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DATE SUBMITTED __April 22, 2005__

PCC LOG NO. __04094__

COLLEGE/SCHOOL __Behavioral and Social Sciences__

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM __Government and Politics__

PROPOSED ACTION (A separate form for each) ADD ______ DELETE _____ CHANGE __X__

DESCRIPTION (Provide a succinct account of the proposed action. Details should be provided in an attachment. Provide old and new sample programs for curriculum changes.)

Modify the curriculum in the bachelor's degree program. The Department of Government & Politics proposes that all GVPT students be required to complete both a foreign language and quantitative course work, instead of completing only of the areas as is currently required. The Department also proposes the acceptance of GVPT 171, American Government for Political Science Majors, as the equivalent to GVPT 170 for GVPT degree requirements and all accounting purposes. See attached proposal for detailed curriculum changes.

JUSTIFICATION/REASONS/RESOURCES (Briefly explain the reason for the proposed action. Identify the source of new resources that may be required. Details should be provided in an attachment.)

In reviewing the status of the undergraduate program, the faculty believe that in an increasingly global and technically complex society, it is necessary for students to have a background in both foreign language and quantitative skills. In addition, GVPT 171 is an American government course for GVPT majors only, giving them the benefit of a smaller course to be introduced to the department and the study of political science. See attached proposal for detailed justification.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Edward Montgomery
    College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

FROM: Victor Korenman
       Associate Provost, Academic Programs and Planning

SUBJECT: Proposal to Change Bachelor’s Admissions and Degree Requirements in Government and Politics (PCC Log Number 04094)

At its meeting on May 17, 2005, the Senate Committee on Programs, Curricula, and Courses approved your proposal to modify the Bachelor’s admission and degree requirements in Government and Politics. A copy of the approved proposal is enclosed.

The changes are effective in Fall 2005. The College should ensure that the new requirements are fully described in the Undergraduate Catalog and in all relevant descriptive materials, and that all advisors are informed.

Enclosures

Cc: Sylvester Gates, University Senate PCC
    Mark Lichbach, Government & Politics
    Donna Hamilton, Undergraduate Studies
    Phyllis Peres, Undergraduate Studies
    Sarah Bauder, Student Financial Aid
    Mary Giles, University Senate
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Department of Government and Politics Curriculum Change Proposal

The Department of Government and Politics (GVPT) has been one of the top academic majors in terms of academic achievement and enrollment numbers for many years.

Indeed the number of undergraduates in our major has remained quite robust, while at the same time our students are getting academically stronger. This is reflected in SAT scores for entering freshmen, where we continue to compare favorably to the university-wide and BSOS scores. The latest statistics show that our majors scored 10 points higher at the 75th percentile (1350) and a full 30 points higher at the 25th percentile (1210) compared to the campus-wide entering student profiles. This means that GVPT majors are disproportionately skewed toward the higher end of the spectrum. In fact, better than 15% of our majors were admitted to the University Honors program as freshmen, and 40% of the Fall04 entering class were admitted to either University Honors or College Park Scholars. This means that our curriculum can be more demanding, and that is a good thing across the board.

Request for Program Change

In reviewing the status of the undergraduate program, the departmental faculty believe that in an increasingly global market, it is necessary for students to have a background in both foreign language and quantitative skills. Therefore, the faculty of the Department of Government and Politics suggest that all GVPT students be required to complete both a foreign language and quantitative course, instead of completing only one of the areas as is currently required. (See Appendix 1 for current degree requirements, Appendix 2 for proposed degree requirements, and Appendix 3 for proposed four-year plan). A large and increasing percentage of our students pursue advanced degrees in Law, Foreign Service, Policy, and PhD programs in Political Science. Providing all of our students with both of these skills sets will not only better prepare them to succeed at a higher level in our more rigorous research-oriented upper-division courses and seminars, but it will also equip them to meet the rigors and challenges that lie ahead. We would also like to add GVPT171, Introduction to American Politics (restricted to majors only) to our degree requirements as an equivalent to GVPT170, which is already currently required.

Students will be required to complete a total of five skills options courses, with two courses required in a foreign language, one additional course required in quantitative skills (with MATH111/STAT100, or MATH140/220 counting as the second quantitative course), and a fifth course in either a foreign language or quantitative category. In deciding upon this cluster, we had to strike a balance between enhancing our curriculum and thus equipping our students with a stronger skill set upon graduation, while not burdening them with so many requirements that it might jeopardize their ability to make good progress toward a timely degree. Moreover, our analysis of gender preferences indicates that a disproportionate number of our female majors currently select the language skill option, despite the fact that they have successfully completed MATH11/STAT100. This choice likely works to their disadvantage when competing for high-value graduate and law school programs. Thus, too many of our young women are
making decisions that do not serve their long-term interests. We believe that the changes in our proposal will ensure that all of our students obtain basic skills in at least one foreign language and in quantitative methods. It is not meant to limit their opportunities for further study in either case, and we will not discourage them from pursuing one or the other option at a higher level.

