s).

All public universities in Oregon with a comprehensive liberal arts program offer a degree in Political Science: University of Oregon, Eastern Oregon University, Southern Oregon University, Western Oregon University, and Portland State University. The synergy created by the Political Science degree programs in the state of Oregon will provide accessible educational opportunities for all regions of the state. The political science undergraduate programs statewide are complimentary as regional schools as well as and contribute to the health of their regional economies and communities.

b. Provide evidence of need for the program at the new location(s).

The central Oregon region has one of the fastest population growth rates in the country. The extension of the Political Science BA/BS to OSU-Cascades will meet the increasing educational demands of the region. Freshman who attend public universities typically do so within 50 miles of home. The creation of the BA/BS in Political Science degree at Cascades will expand accessibility to higher education and serve a greater number of first-generation students, under-served students, and adults seeking career advancement. These students are most often place-bound and seek higher education closer to their current residence and employment.

- c. **Estimate enrollment and number of graduates over the next five years. Will any enrollment limitation be imposed? If so, how will those to be enrolled be selected?**

Anticipated Enrollment

1 st Year	2 nd Year	3 rd Year	4 th Year	5 th Year
12	18	24	30	36

Anticipated Graduation

1 st Year	2 nd Year	3 rd Year	4 th Year	5 th Year
15	25	32	30	36

The estimate of enrollment was completed using data from trends in completions from Hanover Research. The estimate of the first five years of enrollment was also based on historical growth trends for new programs at OSU-Cascades.

3. Personnel

- a. **List qualifications of faculty (regular and/or adjunct) who will be involved in delivering the program to the proposed location(s).**

Current faculty at OSU Cascades are vetted for their credentials by the OSU Corvallis faculty. Faculty are required to hold a minimum of a master’s degree with a PhD preferred.

A part-time instructor will be hired to teach three courses in the major and act as initial program coordinator. In 2023, a search will be conducted for a full-time 9-month instructor to take on the role of Cascades program coordinator for Political Science and will teach 5-6 course in the program.

The full complement of courses needed to complete the Political Science major can be fulfilled with a full time and limited number of part-time faculty. The program coordinator will assist the Dean of Academic Affairs in rolling out courses and hiring additional faculty.

- b. **Estimate the number and type of support staff needed to provide the program at the new location(s).**

0.5 FTE academic advisor
No other support staff needed

4. Other Resources

- a. **Describe facilities (e.g., buildings, labs, equipment) necessary to offer the program at the new location(s).**

Library, space, and facilities have been deemed to be adequate by the appropriate OSU library staff and OSU Space Management.

- b. **Indicate how library needs will be met.**

The OSU-Cascades library is staffed by a library technician under the guidance of the OSU-Cascades Assistant Dean and OSU-Cascades Library Program Lead. The OSU-Cascades library is an extension of the OSU-Corvallis Valley Library and operates in close collaboration. Library services at OSU-Cascades are specifically tailored to the needs to the OSU-Cascades campus faculty and students. Students have access to all the physical collections and digital resources curated by the Valley and Guin Libraries, as well as the Summit, Interlibrary loan programs managed by the OSU-Corvallis Valley Library. The Political Science program is well-established at OSU-Corvallis and the resources available to OSU-Cascades students are adequate to support the program at that location.

- c. Indicate how students at the new location(s) will receive student services (e.g., academic advising, financial aid assistance, course registration, access to book/text purchases).**

Students in the Political Science major at OSU-Cascades have access to existing services such as: academic advising, financial aid, course registration, textbook purchases, career development, veteran's support services, experiential learning access, tutoring and student support services, disability services, and mental and health counseling. Where appropriate, OSU-Cascades students have access to the on-line services provided by the OSU Corvallis campus such as the Writing Center and technology support services.

5. Alternative Delivery Methods/Formats

- a. Are alternative delivery methods being used (e.g., distance learning or technology-enhanced)? Please describe.**

N/A

- b. Will this program be delivered in an alternative format (e.g., weekend, evening, on-site)? Please describe.**

This program will not be delivered in an alternative format.

6. 40-Mile Radius Rule

“Significant change” to a university’s academic program includes, but is not limited to, any new undergraduate or graduate degree program, or any existing undergraduate or graduate degree program that will be offered more than 40 miles from the site at which it is currently offered. “Significant change” to a university’s academic program does not mean a new undergraduate or graduate certificate program, new minor, or a new name for an existing degree program.

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