 Valdosta State University Curriculum Form • CURRICULUM CHANGE OR REVISED		Date of Submission: 09/15/2022	
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College:	College of Humanities and Social Sciences	Dept. Initiating Request:	Political Science
Requestor's Name:	Joseph Robbins	Requestor's Role:	Department Head
Check One Option:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Change <i>(Changes to Program/Degree)</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Revised Catalog Copy <i>(New Learning Outcomes, Admissions/Program Policies, Narrative, etc.)</i>	
Program Level:	Course Classification:	Semester to be Effective:	Year to be Effective:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate	<input type="checkbox"/> Core (Area A-E) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major Requirement <input type="checkbox"/> Elective	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer	2023
Degree/Program Name:	B.A., Political Science		
Current Catalog URL:	http://catalog.valdosta.edu/undergraduate/academic-programs/humanities-socialsciences/political-science/ba-political-science/		
Present Requirements:		Proposed Requirements: (hover over for instructions)	

The Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track is an undergraduate-to-graduate degree track. Students in this track will complete up to 9 graduate hours in Public Administration at the 7000 level that will count toward the completion of the undergraduate degree in Political Science. These 9 hours may then be applied toward the completion of degree requirements for the MPA degree at Valdosta State University upon graduate admission.

To be admitted to the Accelerated Undergraduate-Graduate Track, students must have completed the courses listed below and have earned a minimum grade of B (or course equivalent), acquired a cumulative VSU GPA of 3.0 or higher, and submit a personal statement not to exceed five (5) pages describing their education and career goals and describe how the program will assist the student achieve their goals.

The student shall submit the Accelerated Undergraduate- to-Graduate application along with two letters of recommendation from VSU Political Science Department faculty to the PADM/ORGL Program Coordinator. The student shall submit a current resume and also submit a writing sample from a POLS course to demonstrate writing skills.

Once admitted to the track, a specific course of study will be developed with the student's undergraduate advisor as the student can take one or more graduate classes in the each of the terms remaining to complete their undergraduate degree (Summer/Fall/Spring terms once the student is admitted to the Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track).

Graduate courses taken as an undergraduate will count toward the student's undergraduate requirements but will not count toward the student's undergraduate GPA or the calculation of academic honors.

Upon admission to the Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track, students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 to remain in good standing. Students who do not maintain good standing or who do not wish to continue with the Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track may complete the remaining requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

Successful completion of the Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track requires a grade of B or better in all graduate level coursework. A grade of "C" earned in a graduate course can still be used for credit toward the undergraduate degree, but such a grade will affect a student's graduate GPA as a grade of "C" creates one deficiency point at the graduate level.

Once a student graduates with the BA in Political Science, he/she must submit the VSU graduate application form to continue their graduate education in the MPA degree.

BA with a Major in Political Science: Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track:

Core Curriculum.....60 hours
Core Curriculum Areas A=E (See VSU Core Curriculum).....42 hours

Core Curriculum Area F
PHIL 2020

POLS 2101 & POLS 2401

Foreign Language and Culture

If a student has taken any of the above courses to meet requirements in other areas of the Core Curriculum, credit hours must be taken from the following list of courses:
PHIL 2010, all other Area E Courses

Senior College Curriculum:.....60 hours

Courses required for the major:.....9 hours
POLS 3000 OR ENGL 3030

& POLS 3100
& POLS 4100

Select one of the following:.....3 hours

POLS 3520
PHIL 3130
PHIL 4120
PHIL 4220

	<p>PADM 7300*3 hours *counts as POLS 3600</p> <p>Select two undergraduate and two graduate courses from the list below:.....12 hours POLS 3200 OR PADM 7350 POLS 3610 OR PADM 7600 POLS 4600 OR PADM 7170 POLS 4610 OR PADM 7000 POLS 4620 OR PADM 7140 POLS 4865 OR PADM 7040</p> <p>Select four other POLS senior-level undergraduate courses.....12 hours</p> <p>Minor and or Elective courses.....21 hours</p>

Justification: *(select one or more of the following and provide appropriate narrative below:)*

Improving student learning outcomes
 Mandate of State/Federal/Accrediting Agency
 Adopting current best practice(s) in field
 Other –

This Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track allows POLS undergraduates to also enroll in courses in our Master of Public Administration program, expediting their graduation with an MPA and giving them quick access to the healthy job market for these majors. Indeed, recent studies in career journals and Public Administration publications report a healthy job forecast for the professionals in this line of work. The Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track also capitalizes on the skills and knowledge gained through our undergraduate Capstone course and the emphasis on experiential learning projects. Finally, this proposal also supports the Strategic Plan's emphasis on growing graduate enrollment as well as focusing on the 41-county service area.

Source of Data to Support Change (select one or more of the following):

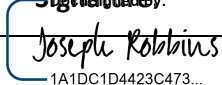
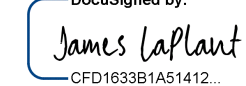
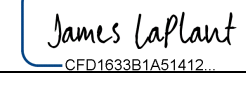
- Indirect Measures; SOIs, student/employer/alumni surveys, etc.
- Direct Measures; Materials collected/evaluated for program assessment (tests/portfolios/assignments, etc.)

Plans for assessing course effectiveness/meeting program learning outcomes (select one or more of the following and provide appropriate narrative below):

- Indirect Measures; SOIs, student/employer/alumni surveys, etc.
- Direct Measures; Materials collected/evaluated for program assessment (tests/portfolios/assignments, etc.)

Other Data Source Descriptions –

We conduct yearly program assessment of our MPA program to comply with our NASPAA accreditation standards and this will now include consideration of the Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track’s performance.

Approvals:	Print:	Signature:	Date:
Department Head		 DocuSigned by: Joseph Robbins 1A1DC1D4423C473...	2/13/2023 7:30 AM
College/Division Executive Committee		 DocuSigned by: James LaPlant CFD1633B1A51412...	2/13/2023 10:07 AM
Dean/Director		 DocuSigned by: James LaPlant CFD1633B1A51412...	2/13/2023 10:07 AM
Graduate Executive Committee (for graduate course)			
Graduate Dean (for graduate course)			
Academic Committee			
*Will this change impact another college/department?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes [select college & indicate department(s)]	
College:	Select One.	Department(s):	



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