**Current Skills Option Degree Requirements**

Our current set of mandates for the major requires students to complete one of the following skills options. It is the recommendation of the faculty that students would be well served by satisfying both of these skills options. Please note that courses used to fulfill the skills requirement cannot be applied to the GVPT courses or Minor courses aspects of the Departmental Requirements.

**Option One: Quantitative Skills Option**

- This option is designed to insure that our students graduate with an introduction to rigorous skills in argumentation, reasoning and statistical inference. As such it also is designed to cover the expectations of potential employers and graduate schools when they consider candidates from political science programs.

- Students must complete three courses from the following list with no more than two courses from any one department. We strongly recommend that students in this track include at least one statistics class and one course in logic. Usually calculus is the next most useful course in the study of the social sciences.

  Government & Politics: GVPT 227  
  Mathematics:  *Math 111, 220 (or 140), 221 (or 141)*, or any higher Math course  
  Economics:  ECON 201  
  Logic (the basic rules of argument and inference): PHIL 170, 173, or 271  
  Statistics:  No more than one of the following:  *STAT 100*, BMGT 230*, OR 231*, ECON 321* OR 422*, EDMS 451, GEOG 305, GVPT 422, PSYC 200**, SOCY 201**

  **CORE:**  *Satisfies Math/Formal Reasoning*  
  *Pre-req: MATH 220 **Pre-req: MATH 111*

- Students who transfer into the major from a math-intensive degree program (i.e. MATH, PHYS, ENGR) can be exempt from one or more of the quantitative courses. Please see an advisor if you believe this applies to you.

**Option Two: Foreign Language Skills Option**

- Students must complete a foreign language through the first course of the intermediate level. Normally this requires twelve credits of study beginning with the initial elementary course. The intermediate level in some languages, however, requires eighteen hours (e.g. CHIN, JAPN).
• Students who are proficient through the intermediate level of a foreign language because of intense study such as advanced placement level in high school or from studying abroad may speak to a GVPT advisor about fulfillment of this requirement. Generally, however, students with high school foreign language experience will be required to continue their study of the language here at UMCP for at least one semester.

Proposed Skills Degree Requirements
Students will be required to complete a total of five skills options courses, with two courses required in a foreign language, and two courses that are quantitative in nature (with MATH111/STAT100, or MATH140/220 counting as the one of the quantitative skills courses), and a fifth course in either a foreign language or quantitative skills category. All courses must be completed with at least a “C” or higher.

Quantitative Skills Courses
• These courses are designed to ensure that our students graduate with an introduction to rigorous skills in argumentation, reasoning and statistical inference. As such it also is designed to cover the expectations of potential employers and graduate schools when they consider candidates from political science programs.

• Students cannot count more than two courses from any one department. We strongly recommend that students include at least one statistics class and one course in logic. Usually calculus is the next most useful course in the study of the social sciences.

Government & Politics: GVPT 227/228A
Mathematics: Math 111, 220 (or 140), 221 (or 141), or any higher Math course
Economics: ECON 201, ECON 305, or ECON306
Logic (the basic rules of argument and inference): PHIL 170, 173, or 271 or any higher logic course
Statistics: No more than one of the following: STAT 100, BMGT 230* OR 231*, ECON 321* OR 422*, EDMS 451, GEOG 305, GVPT 422, PSYC 200**, SOCY 201**

CORE: Satisfies Math/Formal Reasoning *Pre-req: MATH 220 **Pre-req: MATH 111

• Students who transfer into the major from a math-intensive degree program (i.e. MATH, PHYS, ENGR) can be exempt from one or more of the quantitative courses. Please see an advisor if you believe this applies to you.

Foreign Language Skills Courses
• Students must complete at least two courses in a foreign language through the second course at the elementary level. For example, SPAN101 and SPAN102.
Acceptance of GVPT171 for Degree Requirements
The department would also like to propose the acceptance of GVPT 171, American Government for Political Science Majors, as the equivalent to GVPT 170 for GVPT degree requirements and all accounting purposes. GVPT 171 is an American government course for GVPT majors only, giving them the benefit of a smaller course to be introduced to the department and the study of political science.

Impact on Other Academic Departments
The department understands that a change in our degree requirements could effect other departments. Any department that could be impacted by the change in requirements was contacted by the undergraduate director (See Appendix 4). There are a variety of courses students may choose to complete the foreign language and quantitative skills requirements, and, additionally, the department will accept AP/IB/CLEP scores where appropriate. Also, in response to the possible increased demand on foreign language departments, the department will exempt students from the foreign language requirement with the appropriate level of high school language completed.

Timetable for Goals
The new enrollment plan will be in effect for all students who enter the University of Maryland or any other public institution in the State of Maryland for the first time after Fall 2005.
Appendix 1

Department of Government & Politics
Undergraduate Program Admissions Requirements and Degree Requirements

Revised 3/30/04

Students are required to complete four components of the major. These are (1) the GVPT courses, (2) the minor courses, (3) a skills option, and (4) ECON 200. Also explained below are the Limited Enrollment Program requirements and deadlines for academic review. ALL courses used to satisfy departmental requirements must be completed with a minimum grade of "C;" therefore NONE may be taken with the Pass/Fail grading option.

