

## UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: New Minor: Practical Policy and Politics

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

#### NEW PROGRAM PROPOSAL:

#### Practical Policy and Politics Minor:

#### Basic requirements:

- 18 - 19 total credits required
- No more than one lower-level course
- At least one 400-level class
- Experiential learning course(s) required for a minimum of 3 credits

#### Courses that will count toward the minor:

Any POLI course number ending in the 20s, 40s, or 50s, plus any of the following courses: POLI 100, POLI 205, POLI 230, POLI 304, POLI 310, POLI 315, POLI 334, POLI 412.

The experiential learning requirement can be fulfilled with: POLI 304 --Community Research (3credits), POLI 341-- Legislative Simulation, the Maryland Student Legislature (1-credit, repeatable), POLI 384L--Model UN (1-credit, repeatable), POLI 407/MCS 370—Political Writing (3-credits), POLI 448—Policy, Politics, and Public Administration Internship (4-credits).

NOTE: Experiential learning courses are defined as ones that solely or primarily involve students in off-campus internships or service learning, off campus role-playing simulation conferences (e.g., Maryland Student Legislature, MUN), or in performing research/projects for clients.

NOTE: Internships and service-learning experiences associated with other transcript notations (e.g., POLI 438, POLI 401, the Career's Center internship PRAC, the Shriver Center's internship PRAC, and other departments' internships) can also satisfy the requirement, but must be approved by the minor advisor to ensure they are topically relevant.

#### Policy Stipulations:

No grade lower than a "C" in any course may count toward this minor.

Students majoring in political science may count no more than 3 courses from the POLI major toward this minor.

Students pursuing minors in two Political Science programs may count up to three courses toward the completion of both minors.

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

Thee creation of the Practical Policy and Politics minor is part of the Political Science Department's comprehensive revision of its minor programs. The Department undertook this revision in response to recommendations from its most recent APR. The Practical Policy and Politics minor is meant to immerse students in study of the theory and practice of American democracy. It aims to enhance students' capacities as citizens and to prepare them for potential careers in politics, public policy, or public administration and management. This minor replaces the more narrowly focused "American Politics" minor.

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From: **Jason Loviglio** <[loviglio@umbc.edu](mailto:loviglio@umbc.edu)>

Date: Tue, Feb 12, 2019 at 2:43 PM

Subject: POLI 407/MCS 370

To: Carolyn Forestiere <[forestic@umbc.edu](mailto:forestic@umbc.edu)>

Dear Carolyn,

On behalf of Media and Communication Studies, I approve and endorse the Political Science plan to count POLI 407/MCS 370 (the MCS section will soon change it's course #) as an elective for your new minor, Practical Policy and Politics.

Sincerely,

Jason