



ACADEMIC ALERT #2007-26

DATE: December 2007

DECISION: College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)

B.A. Political Science Cohort Model

RATIONALE:

The B.A. Political Science program is currently offered in a face-to-face on-campus model, which remains unchanged. Faculty has designed a cohort model that can be offered at community colleges. The cohort model enhances the attractiveness of the program by eliminating course redundancy between NLU and community colleges. The cohort model provides students with the remaining 60 QH towards the degree, and builds on the general education courses and core program courses completed at the community college. The first partnership is with College of Lake County.

The general education and core program courses taken at the community college meet the requirements of NLU's B.A. Political Science program offered in the face-to-face on-campus model.

Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: November 15, 2007

Faculty Senate Approval: Point of Information; Not Needed

Provost Approval: Point of Information; Not Needed

Program Authorizations: The B.A. Political Science program is authorized to be offered in the following Illinois Regions: Chicago; North Suburban; West Suburban; and South Metropolitan. The B.A. Political Science is also authorized at Wyższa Szkoła Biznesu in Nowy Sącz, Poland.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Spring term 2008

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B.A. Political Science Program Cohort Model: Fall 2008 Start**Total 60 QH****Fall-Year 1/Term I**

Course Number	Course Title	Quarter Hours
LAS452	Political Geography (Face-to-Face 10-week course)	5
LAS321	American Political and Social Ideas (Online 10-week course)	5
LAS495	Special Topics in Politics: Current Issues and Debates in Foreign Policy (Face-to-Face 2-week course meets Weeks 11 and 12)	2

Winter-Year 1/Term II

Course Number	Course Title	Quarter Hours
LAS308	Methods of Political Science (Face-to-Face 10-week course)	5
LAS454	Urban Politics (Online 10-week course)	5
LAS495	Special Topics in Politics: Current Issues and Debates in Lobbying, Campaign Finance, and PACs (Face-to-Face 2-week course meets Weeks 11 and 12)	2

Spring-Year 1/Term III

Course Number	Course Title	Quarter Hours
LAS323	The U.S. Congress (New Course) (Face-to-Face 10-week course)	5
LAS456	National Security (Online 10-week course)	5
LAS495	Special Topics in Politics: Current Issues and Debates in Education Policy (Face-to-Face 2-week course meets Weeks 11 and 12)	2

Summer-Year 1-/Term IV

Course Number	Course Title	Quarter Hours
LAS324	The U.S. Presidency (New Course) (Face-to-Face 10-week course)	5
LAS458	Public Policy and the Legislative Process (Online 10-week course)	5
LAS495	Special Topics in Politics: Current Issues and Debates in Constitutional Law (Face-to-Face 2-week course meets Weeks 11 and 12)	2

Fall-Year 2/Term V

Course Number	Course Title	Quarter Hours
LAS322	Law and the Judicial Process (New Course) (Face-to-Face 10-week course)	5
LAS495	Special Topics in Comparative Politics: Middle East (Online 10-week course)	5
LAS495	Special Topics in Politics: Current Issues American Politics (Face-to-Face 2-week course meets Weeks 11 and 12)	2

Note: One online course may be substituted with LAS460 Political Science Internship.

Note: The content for the LAS 495 courses will be determined by faculty at the beginning of each cohort based on the needs of the students.

BA Political Science Program Cohort Model: Spring 2008 Start**Total 60 QH****Spring-Year 1/Term I**

Course Number	Course Title	Quarter Hours
LAS452	Political Geography (Face-to-Face 10-week course)	5
LAS321	American Political and Social Ideas (Online 10-week course)	5
LAS495	Special Topics in Politics: Current Issues and Debates in Immigration Policy (Face-to-Face 2-week course meets Weeks 11 and 12)	2

Summer-Year 1/Term II

Course Number	Course Title	Quarter Hours
LAS308	Methods of Political Science (Face-to-Face 10-week course)	5
LAS454	Urban Politics (Online 10-week course)	5
LAS495	Special Topics in Politics: Current Issues and Debates in Criminal Justice (Face-to-Face 2-week course meets Weeks 11 and 12)	2

Fall-Year 1/Term III

Course Number	Course Title	Quarter Hours
LAS323	The U.S. Congress (New Course) (Face-to-Face 10-week course)	5
LAS456	National Security (Online 10-week course)	5
LAS495	Special Topics in Politics: Current Issues and Debates in Constitutional Law (Face-to-Face 2-week course meets Weeks 11 and 12)	2

Winter-Year 1/Term IV

Course Number	Course Title	Quarter Hours
LAS324	The U.S. Presidency (New Course) (Face-to-Face 10-week course)	5
LAS458	Public Policy and the Legislative Process (Online 10-week course)	5
LAS495	Special Topics in Politics: Current Issues and Debates in Economic Policy (Face-to-Face 2-week course meets Weeks 11 and 12)	2

Spring-Year 2/Term V

Course Number	Course Title	Quarter Hours
LAS322	Law and the Judicial Process (New Course) (Face-to-Face 10-week course)	5
LAS495	Special Topics in Comparative Politics: Middle East (Online 10-week course)	5
LAS495	Special Topics in Politics: Current Issues and Debates in Foreign Policy (Face-to-Face 2-week course meets Weeks 11 and 12)	2

Note: One online course may be substituted with LAS460 Political Science Internship.

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New Courses

LAS 322 Law and the Judicial Process 5QH

(Replaces LAS316 Comparative Political and Social Systems in cohort model only)

LAS 323 The U.S. Congress 5 QH

(Replaces LAS310 International Relations in cohort model only)

LAS 324 The U.S. Presidency 5 QH;

(Replaces LAS220 State and Local Government in cohort model only)

IMPLEMENTATION

All changes need to be entered in Banner and CAPP.

Marketing materials need to be developed and the revised curriculum added to NLU's website.

Any new catalog copy will be written and submitted to the Vice Provost and Assistant Registrar for Schedules and Catalogs to ensure that catalog copy is prepared and ready for the next catalog, 2008-2009.