Admission to the Department of Government & Politics

In accordance with University policy, the Department of Government & Politics has been designated a Limited Enrollment Program (LEP). All first-time freshmen who request Government & Politics will be directly admitted into the major. Other first-time freshmen who wish to declare Government & Politics as a major prior to the end of the schedule adjustment period of the second semester in residence will be allowed to do so.

First-time Freshmen admitted to the University of Maryland will be admitted into the major upon their acceptance to the university or may change their major to GVPT until the end of the pre-registration period their second semester. In order to remain a Government & Politics major, newly admitted freshmen will be required to meet an academic performance review on or before the end of the semester in which they attain/pass 45 University of Maryland credits. An Academic Review will be completed after 45 credits have been attempted. Students must meet the following criteria for that academic review:

a. Must have completed GVPT 100, GVPT 170 (American Government), and ECON 200 (Microeconomics) with a 2.6 GPA or better. (ex. 2 B's and 1 C)
b. If the student has AP or IB credit for GVPT 170, they must substitute GVPT 241 (Political Philosophy: Ancient & Modern) for the academic review with same 2.6 GPA requirement.
c. ENGL 101 w/ a C or higher (AP/IB accepted)
d. MATH 110 or higher w/ a C or higher (AP/IB accepted)
e. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher.

All other students, including both internal and external transfer students, will not be admitted after May 2001 to the program until they have met the following requirements:

a. Completion of GVPT 100, ECON 200 and GVPT 170 with an average GPA in the three of 2.6 or higher or (if incoming external transfer student) completion of ECON 200 and ECON 201 with a C or higher in each and GVPT 170 with the grade of B or higher;
b. If a student enters with AP or IB credit for GVPT 170, an external transfer student must take a 200 level or higher GVPT course and earn the grade of B or higher; an internal transfer student must substitute GVPT 241 for the 170 Academic Review Requirement.
c. Completion of Math 110 with a grade of C or higher;
d. Completion of ENGL 101 with a grade of C or higher;
e. A minimum cumulative GPA based on all previous college-level coursework of 2.50 or higher.

As is the general case for all Limited Enrollment Programs:

a. Only one "gateway" or performance review course may be repeated to earn the required grade, and that course may be repeated only once;
b. Students may apply only once to an LEP, so that students who are directly admitted and fail to meet the performance review criteria will be dismissed from the major and may not reapply; and

Any student denied admission or dismissed from the major may appeal. Dismissed students appeal directly to the Director of Undergraduate Studies. Internal transfer students appeal to the Office of the Dean for Behavioral and Social Sciences. External transfer students appeal to the Office of Admissions. Application Deadlines are January 10 and August 1 of each year.

1. GVPT Courses

Students must complete a minimum of 36 GVPT credits. At least 18 of these GVPT credits must be at the upper level (300-400).

All students must complete GVPT 100 (Principles of Government & Politics), GVPT 170 (American Government) and GVPT 241 (Political Philosophy). These three courses are included in the 36 credit requirement for GVPT courses.
Appendix 1 (Continued)

No more than six GVPT internship credits will apply towards the minimum of 36 GVPT credits. Only internship credit that is taken for a regular grading method in the GVPT department may be included in the minimum of 36 credits. Note most internship credit is pass/fail and does not count towards GVPT requirements.

Although students are not required to concentrate on any one field within the study of political science (e.g. international relations, American government and politics, etc.), they are strongly encouraged to do so. Students who are unsure of which area they would like to study should consult an advisor.

2. The Supporting Courses Requirement (formerly known as “The Minor”)

Students must take a minimum of 15 credits in a supportive field outside the GVPT department. The courses should be consistent and directed towards some career goal or academic interest. Courses may be taken in one or several departments or programs. Courses taken in more than one department or program, however, must be approved by an advisor to make sure that they are sufficiently related to be recognized as counting towards the supporting courses req.

At least six of the 15 credits must be taken at the upper level (300-400) and must be in the same department or program. Freshman and Junior English Courses may not be used to fulfill this requirement. Courses used to fulfill the upper level requirement for this requirement MAY NOT be used to fulfill the CORE Advanced Study requirement.

No courses taken for the supporting courses requirement may be applied to the skills option requirement.

No more than six graded internship credits may be applied towards the minimum of 15 credits required for the supporting courses requirement. Further, the department urges that any field work portion of internship credit within the student's minor be taken on a pass/fail basis, and hence not count towards the 15 credits.

3. Skills Requirement

Students are required to complete one of the following skills options. It is the recommendation of the faculty that students would be well served by satisfying both of these skills options. Please note that courses used to fulfill the skills requirement cannot be applied to the GVPT courses or Minor courses aspects of the Departmental Requirements.

