TO: University of Toronto Scarborough Academic Committee  
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AGENDA ITEM: For approval

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:  
Curriculum change proposals from the Department of Political Science:  
1. Minor Program Modifications:  
   • Specialist in Political Science  
   • Major in Political Science  
   • Minor in Political Science  
   • Major/Major Co-op in Public Policy  
2. Deleted Courses  
3. New Courses  
4. Consent Agenda Course Changes

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:  
The University of Toronto Scarborough Academic Committee has authority to oversee and approve all curricular and academic matters on which the Committee’s decision is required, including programs, courses, and academic regulations and policies.

SUMMARY:  
1. The Political Science group is proposing to replace two of its foundational H courses – POLB50H and POLB52H – with a single Y course – POLB50Y. The Specialist, Major and Minor programs in Political Science, and the Major/Major Co-op program in Public Policy have been updated to reflect this change. If the proposed Y course is not approved, the current requirements will remain in place. The course options in the Minor in Political Science are being revised to update them with current offerings. The Major/Major Co-op in Public Policy is being revised to include bins of course options. They are deleting requirement 2b because ECMB35H3 and ECMB36H3 are not viable options for students in the Public Policy program. SOCB06H3 is being removed from the program because it is being deleted.

2. The Political Science group is proposing to delete two of its foundational H courses – POLB50H3 and POLB52H3 – and replace them with a single Y course POLB50Y3. If POLB50Y3 is not approved, these courses will not be deleted. In addition, the Political Science group is proposing to delete three of its C-level courses – two because they have not been offered in many years, and one because the faculty member who taught it has retired.
3. The Political Science group is proposing 3 new courses. POLB50Y3 will replace two B-level foundational courses – POLB50H3 and POLB52H3. The content of the two H courses will be merged into the new Y course. POLB50Y3 will allow the Political Science group to achieve pedagogical goals that cannot be accomplished in the current format of two single-semester courses. A primary goal of the course is to give students a practical, hands-on understanding of Canadian politics by participating in a Model Parliament. A 13-week course format is too short a period of time for students to acquire the knowledge that is needed to make a simulation of a parliamentary session a useful learning experience.

POLC80H3 is an international relations course focused on Africa. It will be an important addition to the current international relations offerings. POLD92H3 will introduce theories of authoritarian resilience and vulnerability. It is an important addition in the area of comparative politics.

4. The Political Science group is revising the prerequisites and recommended preparation in a number of its courses to keep them up to date.

1. MINOR PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS:

Specialist in Political Science

Overview of Changes:

- Replace POLB50H3 and POLB52H3 with POLB50Y in requirement 3. (Note: this change is contingent on the New Course proposal for POLB50Y being approved. If the new course is not approved, the existing requirements will remain in place)

Proposed Program Requirements:

SPECIALIST PROGRAM IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (ARTS)

Program Requirements Students must complete at least 12.0 full credits in Political Science including:

1. 1.0 full credit from among the A-level political science courses (no more than 1.0 full credit at the A-level may be counted towards the program requirements).
2. POLB70H3 Classic Texts in Political Theory I and
   POLB71H3 Classic Texts in Political Theory II
3. POLB50Y3 Canadian Government and Politics and
   POLB50H3 Canada's Political Institutions and
   POLB52H3 Canadian Politics: Connecting Citizens and Governments
4. At least four of the following (2.0 full credits):
   POLB80H3 Introduction to International Relations
   POLB81H3 Global Issues and Governance
   POLB90H3 Comparative Development in International Perspective
   POLB91H3 Comparative Development in Political Perspective
   POLB92H3 Comparative Politics: Revolution, Democracy and Authoritarianism in Modern Europe
POLB93H3 Comparative Politics: Ethnic Conflict and Democratization in Europe After the Cold War
5. POLC78H3 Political Analysis I or POLB11H3 Statistics for Political Science and Public Policy
6. 6.5 full credits in political science at the C- and/or D-level, of which at least 1.0 must be at the D-level

Major in Political Science

Overview of Changes:
• Replace POLB50H3 and POLB52H3 with POLB50Y3 in requirement 3. (Note: this change is contingent on the New Course proposal for POLB50Y being approved. If the new course is not approved, the existing requirements will remain in place)

