CHANGES IN HONORS PROGRAM FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE
(Proposed, January 2010)

1. Drop requirement to take PSCI 290a and PSCI 290b, Directed Readings

Drop requirement number 3 of the 5 requirements listed after the sentence: “In addition to the requirements set by the College of Arts and Science, the following requirements must be met in order for honors in political science to be awarded:”

That means that the list of requirements after that sentence would read as follows:

1. 30 hours in political science, as well as all the requirements for political science majors.
2. 3.6 grade point average in all political science courses, and a 3.6 average in courses that count toward honors in political science.
3. Completion of an honors thesis, under the direction of a faculty adviser. Students will enroll in Senior Honors Research (299a and 299b) during the semester(s) when they work on the honors thesis.

Rationale: Currently, the Honors program in Political Science requires 12 hours of course work, namely, PSCI 290a and PSCI 290b, Directed Readings, and PSCI 299a and PSCI 299b, Senior Honors Research. The experience of most faculty members with this program suggests that it is often not clear what purpose is served by the Directed Readings courses. With some regularity, they end up serving no apparent or useful purpose. On some occasions, students begin the Honors program, and having taken PSCI 290a and PSCI 290b, and even PSCI 299a and PSCI 299b, they then decide not to complete the honors thesis, or the honors program. Then a grade must be assigned for all those credit hours, at a time and in a situation when it is not clear upon what such a grade should be based. Finally, an honors thesis is typically 60 pages long. 6 hours of credit for such a paper is better justified than 12 hours of credit.

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American Government and Politics  (240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 247, 249, 250, 253, 255, 260, 262, 265, 266, 270, 283)  3
Electives (Any 200-level course listed above; 287, 288; up to 6 hours of 100-level courses, including 115F; up to 6 hours of 280b, 280c, 289a, 289b, 290a, 290b, 291a, 291b, 299a, 299b combined)  15
Minimum hours:  30

In meeting the above requirements, students desiring African American emphasis in a program of concentration should consider courses in the following group: 240, 255, 265, 266. They may also choose to elect the following courses at Fisk University: Political Science 406 (African Political Systems), 245 (Afro-American Political Thought), and 254 (Politics in the Black Community).

Graduate Courses. Qualified undergraduates may enroll in graduate courses with the consent of their adviser, the course instructor, and the Graduate School.

Honors Program

To enter the program, students should have completed all but 6 hours of the AXLE requirements, and have a minimum overall GPA of 3.6. They should also have a minimum GPA of 3.6 in all the political science courses they have taken up to the point at which they enter the Honors Program. They must have exhibited to the department additional evidence of an ability to do independent work. Finally, they must be nominated by the director of the undergraduate studies program.

In addition to requirements set by the College of Arts and Science, the following requirements must be met in order for honors in political science to be awarded:

1. 30 hours in political science, as well as all of the requirements for political science majors.
2. 3.6 grade point average in all political science courses, and a 3.6 average in courses that count toward honors in political science.
3. PSCI 290a and PSCI 290b, Directed Readings.
4. Completion of an honors thesis, under the direction of a faculty adviser. Students will enroll in Senior Honors Research (299a and 299b), during the semester(s) when they work on the honors thesis.
5. An oral exam on the honors thesis in the last semester of the senior year.

Students in the Honors Program are encouraged to take PSCI 270 before they enter or during their first semester in the Honors Program.

A three-member Honors Committee will be appointed to administer each student's program. Students should submit the names of a faculty adviser and the other two members of the committee to the director of the Honors Program as soon as possible after they are accepted into the Honors Program. The committee will administer the oral examination, after which it will also decide whether the student will receive honors, or
high honors. Successful candidates are awarded honors or high honors in their field, and this designation appears in the Commencement program and on their diplomas.

Minors in Political Science

The Department of Political Science offers three minors, which are detailed below. Each consists of 18 hours (one introductory-level course and five upper-level courses). One of these options may be chosen:

Political Theory
103
Any five of the following:
201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 253, 263, 264W, 271, 286
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World Politics
A student may stress comparative politics or international politics or may mix the two in this minor.
101 or 102
Any five of the following:
Comparative Politics: 210, 211, 213, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 238, 239, 284,
Fisk Political Science 406
International Politics: 211, 220, 221, 222, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 236, 273, 274, 275, 276, 285
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American Politics
100 or 150
Any five of the following: 204, 222, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 247, 249, 250, 253, 255, 260, 262, 265, 266, 283
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Licensure for Teaching

Candidates for teacher licensure in political science at the secondary level should refer to the chapter on Licensure for Teaching in the Peabody College section of this catalog.

One of the starred courses 100, 101, 102, 103, or 150 is prerequisite for all other political science courses.

099. Commons Seminar. Topics vary. [1] (No AXLE Credit)

★100. Introduction to American Government and Politics. A descriptive survey of the constitutional and structural principles, processes, and functions of the American governmental system. FALL, SPRING. [3] Staff. (US)

★101. Introduction to Comparative Politics. Democracy, communism, and authoritarian rule in developed and developing countries; political institutions and public policy in diverse national settings; principles of comparative analysis. FALL, SPRING. [3] Staff. (SBS)

★102. Introduction to International Politics. Significant patterns and trends in twentieth- and twenty-first-century world politics: modes of conducting relations among nations, instruments