Option One: Quantitative Skills Option
- This option is designed to insure that our students graduate with an introduction to rigorous skills in argumentation, reasoning and statistical inference. As such it also is designed to cover the expectations of potential employers and graduate schools when they look at candidates from political science programs.
- Students must complete three courses from the following list with no more than two courses from any one department. We strongly recommend that students in this track include at least one statistics and one course in logic. Usually calculus is the next most useful course in the study of the social sciences.

- Government & Politics: GVPT 227
- Mathematics: Math 111, 220 (or 140), 221 (or 141), or any higher Math course
- Economics: ECON 201
- Logic (the basic rules of argument and inference): PHIL 170, 173, or 271
- Statistics: No more than one of the following: STAT 100, BMGT 230* OR 231*, ECON 321* OR 422*, EDMS 451, GEOG 305, GVPT 422, PSYC 200**, SOCY 201**

CORE: Satisfies Math/Formal Reasoning

• Students who transfer into the major from a math-intensive degree program (i.e. MATH, PHYS, ENGR) can be exempt from one or more of the quantitative courses. Please see an advisor if you believe this applies to you.

Option Two: Foreign Language Skills Option
- Students must complete a foreign language through the first course of the intermediate level. Normally this requires twelve credits of study beginning with the initial elementary course. The intermediate level in some languages, however, requires eighteen hours (e.g. CHIN, JAPN).
- Students who are proficient through the intermediate level of a foreign language because of intense study such as advanced placement level in high school or from studying abroad may speak to a GVPT advisor about fulfillment of this requirement. Generally, however, students with high school foreign language experience will be required to continue their study of the language here at UMCP for at least one semester.

4. ECONOMICS
- Students must take ECON 200 (Principles of Microeconomics). A student who chooses to minor in ECON may apply this course toward the minimum of 15 credits needed for the minor.
Appendix 2 – Proposed Changes

Department of Government & Politics
Undergraduate Program Admissions Requirements and Degree Requirements

Revised 5/17/05

Students are required to complete four components of the major. These are (1) the GVPT courses, (2) the supporting course sequence, (3) the skills requirement, and (4) ECON 200. Also explained below are the Limited Enrollment Program requirements and deadlines for academic review. ALL courses used to satisfy departmental requirements must be completed with a minimum grade of "C;" therefore NONE may be taken with the Pass/Fail grading option.

If you matriculated to the University of Maryland College Park or any other institution of higher learning before FALL 2005 you are under different admissions and major requirements. Please see an advisor for details about your requirements.

Admission to the Department of Government & Politics

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First-time Freshmen admitted to the University of Maryland will be admitted into the major upon their acceptance to the university or may change their major to GVPT until the end of the pre-registration period their second semester. In order to remain a Government & Politics major, newly admitted freshmen will be required to complete an academic performance review on or before the end of the semester in which they attain/pass 45 University of Maryland credits. An Academic Review will be conducted after 45 credits have been attempted. Students must meet the following criteria for that academic review in order to continue as GVPT majors:

a. Must have completed:
   a. GVPT 100 [B or higher]
   b. GVPT 170 or GVPT 171 [B or higher] If the student has AP or IB credit for GVPT 170, they must substitute GVPT 241 (Political Philosophy: Ancient & Modern) for the academic review with same B or higher requirement.
   c. ECON200 [C or higher] (AP/IB accepted)

b. MATH111 or STAT100, or MATH140 or MATH220 [C or higher] (AP/IB accepted)

c. ENGL 101 w/ a C or higher (AP/IB accepted and SAT based exemption allowed)

Students who are internally transferring from another major at UMCP and have begun their studies at a college or university after Fall 2005 will not be admitted to the program until they have met the following requirements:

a. Completion of
   a. GVPT 100 with a B or higher,
   b. ECON 200 with a C or higher, see above
   c. GVPT 170 or GVPT 171 with a B or higher. If the student has AP or IB credit for GVPT 170, they must substitute GVPT 241 (Political Philosophy: Ancient & Modern) and earn a grade of B or higher, &
   d. MATH111 or STAT100, or MATH140 or MATH220 with a C or higher (AP/IB accepted)

b. Completion of ENGL 101 with a grade of C or higher; see above.

c. A minimum cumulative GPA based on all previous college-level coursework of 2.70 or higher.

Students who are externally transferring from another institution and have begun their studies at a college or university after Fall 2005 will not be admitted to the program until they have met the following requirements:

a. Completion of
   a. ECON 200 with a C or higher,
   b. GVPT 170 with a B or higher. If the student has AP or IB credit for GVPT 170, they must substitute any 200 level GVPT course for the academic review with same B or higher requirement, &
   c. MATH111 or STAT100, or MATH140 or MATH220 with a C or higher (AP/IB accepted)

b. Completion of ENGL 101 with a grade of C or higher (AP or SAT verbal score exemption accepted)

c. A minimum cumulative GPA based on all previous college-level coursework of 2.70 or higher.

