

## UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: American Politics Minor

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### **Specifics (see instructions):**

Discontinue the American Politics minor.

### **Rationale (see instructions):**

In response to the most recent APR, the Department over the past two years has pursued comprehensive curriculum reform. The primary goal of this reform effort was to reorganize the minors. In this regard, the overall recommendation of the external reviewers was that we "streamline minors and consider cross-cutting themes." The reviewers noted that our minor programs were too numerous and too narrowly focused around traditional sub-field concentrations.

Therefore, as part of an overall revision of our minor programs, we decided to eliminate two of our minors, one of which is the American Politics minor.

Discontinuing this minor will have no impact on students because when we last inquired, no students had declared this minor. It will have no impact on other Departments as this minor consists of only POLI courses.