Proposed Program Requirements:
MAJOR PROGRAM IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (ARTS)

Program Requirements Students must complete at least seven full credits in Political Science as follows:

1. One full credit from among the A-level political science offerings (no more than one full credit at the A-level may be counted towards the program requirements).
2. POLB70H3 Classic Texts in Political Theory I and POLB71H3 Classic Texts in Political Theory II
3. POLB50Y3 Canadian Government and Politics and POLB50H3 Canada's Political Institutions and POLB52H3 Canadian Politics: Connecting Citizens and Governments
4. At least four of the following (two full credits):
   POLB80H3 Introduction to International Relations
   POLB81H3 Global Issues and Governance
   POLB90H3 Comparative Development in International Perspective
   POLB91H3 Comparative Development in Political Perspective
   POLB92H3 Comparative Politics: Revolution, Democracy and Authoritarianism in Modern Europe
   POLB93H3 Comparative Politics: Ethnic Conflict and Democratization in Europe After the Cold War
5. Two full credits in political science at the C- and/or D-level

Minor in Political Science

Overview of Changes:
• Replace POLB50H3 and POLB52H3 with POLB50Y3. (Note: this change is contingent on the New Course proposal for POLB50Y being approved. If the new course is not approved, the existing requirements will remain in place)
• Courses which currently exist are being added to the field lists
• Courses which currently exist but which have not been offered for the past 5 years are being deleted from the field lists

Proposed Program Requirements:
MINOR PROGRAM IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (ARTS)
Program Requirements
The Program requires the completion of at least four full credits above the A-level in Political Science. At least two of these must be at the C- or D-level. There are two options: either the four full credits must be taken from any one of the fields listed below (e.g. Canadian Government); or two credits must be taken from each of any two of these fields (e.g. two credits in International Relations, two credits in Comparative Politics).

2. Political Theory: POLB70H3, POLB71H3, POLC37H3, POLC73H3, POLC74H3, POLC78H3, POLD45H3, POLD70H3

Major/Major Co-op in Public Policy

Overview of Changes:
• Replace POLB50H3 and POLB52H3 with POLB50Y3 (Note: this change is contingent on the New Course proposal for POLB50Y being approved. If the new course is not approved, the existing requirements will remain in place)
• Specify the courses that will meet requirement 2b
• Specify the courses that will meet requirements 5 and 6
• Delete requirement 4b
• Delete PSYB07H3 and SOCB06H3 from requirement 5

Proposed Program Requirements:
MAJOR PROGRAM IN PUBLIC POLICY (ARTS)

The Major Program in Public Policy equips students with the analytical and methodological skills to secure employment as policy analysts in government, business, and non-governmental sectors, or to continue to graduate training in public policy. The Program is cross-disciplinary; public policy analysis is the exercise of applying the theoretical frameworks and positivist and interpretive methodologies of the social sciences and humanities to understand the development, implementation, and evaluation of public policy. It requires the ability
to think clearly and critically, to design and execute research projects, to analyze both quantitative and qualitative data, and to write clearly. It also requires an understanding of the context, institutions, and processes of policy-making and implementation, as well as concepts and criteria for policy evaluation.

**Program Requirements**
Students must pay careful attention to the prerequisites for higher level courses.

**Course requirements:**
Students must complete 8.0 full credits as follows:

1. 1.0 full credits at the A- or B-level in Anthropology, City Studies, Geography, Health Studies, IDS, or Sociology. At least 0.5 credits in A-level Political Science are recommended.

We also recommend interested students to take introductory courses in departments like City Studies, Economics, Environmental Science, Health Studies, and IDS that may reflect their particular substantive interests.