As is the general case for all Limited Enrollment Programs:

a. Only one “gateway” or performance review course may be repeated to earn the required grade, and that course may be repeated only once;

b. Students may apply only once to an LEP, so that students who are directly admitted and fail to meet the performance review criteria will be dismissed from the major and may not reapply; and

c. Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.00. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the major.

d. Any student denied admission or dismissed from the major may appeal. Dismissed students appeal directly to the Director of Undergraduate Studies. Internal transfer students appeal to the Office of the Dean for Behavioral and Social Sciences. External transfer students appeal to the Office of Admissions. Application Deadlines are January 10 and August 1 of each year.
Appendix 2 (Continued)

Requirements for completing the major.

1. **GVPT Courses**

Students must complete a minimum of 36 GVPT credits. At least 18 of these GVPT credits must be at the upper level (300-400).

All students must complete GVPT 100 (Principles of Government & Politics), GVPT 170 or GVPT 171 (American Government) and GVPT 241 (Political Philosophy). These three courses are included in the 36 credit requirement for GVPT courses.

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No more than six graded internship credits may be applied towards the minimum of 15 credits required for the supporting courses requirement. Further, the department urges that any field work portion of internship credit within the student's supporting courses be taken on a pass/fail basis, and hence not count towards the 15 credits.

3. **Skills Requirement**

All GVPT majors are required to take two quantitative courses and complete the entire elementary level of a foreign language, plus an additional course in either the language or quantitative skills area (although some may be exempted in certain cases—see below). Because students are required to complete MATH111 or STAT100, or MATH140 or MATH220, within the first 45 credit-hours or before admission to the major, as outlined above, one quantitative skills course requirement will thereby be satisfied, and students will be prepared to take other courses for which one of these is a pre-requisite. Please note that courses used to fulfill the skills requirement cannot be applied to the GVPT courses or supporting courses aspects of the Departmental Requirements.

**Quantitative Skills Courses**

- These courses are designed to insure that our students graduate with an introduction to rigorous skills in argumentation, reasoning and statistical inference. As such it also is designed to cover the expectations of potential employers and graduate schools when they look at candidates from political science programs.

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**Economics:** ECON 201, ECON 305, or ECON 306  
**Logic (the basic rules of argument and inference):** PHIL 170, 173, or 271, or any higher logic course  
**Statistics:** No more than one of the following: STAT 100, BMGT 230* OR 231*, ECON 321* OR 422*, EDMS 451, GEOG 305, GVPT 422, PSYC 200**, SOCY 201**  
Please note that students can receive credit for either MATH111 or STAT100, but not both.

**CORE:** Satisfies Math/Formal Reasoning  
*Pre-req: MATH 220  
**Pre-req: MATH 111

- Students who transfer into the major from a math-intensive degree program (i.e. MATH, PHYS, ENGR) can be exempt from one or more of the quantitative courses. Please see an advisor if you believe this applies to you.

**Foreign Language Skills Courses**

- Students must complete a foreign language through the entire elementary level. Completion of the entire elementary level varies according to the foreign language. Please consult with a GVPT or appropriate foreign language adviser.
• Students who have completed 2-3 years of a foreign language in high school may be exempt from one or both of these courses. To find out if you are exempt please see a GVPT advisor. To discuss placement into a foreign language course, please contact the appropriate foreign language advisor.

4. ECONOMICS
• Students must take ECON 200 (Principles of Microeconomics). A student who chooses to take supporting courses in ECON may apply this course toward the minimum of 15 credits needed for the supporting courses requirement.
Appendix 3

GVPT Four Year Plan

NOTE: This is a proposed plan and the Department of Government and Politics does not guarantee that these courses will be offered in the designated semester. Consult the Schedule of Classes for class availability and meeting times. Students who transfer to the University of Maryland from another institution and students who transfer into Government and Politics department after beginning another major at the University of Maryland may have addition requirements. Please see an academic advisor for more information and to discuss a personalized four-year plan.

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Degree Completion in Four Years  Credit Total = 122/124

† High school work may be substituted for language requirement. See department advisor for more information

Please note: Open Electives are courses that do not need to fulfill any GVPT Major or CORE requirement but are necessary to reach the required 120 completed credits to graduate.

* In order to successfully fulfill the academic review requirements students must complete GVPT100, GVPT170 or 171, and ECON200 with a minimum of 2.67 GPA to remain in the major. If AP credit is received for GVPT170 or 171, students must complete GVPT241 to fulfill this requirement. Students who do not complete this requirement satisfactorily will be dismissed from the major.

** Junior Year is the ideal time to complete a study abroad program. Students will need to see an advisor to confirm that coursework taken abroad will transfer appropriately. See study abroad office for details on available programs.
Senior Year is an excellent time to complete internships and research, which prepare students for employment or graduate school and enhance his or her academic experience. Writing an honors thesis is conducted under the guidance of a faculty member in conjunction with the GVPT Honors Program. Non-Honors students can complete individual research by contacting a faculty member and completing an independent study contract. While students are generally required to find internships independently, opportunities are often announced through the GVPT newsletter and in the Career Center. Some students are eligible to receive academic credit for internship experiences through the Government and Politics Department. Consult an advisor for details on all of these opportunities.
Appendix 4

Responses to Impacted Academic Units to GVPT Proposal to Change Skills Requirements

GVPT Letter sent to Departments:
Hi XXX:
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Thanks and I hope to hear from you soon.

