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TO: University of Arizona Curricular Affairs
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FROM: Edella Schlager, Director - School of Government & Public Policy (SGPP)
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RE: UG Political Science Minor Memo

This memo is to serve as a formal request to establish the Political Science Minor, housed in the School of Government and Public Policy (SGPP). This request is sought with the full support of the SGPP faculty and School Director. The curriculum was also designed in consultation with Academic Advising within the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

The Political Science Minor was disestablished as a result of resource constraints; however, given a new funding model, the removal of program fees, and a greater ability to offer political science courses, we seek to reestablish this minor. There is currently no explicit minor in Political Science, but it is commonly requested by students, who seek the ability to specialize in a specific field and have that reflected on their transcripts.

To better serve our students and meet their demands, we seek to reestablish the Political Science Minor that...

- Is customizable to student interests. Given our broad course offerings, students will be able to develop knowledge of Political Science as a discipline overall, or they can tailor their needs to a specific area, such as International Affairs, American Politics, or Law and Public Policy.
- Creates a clear pathway from the minor to a Political Science Major, should students decide to pursue additional political science coursework.
- Is flexible, to benefit both students and advising. A flexible curriculum plan eases bottlenecks and makes it easier for students to complete their minor. It also reduces demands on our academic advisors.

The Curriculum for the Political Science Minor is outlined below:

Political Science Minor Requirements:

- Complete 6 courses (18 units)
- 3 courses (9 units) must be upper-division courses (300 – 499 level courses)
- Students can choose from any course that is available in the political science major



Political Science Minor Rules & Regulations:

- No more than 2 courses (6 units) that are housed in other units can be applied to the minor
- Minimum 2.00 grade point average (GPA)
- Students in the POL major cannot also complete a POL minor
- Students can use internship credit towards the minor (up to 3 units)



Department Head Signature



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