

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Curriculum Proposal Form #4A
Change in an Existing Course

Type of Action (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Course Revision (<i>include course description & former and new syllabus</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade Basis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Hour Change and or Credit Change | <input type="checkbox"/> Repeatability Change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity Option | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Requisite Change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Education Option
area: Select one: * | |

* Note: For the Gen Ed option, the proposal should address how this course relates to specific core courses, meets the goals of General Education in providing breadth, and incorporates scholarship in the appropriate field relating to women and gender.

Effective Term: 2143 (Summer 2014)

Current Course Number (*subject area and 3-digit course number*): POLISCI 101

Current Course Title: Introduction to Political Science

Sponsor(s): Susan Johnson

Department(s): Political Science

College(s): Letters and Sciences

List all programs that are affected by this change:
Political Science

If programs are listed above, will this change affect the Catalog and Advising Reports for those programs? If so, have Form 2's been submitted for each of those programs?

(Form 2 is necessary to provide updates to the Catalog and Advising Reports)

- NA Yes They will be submitted in the future

Proposal Information: ([Procedures for form #4A](#))

- I. **Detailed explanation of changes** (use FROM/TO format)
FROM:

POLISCI 101 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

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TO:

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Prereq: Political Science major or minor or consent of instructor.

II. **Justification for action**

When the course was created we did not specify a prerequisite so that students interested in potentially becoming a Political Science major could take the course as part of their exploration. An unintended consequence is that each semester approximately 25% of those who enroll in the course have little interest in Political Science but are just looking for one credit or assume that this meets the prerequisite for other Political Science courses. The instructor contacts non-majors repeatedly to let them know the content of the course but in the meantime students who might otherwise be enrolling in the course appropriately are not able to because the spaces are being occupied (at least temporarily) by students who should not necessarily be in the course. The department has agreed to include the “consent of the instructor” as part of the prerequisite and we will continue to allow and encourage those who may be considering a Political Science major to take the course.

III. **Syllabus/outline** (if course revision, include former syllabus and new syllabus)

N/A