Wayne McIntosh

GVPT Quantitative Skills Option – Possible Courses and Departmental Responses

Department: African American Studies
Courses: AASP 297 (majors only), AASP 301, ASSP 303

Departmental Response:

>>> Wayne McIntosh 12/22/04 02:24PM >>>
Val:
Yes, that works. We are offering lots of choices, and the fact is that most of the students likely to go into your courses will be double-majors anyway. So, I think the impact will be quite minimal.

Thanks very much. Hope you have a great holiday break!
Wayne

>>> Valencia Skeeter 12/22/2004 2:18:47 PM >>>
Hi Wayne,

Sharon and I discussed your proposed changes that could impact several AASP courses and are not at all concerned about AASP 301 or AASP 303 as those courses today are open to all students who have taken the required pre-requisite courses.

Our concern is primarily centered around AASP 297 which is a required pre-requisite course for our majors that they must satisfactorily complete prior to their either
completing the senior thesis course or the non-thesis research option. Today all students must be given an electronic stamp to register for the course.

Sharon teaches the course (which is only offered once per academic year during the spring term) and would be most agreeable to having GVPT students enrolled in the course but she would need to limit that enrollment to five seats per spring semester.

We hope this would work for GVPT.
Please advise.
Val

Department: Anthropology
Courses: ANTH 360
Departmental Response:

Wayne,
Thanks for checking. ANTH 360 (Method and Theory) varies a bit depending on the instructor but it tends to focus on qualitative rather than quantitative methods and usually is more on "theory" side than the "methodology" side. Other than that, we are pleased to welcome GVPT majors.
Erve

>>> Wayne McIntosh 12/21/04 07:23PM >>>
Hi Erve:
I hope you had an excellent fall semester and are looking forward to a well-deserved holiday break. This is to alert you to the fact that we will be proposing a change in GVPT requirements. Currently we give our students a choice of meeting either a quantitative skill (3 courses from a list) or language (at the intermediate level). The change we will propose will require students to take two of each and then a third in one or the other. In order to minimize the impact on any other department, students will be able to choose from the list below. As you will see, Anthropology has one course on our list. If you see any problems with our going forward with this proposal, please let me know at your earliest convenience, because I would like to get this into the PCC process in January.

Thanks and I hope to hear from you soon.
Wayne

Department: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Department: AREC 382
Departmental Response:

Email sent to Barbara Burdick on 12/21/04 with no response given back to GVPT.
Department: Biometrics  
Department: BIOM 301, BIOM 402  
Departmental Response:

Thanks Ray. Once again, I think the impact will be rather small, given the number of choices we are giving to students. Have a great holiday break. Wayne

>>> "Ray Stricklin" <wrstrick@umd.edu> 12/22/2004 2:33:55 PM >>>
Wayne,
Thank you for informing this department of your plans regarding BIOM301 and BIOM402.

I am forwarding your request to the persons copied below, and by copy of this message, I am requesting that they contact me regarding any issues that they foresee in regards to the plans of GVPT. Once I have input from the other individuals, I will send you a reply - and I expect to have the info by at least the start of the new year.

Ray Stricklin

c: Drs. Doerr, Douglass and Erdman

Department: Business and Management  
Courses: BMGT 230, BMGT 231  
Departmental Response:

Email sent to Dean Howard Frank on 12/21/04 with no response given back to GVPT.

Department: Criminology and Criminal Justice  
Courses: CCJS 200, CCJS 300  
Departmental Response:

Hi Wayne:  
After consultation with our undergraduate advisors, I wanted to give you a heads up on our discussion. Our CCJS 300 course is the point of concern regarding your curriculum changes. As I noted before break, we cannot handle our own majors in that course let alone take on additional students. In the new proposal, would it be difficult to limit CCJS 300 as an option for dual CCJS/GVPT majors?
Sally S. Simpson  
Professor and Chair  
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice

>>> Wayne McIntosh 12/22/2004 9:59:50 AM >>>
Sally:
Thanks for the quick reply. CCJS was already on our list of acceptable courses, so I doubt that the impact will be great. But I wanted to give you the warning.

Congratulations on assuming the chair! Have a great trip, holiday, and break.
Wayne

>>> Sally Simpson 12/22/2004 8:42:27 AM >>>
Hi Wayne:

I hope you have a nice break as well. Thanks for the heads-up on the proposal. I'm generally not opposed to such reciprocity, but my primary concern is that our stat (200) and methods (300) classes are required for our majors and we currently have difficulty serving our own population. In fact, we have been offering CCJS 200/300 during winter and summer terms in order to fill the needs of our own majors. Additionally, this spring we added another section of research methods. Because I am new in this position, I don't have the historical background. What was the previous arrangement? Was CCJS already on a list? Do you know how many students this might involve?

Unfortunately, I am leaving today for Oregon and will be out of the office until January 2. I have a call into our undergraduate advising office, but the office is closed for the break and Barbara Scotto (our advisor) may not come in today. So, if I don't hear back from her, let's chat about this in early January.

