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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

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**Delete POLS 390, Political Analysis;
Add new course, POLS 290, Political Analysis**

Effective Date: Fall 2013

1. Delete: On page 255, the entry for POLS 390:

390 Political Analysis (2)

Examines the evolution of the scientific study of politics, the approaches and methods employed by political scientists, and effective ways of researching political phenomena. Prerequisites: POLS 220, 281. Fall.

2. Add: On page 251, entry for new course, POLS 290

290 Political Analysis (2)

An introduction to political inquiry and methodology, focusing on the process of making and supporting knowledge claims about political phenomena based on political science theory and methods. Fall.

Impact: Since POLS 390 is already offered each fall, replacing POLS 390 with POLS 290 will not have a significant resource impact for the department, although sections of POLS 290 may be somewhat larger than current sections of 390, depending on the number of majors from year to year.

Rationale: Assessment of student learning outcomes and senior exit interviews suggest that students need more explicit instruction in basic rules of political inquiry and need it earlier in their course of study. This change is designed to introduce methodology earlier in students' course of study and require it of all majors. This will allow students to perform better at the 300-level and will better prepare them for senior-level research.