

PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OPTION/CONCENTRATION IN POLS

Full Name of Current Program: Political Science Concentration in International Affairs

Stockton Program Acronym: POLS

Degree/level of Current Program (BA, BS, MA, MS, MBA, DPT, etc.): BA

CIP Code: TBD

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Text Description of Proposed New Concentration: A new concentration in POLS in International Affairs will provide POLS students interested in two major subfields of political science of International Relations and Comparative Politics and POLS students interested in careers in their field to pursue a clear academic path within the POLS program. The justification for this concentration is twofold:

- 1) International relations (IR) and comparative politics (CP) are distinct fields within political science with their own conferences, journals, and established stand-alone departments, majors, or minors (e.g., *Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey*, *Cornell's International Relations minor*, *John's Hopkins School of International Studies*, *Harvard's Kennedy School*, *Princeton's Wilson School of Public & International Affairs*, etc). Furthermore, career options in international affairs are distinct from general POLS career paths and there is a separate set of corresponding fellowships, internships, and graduate schools.
- 2) Graduating students in POLS have repeatedly requested a concentration in international relations or some other variant of international studies in semi-annual focus sessions soliciting student input about the POLS program as part of our ongoing assessment efforts.

The recent hire of a full-time Assistant Professor of Comparative Politics (Lauren Balasco) allows for POLS to offer a full range of introductory, upper division, and independent study courses in international affairs, broadly defined. Also, POLS already established itself as the home of Stockton's Model UN program that serves as a pathway for careers in international affairs; recent successes include students securing competitive internships at major foreign policy think tanks in Washington D.C. and the State Department, admissions in John's Hopkins School of International Studies (SAIS) Middle East Studies M.A. program, and enrolling in the Peace Corps. In addition, POLS faculty will offer co- and extra-curricular programs such as day trips in the surrounding area (e.g., International Young Leaders Assembly 2017 Global Summits in NY and Washington D.C.), participation in the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) Academic Outreach Initiative, and more.

Therefore, this new concentration seeks to target individuals who want to further their education in international affairs. The proposed concentration is modeled after POLS existing concentrations in Pre-Law and EDUC-Social Studies. The program will grandfather all courses completed before the concentration is approved to allow students to retroactively select the concentration before the beginning of their last two semesters at Stockton.

The program faculty generated the concentration courses listed below through a combination of our knowledge of the state of the field. All required courses are in POLS.

COURSES REQUIRED FOR NEW CONCENTRATION IN THIS PROGRAM

To obtain the international affairs concentration, students must take at least six of the courses listed below. Two have been designated as required courses. Then, students must take three core courses and one additional core or recommended course. This is a total of six courses or 24 credits. Note: the POLS Pre-Law Concentration requires seven courses including Introduction to American Politics, a requirement for all POLS majors. As this concentration does not include Introduction to American Politics, we subtracted one course to allow POLS students the same level of flexibility with this concentration that they have with our existing concentration in pre-law.

Mandatory Courses for New Concentration (requires of 2 courses or 8 credits):

POLS 2170 Introduction to International Relations - International/multicultural course (I).

An overview of the changing international situation. Focuses not only on the traditional elements of the international system, i.e. the nation-states, but also on new aspects of global interdependence such as multinational corporations, international organizations, and political/economic integration.

POLS 2160 Introduction to Comparative Politics- International/multicultural course (I).

This course begins with a discussion of key ideas, theories, and concepts in the comparative study of politics. We then proceed with a regional perspective, examining and discussing modes of governance, social institutions, political structures, and conflicts in Western and Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and Latin America. As we examine each of these regions, and selected countries within the regions, social, political, historical, and economic differences and similarities will be highlighted with an eye toward forming a broader sense of how these factors shape ethnic conflict, human rights, social struggle, economic development, and other key issues.

Additional Core Courses for New Concentration (a minimum of 3 courses or 12 credits and up to 4 courses or 16 credits):

POLS 2140 Introduction to Political Theory- Values/Ethics course (V).

A study of the development of the American polity and current American political ideology and theory. Primary and secondary source reading materials will be assigned. The course will focus on how the following questions have been addressed in the American polity: what is politics; what is justice; and what is human nature?

POLS 2274 US Foreign Policy- Students will engage in a simulation of U.S. foreign policy as they learn about statecraft and negotiation in the current world system following a history of modern U.S. foreign policy goals and strategies.

POLS 3221 Constitutional Law- Basic legal concepts of constitutional law, including but not limited to judicial review; the powers of Congress and the President; the doctrines of separation of powers and Federalism, will be covered. The case method approach will be used with an analysis of legal issues and procedures by which justices make decisions. This course has a W2 designation.

POLS 3315 Politics of Immigration- Immigration is among the most controversial and salient issues in the United States, both historically and in the present moment. The course explores and analyzes how immigration politics and policy intersect with questions of national identity and culture, constitutional and human rights, federalism, national security, and economics. The primary focus of the course is the United States, but parallels are also drawn to the nexus of immigration and politics in the European Union.

