

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE

FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

**APC Doc 36 (POLS):**      **Edit offering pattern information for most 300-level POLS courses;  
Change offering pattern information for POLS 240, 261, 281, 327 and 330**

**Effective Date: Fall 2017**

- 1. Edit:** On pages 261-5, the entries for **POLS 311, 316, 318, 320, 321, 326, 329, 333, 336, 337, 338, 343, 348, 349, 351, 353, 354, 357, 359, 362, 363, 365, 380, 383, 387, 388 and 389:**

In the course descriptions for the above 300-level courses, replace language concerning course offering pattern such as Odd years Fall, Odd years Spring, Even years Spring, Even years Fall, Fall, and Spring with See department chair.

- 2. Delete:** On page 261, the term offered for **POLS 240, Political Ideas and Imagination:**

Fall and Spring.

**Add:** On page 261 in place of the deleted entry:

Every year.

- 3. Delete:** On page 261, the term offered for **POLS 261, People, Governments and Conflict:**

Fall and Spring.

**Add:** On page 261 in place of the deleted entry:

Every year.

- 4. Delete:** On page 261, the term offered for **POLS 281, Principles of International Relations:**

Fall and Spring.

**Add:** On page 261 in place of the deleted entry:

Every year.

**5. Delete:** On page 262, the term offered for **POLS 327, Constitutional Law:**

See department chair.

**Add:** On page 262 in place of the deleted entry:

Spring.

**6. Delete:** On page 262, the term offered for **POLS 330, Individual Rights and Civil Liberties:**

See department chair.

**Add:** On page 262 in place of the deleted entry:

Fall.

**Impact Statement:** The expected impact on the resources and staffing of the Political Science department due to changing course offering patterns to “See department chair,” is minimal. No new courses are being added. Removing misleading language in the course catalog encourages students to plan their schedules and careers at UNC-Asheville proactively and deliberately. This change minimally affects the department chair who must respond to student inquiries concerning course offerings. Changing the offering pattern for POLS 327 and POLS 330 to “Spring” and “Fall” respectively, will have no impact on resources and staffing in the department. Both courses are already offered regularly and can be taught by two members of the department (Mark Gibney and Ken Betsalel). POLS 327 was offered in Fall 2013, Fall 2014, and Fall 2015 and is offered this semester (Spring 2017). POLS 330 was offered in Spring 2014, Spring 2015, and Fall 2015. POLS 327 and 330 are the only 300-level courses required outside of the political science major (see Table 1). Either POLS 327 or 330 is required for the completion of the Legal Studies minor. Guaranteeing that these courses are offered will positively affect students seeking to complete the Legal Studies minor without any additional resource implications. To complete the Political Science major, students are required to take either POLS 220 or POLS 240, and either POLS 261 or POLS 281. All four courses are typically offered every semester. Changing the offering pattern to “every year” for POLS 240, POLS 261, and 281, allows for greater flexibility and accommodates faculty who are on leave or those with reassigned time. Students’ ability to take required courses is not impacted.

**Rationale:** Due to several factors (e.g. retirements, new hires, multiple PDLs, medical leaves, visiting professorships), the Political Science department has been unable to adhere to the course offering patterns for its courses as described in the course catalogue. We do not expect to be able to conform to the regular pattern any time soon. It is important for students to be able to plan their academic careers and schedule their courses two or even four years out. Students attempting to plan their schedule are poorly served by incorrect information and false promises the department cannot keep. Rather than to mislead students, the department hopes to encourage students to contact the department chair as to when electives will be offered. The Political Science major provides students with great flexibility and most course are electives. All required courses for the political science major are typically offered every semester (Spring and Fall) and the department intends to continue this offering pattern. Moreover, we can honor our commitment to majors and minors across the university in so far as all courses required by other programs will be offered on a regular basis as indicated in the catalog.

**Table 1:** Political science courses across majors/minors

<b>Political Science Major</b>		
<b>Course</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Credits</b>
POLS 220 OR 240	required	4
POLS 261 OR 281	required	4
POLS 290	required	4
POLS 490	required	4
POLS 235	elective	3
POLS 3XX	elective	3/4
POLS 400	elective	2/4
POLS 499	elective	1-6

<b>Political Science with Teacher Licensure</b>		
<b>Course</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Credits</b>
POLS 220 OR 240	required	4
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POLS 261 OR 281	required	4
POLS 290	required	4
POLS 490	required	4
POLS 235	elective	3
POLS 3XX	elective	3/4
POLS 400	elective	2/4
POLS 499	elective	1-6

<b>Political Science Minor</b>		
<b>Course</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Credits</b>
POLS 220 OR 240	required	4
POLS 261 OR 281	required	4
POLS 290	elective	4
POLS 490	elective	4
POLS 235	elective	3
POLS 3XX	elective	3/4
POLS 400	elective	2/4
POLS 499	elective	1-6

<b>Africana Studies</b>		
<b>Course</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Credits</b>
POLS 220	elective	4
POLS 343	elective	4
POLS 344	elective	4
POLS 362	elective	4

<b>Economics with Teaching Licensure</b>		
<b>Course</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Credits</b>
POLS 220 OR 281	required	4

<b>Education Middle School Licensure (6-9)</b>		
<b>Course</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Credits</b>
POLS 220 OR 281	required	4

<b>Education Secondary School Licensure (9-12)</b>		
<b>Course</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Credits</b>
POLS 220 OR 281	required	4

<b>History with Teaching Licensure</b>		
<b>Course</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Credits</b>
POLS 220 OR 281	required	4

<b>Ethics and Social Institutions (ESI)</b>		
<b>Course</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Credits</b>
POLS 220 OR 281	required	4
POLS 290	meets requirement	4

<b>International Studies Major</b>		
<b>Course</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Credits</b>
POLS 281	meets requirement	4
POLS 331	elective	3
POLS 363	elective	4
POLS 380	elective	4
POLS 387	elective	4
POLS 388	elective	3
POLS 389	elective	3

<b>International Studies Minor</b>		
<b>Course</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Credits</b>
POLS 281	meets requirement	4

<b>Asian Studies (ASIA)</b>		
<b>Course</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Credits</b>
POLS 380	elective	4

<b>U.S. Ethnic Studies (ETHN)</b>		
<b>Course</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Credits</b>
POLS 343	elective	4
POLS 344	elective	4

<b>Latin American and Transatlantic Studies (LATS)</b>		
<b>Course</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Credits</b>
POLS 368	elective	4

<b>Legal Studies (LEGL)</b>		
<b>Course</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Credits</b>
POLS 235	meets requirement	3
POLS 327 or 330	required	3
POLS 331	elective	3
POLS 387	elective	4
POLS 388	elective	3

<b>Management Major</b>		
<b>Course</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Credits</b>
POLS 281	elective	4
POLS 321	elective	4
POLS 2XX+	course pre-req. option for MGMT 423	3/4
POLS 2XX+	course pre-req. option for MGMT 424	3/4

<b>Liberal Arts Core</b>		
<b>Course</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Credits</b>
POLS 240	Diversity Intensive	4
POLS 320	Diversity Intensive	4
POLS 330	Diversity Intensive	3
POLS 331	Diversity Intensive	3
POLS 353	Diversity Intensive	4
POLS 388	Diversity Intensive	3
POLS 393	Scientific Perspectives	2
POLS 394	Scientific Perspectives	2