2. Canadian Politics (1.5 credits)
   a. POLB50Y3 Canadian Government and Politics and POLB50H3 Canada's Political Institutions
   b. One C- or D-level course in Canadian Politics (choose from: POLC37H3, POLC53H3, POLC54H3, POLC57H3, POLC66H3, POLC67H3, POLC68H3, POLD50H3, POLD51H3, POLD52H3)

3. Fundamentals of Public Policy (1.0 credits)
   a. POLC66H3 Public Policy Making
   b. POLC67H3 Public Policy in Canada

4. Economics for Public Policy (1.0 credits)
   a. Introduction to Micro- and Macroeconomics [[ECMA01H3 & ECMA05H3] or [ECMA04H3 & ECMA06H3]]
   b. ECMB35H3 Public Decision Making or ECMB36H3 Economic Aspects of Public Policy (Cost Benefit Analysis)

5. Research Methods (1.0 credits with at least 0.5 in qualitative methods)
   Quantitative Methods courses include:
   • ANTC35H3 Quantitative Methods in Anthropology
   • ECMB11H3 Quantitative Methods in Economics I
   • GGRA30H3 Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Empirical Reasoning
   • POLB11H3 Statistics for Public Policy
   • PSYB07H3 Data Analysis in Psychology
   • SOCB06H3 Social Statistics or
   • STAB22H3 Statistics I
   Qualitative Methods courses include:
   • ANTB19H3 Ethnography and the Comparative Study of Human Societies
   • GGRRB02H3 The Logic of Geographic Thought
   • SOCB05H3 Logic of Social Inquiry
• SOCC23H3 Practicum in Qualitative Research Methods
• POLC78H3 Political Analysis I

6. Application of Public Policy (2.50 credits) from the following list* of Public Policy courses or other courses with the approval of the supervisor of studies. Of these, 1.0 credits must be from the C or D level courses in Political Science.

• CITC04H3 Municipal Planning Law in Ontario
• CITC07H3 Urban Social Policy
• CITC12H3 Local Government and Management
• CITC15H3 Taxing and Spending: Public Finances in Canadian Cities
• CITC16H3 Planning and Governing the Metropolis
• CITC18H3 Urban Transportation Policy Analysis
• ECMB35H3 Public Decision Making
• ECMB36H3 Economic Aspects of Public Policy
• ECMC31H3 Economics of the Public Sector: Taxation
• ECMC32H3 Economics of the Public Sector: Expenditures
• ECMC34H3 Economics of Health Care
• ECMC38H3 The Economics of Canadian Public Policy
• ECMC91H3 Economics and Government
• GGRC13H3 Urban Political Geography
• IDSB01H3 Political Economy of International Development
• IDSB04H3 International Health Policy Analysis
• MGTC42H3 Public Management
• MGTC45H3 The Changing World of Business – Government Relations
• POLC53H3 Canadian Environmental Politics
• POLC54H3 Intergovernmental Relations in Canada
• POLC57H3 Intergovernmental Relations and Public Policy
• POLC65H3 Political Strategy
• POLC82H3 The Formulation of American Foreign Policy
• POLC83H3 The Application of American Foreign Policy
• POLC93H3 Public Policies in the United States
• POLD50H3 Political Interests, Political Identity, and Public Policy
• POLD52H3 Immigration and Canadian Political Development
• POLD64H3 Comparative Public Policy
• POLD89H3 Global Environmental Politics
• POLD90H3 Public Policy and Human Development in the Global South
• SOCB47H3 Social Inequality
• SOCC37H3 Environment and Society

* Many of these courses have prerequisites, please plan accordingly. In addition, we recommend taking methods courses from within your disciplinary major program.
2. **DELETED COURSES**

- **POLB50H3**  
  Canada’s Political Institutions  
  - This course is being deleted in anticipation of it being replaced by a proposed Y course - POLB50Y - that incorporates the content of POLB50H3 with that of POLB52H. If POLB50Y is not approved, POLB50H3 will not be deleted.

- **POLB52H3**  
  Canadian Politics: Connecting Citizens and Governments  
  - This course is being deleted in anticipation of it being replaced by a proposed Y course - POLB50Y - that incorporates the content of POLB52H3 with that of POLB50H. If POLB50Y is not approved, POLB52H3 will not be deleted.

- **POLC84H3**  
  Canadian Foreign Policy I  
  - This course has not been offered for many years, and there are no plans to offer it in the future.

- **POLC85H3**  
  Canadian Foreign Policy II  
  - This course has not been offered for many years, and there are no plans to offer it in the future.

