

Oregon State University

Full Category I: New Undergraduate Degree Program

BS in Public Policy

Review Comments by

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General Observations

- 1 Facilities: You need to attach a memo/letter from Libby Rameriz regarding the space and facility needs of the proposed program. You will not need to wait to begin the review and approval process. We'll arrange to have it posted to your proposal whenever it arrives.
- 2 Workflow and Resource Guide: I am attaching the current Category I workflow along with Resource Guide for your information.

Comments, Questions, and Suggestions/Recommendations

Executive Summary

- 1 (p. 0) – “concentration”

Observation: References to “concentrations” or “areas of concentrations” are limited to graduate level programs.

Suggestion: Change the occurrences of the word concentration or concentrations or the phrase areas of concentration to “focus” or “topics” or “fields” or “emphasis” or “specialization” or some other word that implies a subset of the major.

- 2 (p. 3) – Extended Campus Courses

Observation: It is assumed by the “e” refers to those courses that are also available online via Ecampus. There is no legend.

Suggestion: Add a “e” legend description following Table 4 and Table 7.

- 3 (p. 3) – Baccalaureate Core Course (BCC)

Observation: There is no designation to indicate which courses are also approved BCC courses.

Suggestion: Add an asterisk “*” legend description following Table 4 and Table 7. Add the asterisk immediately preceding all Baccalaureate Core Course title and a caret “^” for all Writing Intensive Courses (WIC).

4 (p.4) – Specializations

Observation: Three specializations have been identified: (1) Environmental Policy; (2) Rural Policy; and (3) Social Policy. As structured in the proposal, specializations are not transcript visible. The minimum requirement is 20 credit hours.

Suggestion: Consider changing the specializations, which are NOT transcript visible, to undergraduate options which are transcript visible. An undergraduate option requires a minimum of 21 credit hours, 15 of which must upper division. The difference is only one (1) credit hour.

5 (p.2) – Summary Table

Recommendation: Replace the existing table at the bottom of question 1b, p.2, with the summary table on the last page of this review. The table summarizes all of the salient points associated with the proposal.

6 (p.2) – Prerequisites: PS 201 and ECON 311

Observation: When Table 1 (p. 2) and Appendix A (p. 18) are compared there is a discrepancy with regard to PS 201 and ECON 311. In Table 1, PS 201 is present, but absent in Appendix A. In contrast, ECON 311 is absent in Table 1 but present in Appendix A.

Recommendation: Need to resolve this discrepancy. What courses constitute the program prerequisites?

7 Budget Tables

Observation: The budget form used and attached to the proposal is the old HECC budget form. The University no longer is required to submit budget information as part of a Category I proposal. However, budget information continues to be required for OSU. The Budgets and Fiscal Planning Committee may require the new OSU One-Time, Recurring, Summary Budget tables, along with a budget narrative. I have a call into Kate Hunter-Zaworski, Chair of the Budget and Fiscal Planning Committee. She may contact you with a request to make some changes to the budget information. In addition, I believe that the BFPC would like to have a signature page which indicates that your Business Center worked with you to compile the figures that are in each of the budget tables.

8 Courses

Observation: There are a number of errors with regard to the courses that will comprise the proposal. This is the information that will be entered into the Catalog, MyDegrees, and Banner SIS.

Suggestion: Please re-check the course information to ensure accuracy.

glb (5-18-17)

Proposal Summary

Full Category I Proposal: New Undergraduate Degree Program

New Program Title:

BS in Public Policy

- Degree Types: **Bachelor of Science (B.S.)**
- Program Level: **Undergraduate**
- Master of Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS) Participant: **No**
- Academic Home:
School of Public Policy
College of Liberal Arts
- Contacts: **Denise Lach, 7-5471; Denise.Lach@oregonstate.edu**
- Option(s):
 - Undergraduate Option(s): **None**
 - Graduate Options: **NA**
- Areas of Concentration: **NA**
- Minors:
 - Undergraduate: **None**
 - Graduate: **NA**
- CPS #: **99089**
<https://secure.oregonstate.edu/ap/cps/proposals/view/99089>
- CIP #: **44.0501** / NCES Title: **Public Policy Analysis, General**
- SIS #: **XXX - To be assigned by the Registrar's Office**
- College Code: **10**
- Course Designator: **PPOL (Existing)**
- Courses: **See proposal and online Catalog for a list of required and elective courses**
- Program Total Credit Hours: **180 (Major: 60)**
- Pre-Professional/Professional Model: **No**
- Thesis or Non-Thesis: **No**
- Delivery Mode(s): **On-Campus (Face-To-Face); Online via Ecampus**
- Location(s): **OSU-Main (Corvallis); Distant Location (Worldwide)**
- Enrollment (Anticipated): **NA**
- Graduates (Anticipated): **NA**
- Accreditation: **None**
- Program Unique to Public Higher Education Institutions in Oregon: **Yes**
- Proposed Effective Term: **Fall Term 2017 (Banner: 201801)**