OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
PROPOSAL FOR A NEW MINOR, NEW INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR
OR SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO AN EXISTING MINOR

A minor may be chosen by students to support the major, to offer greater job opportunities to the student on graduation, or to provide recognition of study in a second academic area. Completion of an approved minor will meet the upper-division General Education requirement. A minimum of 12 credit hours, normally at the advanced level (300-400) in a specified field of study is required.

Interdisciplinary minors require 12 credit hours of 300/400-level courses selected from at least two different disciplines with a maximum of six credits from any one discipline. Three credit hours in the interdisciplinary minor may be in the major, if a major course is listed as an option for the interdisciplinary minor. As such, it will be credited toward both the major and the interdisciplinary minor.

Please refer to the Undergraduate Catalog for the complete policy on minors.

Minimum enrollment expectations for minors are five graduates in five years or the minor will be discontinued.

Proposed Action (check one)

○ New Minor ○ New Interdisciplinary Minor ○ Significant Changes to an Existing Minor

1. Name of proposed minor or minor to be changed:
   Political Geography

2. Description of proposed minor or change to an existing minor:
   The political geography minor is a fifteen-credit interdisciplinary program with a flexible curriculum that emphasizes the role geography has in shaping world politics.

3. Rationale for proposal:
   (address what the proposed minor will accomplish for students)
   The minor in political geography will be useful for students pursuing careers in business, marketing, public administration, sociology, health sciences, environment, communications, history, international studies, and media.

4. Majors likely to enroll in the minor (for new minors):
   Political science, geography, history, international studies, health sciences, African American and African studies, economics, world languages/culture, public admin.

5. Projected enrollment and why (for new minors):
   In years 1 to 3 enrollment is projected to increase from 5 to 15 minors.

6. Proposed Effective Term:
   Fall 2021
7. Resources needed, including human resources, library resources, faculty resources, and funding resources:
   None.

8. Program requirements: [List below all courses required for the minor, the prerequisites, and the total hours required for the minor. Submit the appropriate information through the online Course Inventory Management (CIM) process in CourseLeaf (nextcatalog.odu.edu/courseadmin) for all new courses/course changes.]
   Required: POLS 100S or 101S, GEOG 100, and GEOG 320. Students must choose a minimum of three (3) additional courses from the following list: POLS 314, 316, 323, 324, 336, 350T, 401, 421, 455, 466 and GEOG 250, 300, 306T, 320, 321, 412, 420, and 422W.

9. Description (showing new copy or revised copy) for the next Undergraduate Catalog.
   The political geography minor is a fifteen-credit interdisciplinary program with a flexible curriculum that emphasizes the role geography has in shaping world politics.

10. Schedule for offering courses (include whether the minor can be completed in two years and whether it will be available through Distance Learning) (for new minors):
    Courses will be available live and online distance learning. The minor can be completed in two (2) years or less.

11. Effect on current department course schedule (for new minors):
    None.

APPROVED

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Chair, Faculty Senate Date
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Provost Date
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