- **POLC86H3**  
  - The faculty member who taught this course has retired.

3. **NEW COURSES**

**POLB50Y Canadian Government and Politics**

This course examines the institutional foundations and principles of Canadian government, and the social, cultural, and historical factors that shape its politics. Topics covered are the Canadian constitution, the executive, parliament, the public service, the federal system, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the courts, political parties, the electoral system, interest groups, social movements, Quebec nationalism, and aboriginal self-determination.

**Prerequisite:** Any 4.0 credits  
**Exclusion:** (POLB50H3), (POLB52H3), POL214Y, POL224Y  
**Breadth Category:** Social & Behavioural Sciences

**Rationale:**

This course will replace two H courses by merging their content into a single Y course. The two courses being replaced (and deleted) are POLB50H3 (“Canada’s Political Institutions”) and POLB52H3 (“Canadian Politics: Connecting Citizens and Governments”).

A Y course can achieve pedagogical goals that cannot be accomplished in the current format of two single-semester H courses, for instance, one of the primary goals of the Y course is to give students a practical, hands-on understanding of Canadian politics by participating in a Model Parliament. The current format of a 13-week course precludes this learning opportunity for POLB50H3 because thirteen weeks is simply too short a period of time for students to acquire the knowledge that is needed to make simulation of a parliamentary session a useful learning experience. The requisite knowledge includes a knowledge of the functioning of Parliament and federalism (topics covered in POLB50H3), as well as of the platforms of political parties and the wider societal context of Canadian politics (topics covered in POLB52H3). No amount of re-jigging of content across the two
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half courses, POLB50H3 and POLB52H3, will give students in either of these single courses the background they need to participate meaningfully in a Model Parliament.

The Model Parliament would occur in the Winter semester, likely at the Provincial Legislature, and the students would spend time in the Fall and Winter semesters preparing for the event. A number of year-long Canadian politics courses at other universities—including at Carleton—employ with great success a Model Parliament. One possibility would be to invite as different political parties the students in the second-year Canadian Politics courses at UTM and UTSG, both of which are full-year Y courses.

Additionally, continuity of students across POLB50H3 and POLB52H3 in consecutive sections cannot be assumed. Although the Calendar strongly recommends that students take the two courses consecutively in a single academic year, there is no requirement for them to do so (presumably, that is the logic of H courses). Students may—and do—take POLB50H3 in one academic year, and POLB52H3 in a subsequent academic year. Until the two courses are merged into one, students will be handicapped in their ability to gain the holistic understanding of Canadian politics that is needed to understand why Canadian politics—and Canada’s parliament--function as they do. Moreover, because a Y course is ordinarily taught by a single instructor, the possibility for coherence and comprehensive coverage of Canadian politics is considerably strengthened.

**POLC80H3 International Relations of Africa**

This course introduces students to the International Relations of Africa. This course applies the big questions in IR theory to a highly understudied region. The first half of the course focuses on security and politics, while the latter half pays heed to poverty, economic development, and multilateral institutions.

Prerequisite: POLB80H3. Students who have completed IDSA02H3 may enrol with the permission of the instructor.

Recommended Preparation: POLB81H3

Breadth Requirement: Social & Behavioural Sciences

**POLD92H3 Survival and Demise of Dictatorships**

This course will provide an introduction to theories of why some dictatorships survive while others do not. We will explore theories rooted in regime type, resources, state capacity, parties, popular protest, and leadership. We will then examine the utility of these approaches through in-depth examinations of regime crises in Ethiopia, Iran, China, the USSR, and South Africa.

Recommended Preparation: POLB92H3 and POLB93H3

Enrolment Limits: 25

Breadth Requirement: Social & Behavioural Sciences
4. CONSENT AGENDA COURSE CHANGES:

- POLC16H3 Chinese Politics
  - Add Prerequisite
  - Revise Recommended Preparation
- POLD01H3 Research Seminar in Politics
  - Revise Prerequisite
- POLD51H3 Topics in Canadian and Comparative Politics
  - Revise Prerequisite
- POLD64H3 Comparative Public Policy
  - Revise Prerequisite
- POLD70H3 Topics in Political Theory
  - Delete Recommended Preparation