POLS 3313 International Order- This course on global governance and international law addresses issues and principles related to the development of international challenges regarding the use of force, humanitarian law, human rights, arms control, environmental security, and international political economy. While there is no prerequisite, a background in international relations is strongly recommended. The overarching goal of the course is to allow students to recognize the complex character of transnational social, political, and economic issues and to develop a critical understanding of the threats and opportunities raised by global governance and international law regarding these issues.

POLS 3662 International Political Economy- This course provides an overview of the field of International Political Economy (IPE). Central topics in IPE include the expansion of multinational corporations (MNCs), financial and economic crises, the global monetary system, international trade, economic development, and global governance.

POLS 2360 Comparative Politics of Human Rights- This course provides a comprehensive overview of the conditions and politics of human rights in specific countries and regions of the world. Relying on country case studies and the comparative method, we analyze how civil societies and governments, in their efforts to either enforce or suppress human rights, engage a variety of domestic and international institutions to pursue their human rights agenda. We will also explore the processes associated with transitional justice – the mechanisms countries adopt to offer justice to human rights victims of prior conflicts and authoritarian regimes.

POLS 3645 Politics of Transitional Societies- This course examines the politics of transitions within states and societies. Why do some authoritarian regimes allow democracy to return and others do not? Why are some democratic regimes more vulnerable to authoritarian reversals than others? These questions, among others, will be explored through country and regional analyses, comparing the actors, institutions, and processes of transitional periods in regions such as Central/Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

POLS 3800 or 4800 by permission only- These are Independent Study courses and accepted topics would include “Advanced U.S. Foreign Policy”; “Post-2015 Economic Development”; and others by consensus of the program faculty.

Recommended Courses for New Concentration (option of 1 course or 4 credits if you take only 3 core courses); POLS can also approve other courses on a case-by-case basis:

PHIL 1203 Critical Thinking
SUST 2701 International Sustainable Development (international study tour)
ECON 1200 Macroeconomics
ECON 3636 Political Economy (ECON 1200 is a prerequisite)
ECON 3655 International Trade (ECON 1200 & ECON 1400 are prerequisites)
ECON 3670 International Economic Development (ECON 1200 & ECON 1400 are prerequisites)
ECON 3675 International Money and Finance (ECON 1200 & ECON 1400 are prerequisites)
MGMT 3113 International Business Management (MGMT 2110 is a prerequisite)
HIST 1124 Fractures in World History
HIST 1160 Latin America: Polit. Devel.
HIST 1161 Latin America: Social History
HIST 2146 Indian Ocean History
HIST 2200 Ancient Israel
HIST 3608 Nationalism in Antiquity
HIST 3627 The History of Pakistan and Afghanistan
PHIL 2112 Ethics: Theory and Practice
ANTH 3233 Caribbean Cultures
GAH 2122 Women’s Lives
GAH 2217 Mexico Since the Revolution
GAH 2364 Understanding Iraq
GNM 2438 The Science of Decision Making
GNM 2475 Global Environmental Issues
GEN 2153 Professional Writing and Design
GEN2343 Professional Communication & Workplace Writing
GSS 1053 Ethics and Professionalism
GSS 1236 Go Global!
GSS 2278 Dealing with Diversity
GSS 2606 Introduction to Global Studies (Global Studies Minor introductory course)
GSS 2626 International Culture
GSS 2635 UN Experience (international study tour)
GSS 2368 The Global Community (Honors)
GSS 3117 The US and Islamic World
GSS 3121 Women in Leadership
GSS 3172 Ethnic Violence & Nationalism
GSS 3516 Intercultural Communication
GIS 3600 Seminar on the Holocaust & Genocide
GIS 3635 The African Experience
GIS 3658 Women and Genocide

GIS 3418 Witness to Genocide

GIS 4663 Data Visualization and Narratives

GIS 4658 Global Challenges and Solutions (Global Studies Minor capstone)

HIST and LANG: These courses are strongly encouraged to compliment your specific area(s) of interest in the world. HIST organizes its courses based on regions defined by oceans, whereas POLS defines regions based on land mass. Any HIST or LANG course can be submitted for approval for 1 Optional Course.

MAGH & General Studies courses in Genocide & Holocaust Studies: any course in this area can be submitted for approval.

Minors that complement this concentration include but are not limited to: History, Africana Studies, Latin American & Caribbean Studies, Holocaust & Genocide Studies, Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS), Economics, Languages, Philosophy & Religion, Sociology, and Global Studies (GSM).

Hybrid/In-person: The program does not offer any strictly online courses, but we do give faculty option of converting their course to hybrid (1/3 to 2/3 of course meetings online) with a suggested limit of one hybrid/semester. Therefore, 1 or more of these courses may be offered in hybrid form.

Admissions Criteria: Candidates with a POLS major will automatically be able to select this concentration and work towards completing the courses listed above. POLS does not have a minimum grade for successful completion of these courses.

Recruitment: POLS students will be made aware of this new concentration through its Blackboard advising section for all POLS majors and minors and through email communication. In addition, Model UN will serve as a de facto opportunity to recruit students in this concentration. The program will also work with POLS, the Model UN program, and Career Center to identify students interested in careers in international affairs to benefit from co- and extra-curricular programming sponsored by POLS in conjunction with campus partners.