

University of North Texas at Dallas

Academic Council Minutes

September 28, 2021, 3:00pm

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Voting Members in attendance:

Dr. Karen Shumway, *Dean, School of Business*
Dr. Constance Lacy, *Dean, School of Human Services*
Dr. Orlando Perez, *Dean, School of Liberal Arts & Sciences*
Dr. Ali Shaqlaih, *Dean, Graduate School and Interim Dean, School of Education*
Felecia Epps, J.D., *Dean, College of Law*
Dr. Walt Borges, *Faculty Senate Vice- President*
Rian Wilhite, *Director, Academic Advising*
Brenda Robertson, *University Librarian*

Non-Voting Members in attendance:

Dr. Betty H. Stewart, *Provost and EVP for Academic Affairs*
John Capocci, *University Registrar*
Luis Franco, *University Director of Undergraduate Admissions*
Dr. Dawn Remmers, *Assistant Provost*
Dr. Kimberly Chandler, *Director of University Accreditation & Policy*
Ashleigh Tynes, *Staff Council Representative*
Garrick Hildebrand, *Director of Financial Aid*
Eric Evans, *Interim Director of Distance Learning*

Other Invitees

Dr. Aaron Bartula, *Associate Professor, School of Liberal Arts & Sciences*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Old Business

With there being no Old Business to discuss, the Council moved on to New Business.

IV. New Business

- A. Approval of minutes – May 25, 2021

Dean Perez made a motion to approve the May 2021 minutes. Dean Lacy moved to second it. All in favor and none opposed. May 2021 minutes were approved with eight of nine voting. (closed)

- B. Proposed Catalog Policy (*Dr. Dawn Remmers*)

Evaluating, Awarding and Accepting Credit - *See Appendix*

Motion to table approved. (Tabled)

- C. Course Change Requests (*School of Liberal Arts & Sciences*)

PSCI/PSYC 4340 (Political Psychology)

Change effective: AY 2022-2023

Change: Course Name and Prerequisite

Additional information: PSCI/PSYC 4340 should have the cross listing removed and should be listed as PSCI 4340. PSCI majors have been deterred from enrolling in the course by the prerequisite of PSYC 1100, and intro psychology course. The course does not require knowledge of psychology or its theories. The course is self-contained and accessible to all majors, with theory and key psychological experiments involving politics referenced by the texts, assigned readings and presentations.

New prerequisite: None for PSCI 4340

Dean Perez made a motion to approve the course change request. Dean Shumway moved to second it. All in favor and none opposed. Motion passed with eight of nine voting. (closed)

All proposed changes are marked as such:
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D. New Course Requests (*School of Liberal Arts & Sciences*)

PSCI 4320 (US Foreign Policy I)

Effective: AY 2022-2023

Department: History and Political Science

Credit Hours: 3

Prerequisites: PSCI 2304, PSCI 3300

Additional Information: This course would strengthen the concentration of International Relations and Comparative Politics in the Political Science BA degree program. The course also answers a call for courses at the university that increase knowledge of the world, an area that the university currently has not developed in languages and history. Political Science welcomes that opportunity to expand in this direction.

This is the first part of a two-course sequence on US foreign policy formulation. Both courses will require two texts: one a political science text on US foreign policy formulation and implementation, the other a general survey of US foreign policy. This sequence will extend the historical narrative to include the Bush 43, Obama, and Trump administrations, which will also serve as the primary examples of policy inputs and formulation in the second half of the course. The interdisciplinary approach to this course sequence provides ample opportunities to examine the development of US foreign policy over time towards key regions such as Latin America, China and Japan, the Middle East, and India, as well as the traditional focus on Europe and Russia.

Course Description: An overview of American foreign policy processes, formulation, inputs and policies as manifested in US expansion and conflict through the entry into World War II.

PSCI 4321 (US Foreign Policy II)

Effective: AY 2022-2023

Department: History and Political Science

Credit Hours: 3

Prerequisites: PSCI 2304, PSCI 3300

Additional Information: This is the second part of a two-course sequence on US foreign policy formulation. Both courses will require two texts: one a political science text on US foreign policy formulation and implementation, the other a general survey of US foreign policy. This course will extend the historical narrative to include the Bush 43, Obama, and Trump administrations, which will also serve as the primary examples of policy inputs and formulation in the second half of the course. The interdisciplinary approach to this course sequence provides ample opportunities to examine the development of US foreign policy over time towards key regions such as Latin America, China and Japan, the Middle East, and India, as well as the traditional focus on Europe and Russia.

Course Description: An overview of American foreign policy processes, formulation, inputs and policies as manifested in conflict and cooperation from the US entry into World War II.

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Dean Perez made a motion to approve the new course requests. Dean Shaqlaih moved to second it. All in favor and none opposed. Motion passed with eight of nine voting. (closed)

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E. Program Change Requests (*School of Liberal Arts & Sciences*)

BA Political Science

Change effective: AY 2022-2023

Change: Add new courses

Additional information: Add two new courses to the PSCI course catalog: PSCI 4320 US Foreign Policy I, and PSCI 4321 US Foreign Policy II. Both courses will count toward fulfilling the concentrations in American Government, or in International Relations and Comparative Government. The course sequence strengthens the concentration, and also provides two other course that satisfy the concentration in American Government.

BA Political Science

Change effective: AY 2022-2023

Change: Credit hours

Additional information:

Current: 18 hours in 6 required courses

12 hours in 4 courses in 4 concentrations

6 additional hours in 2 courses in any one concentration (specialization)

12 elective hours in 4 political science or pre-approved courses

Current total: 48 hours

New:

6 elective hours in 4 political science or pre-approved courses

New total: 42 hours. The addition of PSCI 2304 and 2307 as new required courses was intended to be accompanied in a reduction in PSCI electives hours. The Academic Catalog increased the required number to 48 hours.

Criminalistics

Change effective: AY 2022-2023

Change: Program name change

Additional information: The department is requesting a name change for the minor to Forensics. Within the Criminal Justice discipline, the Criminalistics minor being taught is termed Forensics in practice. The current name of Criminalistics is confusing for many students that are interested in the minor, as well as, employers that would hire our graduates. When the minor was originally developed, the department wanted to call it a minor in Forensics. Changing the name may help increase enrollment in the minor as students more fully understand the term Forensics over Criminalistics. Further, it will increase the employability of our graduates as the term Forensics is commonly accepted in the field.

Dean Perez made a motion to approve the program change requests. Dr. Borges moved to second it. All in favor and none opposed. Motion passed with eight of nine voting. (closed)

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F. Adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted October 1, 2021.

Laila Mertz

Executive Assistant to Provost and EVP of Academic Affairs

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