Sally

>>> Wayne McIntosh 12/21/04 10:03 PM >>>
Hi Sally:
I hope you had an excellent fall semester and are looking forward to a well-deserved holiday break. This is to alert you to the fact that we will be proposing a change in GVPT requirements. Currently we give our students a choice of meeting either a quantitative skill (3 courses from a list) or language (at the intermediate level). The change we will propose will require students to take two of each and then a third in one or the other. In order to minimize the impact on any other department, students will be able to choose from the list below. As you will see, CCJS has two courses on our list. If you see any problems with our going forward with this proposal, please let me know at your earliest convenience, because I would like to get this into the PCC process in January.

Thanks and I hope to hear from you soon.
Wayne

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**Department: Computer Science**  
**Courses:** CMSC 106  
**Departmental Response:**

Email sent to Dr. Larry Davis on 12/21/04 with no response given back to GVPT.

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**Department: Communications**  
**Courses:** COMM 400  
**Departmental Response:**

Email sent to Dr. Edward Fink on 12/21/04 with no response given back to GVPT.

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**Department: Economics**  
**Courses:** ECON 200, ECON 201, ECON 305, ECON 306, ECON 321, ECON 414  
**Departmental Response:**

Wayne:  
Sorry for the delay. I got your message just as I left for vacation. I hope you had a good holiday. There is a problem. ECON 200, 201, 205, and 306 are fine. But ECON 321 and 414 are majors only classes. Because of enrollment pressures, we basically limited 321 and the 400 level classes to majors only a few years ago. We do let non-majors in if there are spaces after registration is over, but that never happens for either 321 or 414.

So that will cause a problem, because we won't be able to let GVPT students into the classes until all the Econ majors have been taken care of.

Best, John

Wayne McIntosh wrote:  
Hi John:  
I hope you had an excellent fall semester and are looking forward to a well-deserved holiday break. This is to alert you to the fact that we will be proposing a change in GVPT requirements. Currently we give our students a choice of meeting either a quantitative skill (3 courses from a list) or language (at the intermediate level). The change we will propose will require students to take two of each and then a third in one or the other. In order to minimize the impact on any other department, students will be able to choose from the list below. As you will see, ECON has several courses on our list. If you see any problems with our going forward with this proposal, please let me
know at your earliest convenience, because I would like to get this into the PCC process in January.

Thanks and I hope to hear from you soon.

Wayne

Department: Measurement, Statistics, and Evaluation (Education)
Courses: EDMS 451
Departmental Response:

Kathy:
Thank you for your thoughtful response and questions. We are hopeful that this requirement will not have a significant impact on you beyond the current load. Our point is simply that students should have some basic quantitative and language skills. I think double-counting will be fine. For those who are already proficient at the intermediate level because of intense study at high school generally are required to take one semester of language here at College Park if they select that option. I hope this clarifies.

Wayne

>>> <kangel@umd.edu> 1/3/2005 1:21:27 PM >>>
Wayne,

I just need a clarification on the proposed changes. As I understand it, the requirement will be changing from 3 classes to 5. It is relatively easy to incorporate 3 classes from the quantitative skills option listing in the social studies/government double major. For example, students already take ECON 200, and they are required to take a second ECON elective, which can be taken from your approved list. We would then encourage students to take something in the CORE Math area that would come from the quantitative skills option course listing (e.g., GEOG 170; or MATH 111, 140, etc.).

With respect to the 2 language classes, one may be double-counted with the CORE Humanities (assuming the students enter the university with a placement level that puts them into an intermediate foreign language). Are there restrictions on the type of language classes that can be used to fulfill this requirement? In other words, could a student take something like SPAN 221 or FREN 240 that would
double-count under the CORE literature area? If so, we should be able to incorporate the proposed changes into the existing double major. If not, the final language class would be an add-on to the program -- something taken in the summer or during a regular semester, on top of the usual 15-16 credit load.

Out of curiosity, what happens to students who enter the university as freshmen and who are proficient through the intermediate level of a foreign language because of intense study in high school course work?

These are my first reactions to the proposal. I will talk to the other College advisors to see if they have any additional feedback. If so, I'll let you know.

Thanks -- and Happy New Year!

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**Department: Family Studies**

**Courses:** FMST 302  
**Departmental Response:**

Email sent to Dr. Sally Koblinsky on 12/21/04 with no response given back to GVPT.

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**Department:** Geography  
**Courses:** GEOG 170, GEOG 305, GEOG 371, GEOG 373  
**Departmental Response:**

Wayne:
This list of courses noted is OK and will not pose a problem for the Geography Department. One correction - the number for Geog 371 Computer Cartography has been changed to Geog. 375. Our citation program in GIS has recently been converted to a major and might be of interest to students in GVPT. We are also developing an additional quantitative course and once established I will communicate with you.

Take care,
Joseph M. Cirrincione  
Associate Chair and Director of Undergraduate Studies  
Department of Geography

Hi John:
I hope you had an excellent fall semester and are looking forward to a well-deserved holiday break. This is to alert you to the fact that we will be proposing a change in GVPT requirements. Currently we give our students a choice of meeting either a quantitative skill (3 courses from a list) or language (at the intermediate level). The change we will propose will require students to take two of each and then a third in one or the other. In order to minimize the impact on any other department, students will be able to choose from the list below. As you will see, GEOG has several courses on our list. If you see any problems with our going forward with this proposal, please let me know at your earliest convenience, because I would like to get this into the PCC process in January.

Thanks and I hope to hear from you soon.
Wayne

Department: Mathematics
Courses: MATH 111, MATH 140, MATH 141, MATH 220, MATH 221

Departmental Response:
Email sent to Dr. Patrick Fitzpatrick on 12/21/04 with no response given back to GVPT.

Department: Philosophy
Courses: PHIL 170, PHIL 209P, PHIL 271, PHIL 273, PHIL 470

Departmental Response:

>>> Peter Carruthers <pcarruth@umd.edu> 1/3/2005 12:08:42 PM >>>
Thanks Wayne, I can't see any problems.
best Peter

Wayne McIntosh wrote:

Hi Peter:
I hope you had an excellent fall semester and are looking forward to a well-deserved holiday break. This is to alert you to the fact that we will be proposing a change in GVPT requirements. Currently we give our students a choice of meeting either a quantitative skill (3 courses from a list) or language (at the intermediate level). The change we will propose will require students to take two of each and then a third in one or the other. In order to minimize the impact on any other department, students will be able to choose from the list below. As you will see, PHIL has several courses on our list. If you see any problems with our going forward with this proposal, please let me know at your earliest convenience, because I would like to get this into the PCC process in January.
Thanks and I hope to hear from you soon.

Wayne

Department: Psychology
Courses: PSCY 200
Departmental Response:

Thanks Katherine.
Yeah, we have listed lots of choices. Probably the students who take the PSYC courses will mostly be double-majors anyway, so the impact on you should be minimal. We will keep you posted. The current plan is to go for this change and then go through the LEP review.

Wayne

>>> Katherine Russell 12/22/2004 10:06:03 AM >>>
Hi Wayne:

I am fine with your listing PSYC200 among the quantitative course choices for GVTP. Given the number of choices, I am assuming that we are talking about a small number of students for PSYC200 each term from GVTP.

Two things you should know:

(1) PSYC200 is currently restricted to PSYC & BSCI majors only. Others must go on the holdfile. At this point, that means that GVPT students/applicants would not be guaranteed a seat in PSYC200 during preregistration. We have a lot of COMM, CCJS, and L&S students in this situation. We try to accommodate as many as possible but there is no guarantee. (We can talk about this more later if it becomes a problem.)

(2) We do enforce the PSYC100 & MATH111 or 140 or 220 prerequisites for PSYC200.

Good luck at the PCC in January. Let me know how it goes. I am guessing you want to get this through the PCC before the LEP review?

Happy Holidays,
Katherine Russel

Department: Sociology
Courses: SOCY 201, SOCY 202
Departmental Response:
Email sent to Dr. Linda Moghadam on 12/21/04 with no response given back to GVPT.

Department: Statistics and Probability
Courses: STAT 100, STAT 400

Departmental Response:

Denny:
Thanks for the clarification. We have listed lots of options for our students, so I am hopeful that the impact on you will be marginal.

Wayne

>>> Denny Gulick <dng@math.umd.edu> 12/22/2004 10:08:47 AM >>>
HI Wayne,

Ben Kedem passed along your note to Paul Smith (now the Statistics Director in the Mathematics Department) and me (now Undergraduate Chair).

We will need to have confirmation from Paul and the statistics group. However, before anything else happens, I should mention that Stat 100 is an elementary freshman course, and is entitled Elementary Statistics and Probability) and Stat 400 has a prerequisite the second engineering-type calculus course (Math 141), and is entitled Applied Probability and Statistics I.

This comment is not to dissuade anyone of anything, but to clarify not only the titles but also the level of instruction.

Best wishes,
Denny

Department: Survey Methodology
Courses: SURV 400

Departmental Response:

Roger Tourangeau" <rtourangeau@survey.umd.edu> 12/22/2004 9:26:08 AM >>>
I'm comfortable with this--Roger

>>> "Wayne McIntosh" <wmcintosh@gvpt.umd.edu> 12/21/2004 10:26:36 PM >>>
Hi Roger:
I hope you had an excellent fall semester and are looking forward to a well-deserved holiday break. This is to alert you to the fact that we
will be proposing a change in GVPT requirements. Currently we give our students a choice of meeting either a quantitative skill (3 courses from a list) or language (at the intermediate level). The change we will propose will require students to take two of each and then a third in one or the other. In order to minimize the impact on any other department, students will be able to choose from the list below. As you will see, SURV has one course on our list. If you see any problems with our going forward with this proposal, please let me know at your earliest convenience, because I would like to get this into the PCC process in January.

Thanks and I hope to hear from you soon.
Wayne