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political and legal thought track, meanwhile, would be appropriate for students interested in law school, human rights advocacy, and ethics.

3. THIS PROPOSAL INVOLVES: (Please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Courses in other colleges | <input type="checkbox"/> Courses in proposer's college that are frequently taken by students in other colleges | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course in the core curriculum | <input type="checkbox"/> Change in course sequencing for an existing program | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courses that have to be added to the inventory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change in admission requirements (external or internal) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Requirements not explicit in the catalog language (e.g., lists of acceptable courses maintained by department office) | |

4. SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE:

- a. Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? Yes No
If yes, then how would you do so?
- b. Do you anticipate a net change in the number of students in your college? Yes No
If yes, how many more (or fewer) students do you expect?
- c. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from outside of your college taking classes in your college? Yes No
If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.
- d. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from your college taking courses in other colleges? Yes No
If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.

If 4 a, b, c, or d was answered with yes, please answer the following questions:

If the proposal has potential budgetary impacts for another college/school, such as requiring new sections or a non-negligible increase in the number of seats offered, at least one contact must be at the college-level.

How many students do you expect to be impacted?

Impacted schools must be contacted and their response(s) included:

Person communicated with:

Date of communication:

Response:

- e. Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum or other basic education requirements (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? If yes, explain:

If yes, Undergraduate Studies must be informed of the proposed changes and their response included:

Person communicated with:

Date of communication:

Response:

- f. Will this proposal change the number of hours required for degree completion?

Note: THECB Semester Credit Hour Change Form required, download from URL:

<http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/reports/DocFetch.cfm?DocID=2419&format=doc>

If yes, explain:

5. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS

Department approval date: 5/31/16 and 3/28/17 Approved by whom: GOV department faculty.

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College approval date: 04/19/17

Approved by whom: COLA Curriculum Design &
Assessment Cmte

Dean approval date: 06/05/17

Approved by whom: COLA Faculty

PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:⁴

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Major

30 semester hours of government, at least 18 of which must be upper-division ~~[, including]~~

Students may satisfy the requirements of the major by taking one of the following two sequences:

I. At least one upper-division course from each of three of the ~~[six]~~ seven fields into which the department's work is divided:

- (1) political theory
- (2) American government and politics
- (3) public and comparative law
- (4) public policy
- (5) comparative politics
- (6) international relations
- (7) research methods

II. At least twelve hours in one of four tracks:

- (1) political and legal thought
- (2) U.S. politics and policy
- (3) world politics
- (4) methods of inquiry

The political and legal thought track includes courses in fields 1 and 3; the U.S. politics and policy track includes courses in fields 2 and 4; the world politics track includes courses in fields 5 and 6; and the methods of inquiry track includes courses in field 7.

Lower division hours other than GOV 310 and 312 may be used to satisfy the required twelve hours in a track.

Government majors must also take at least one three hour research seminar or internship course in Government.

All Government courses that satisfy the Independent Inquiry Flag count as Government research seminars.

Government internship courses include Government 362L, *Government Research Internship*; Government 662L, *Government Research Internship-DC*; Government 371N, *Administrative Internship*; GOV 372N, *Campaigns and Elections Internship*; GOV 373N, *Legislative Internship*; and GOV 374N, *Political Internship*.

Government majors must also complete at least three semester hours in a tools course, chosen from Government 339L, *Research Methods in Government*; Government 341M, *Decision Theory*; Government 342N, *Public Choice*; and Government 350K, *Statistical Analysis in Political Science*.

Students may choose to satisfy the tools course requirement by completing one of the following non-government course options; these courses may not be counted toward the semester hours and grade point average required for the major.

- Three semester hours of statistics chosen from Economics 329; Educational Psychology 371; ~~Mathematics 346;~~ Psychology 418; Social Work 318; Sociology 317L; Statistics 309; Statistics and Data Sciences 301, 302, 304, 305, 306
- Three semester hours of logic, chosen from Philosophy 312, 313, 313K, 313Q; Tutorial Course 310 (for Plan II students)

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- Six semester hours of upper-division coursework in one foreign language, excluding courses conducted in English

All government majors must earn a grade of at least C- in each course counted toward fulfillment of the major requirements. A minimum grade point average of 2.00 in courses taken at the University and counted toward the major is also required.

No more than six hours of internship coursework may be counted toward the major, including transfer credit earned in internship courses at other institutions of higher education.

No student may register for more than nine semester hours of government in one semester without the consent of an undergraduate adviser in the Department of Government.

¹ See <https://facultycouncil.utexas.edu/degree-program-changes> for detailed explanations.

² Submit required Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board forms to the provost's office (lydia.cornell@austin.utexas.edu); downloadable from URL <https://facultycouncil.utexas.edu/theccb-forms>

³ **EXCLUSIVE:** of *exclusive* application and of primary interest only to a single college or school ("no protest" period is *seven calendar days*); **GENERAL:** of *general* interest to more than one college or school (but not for submission to the General Faculty) ("no protest" period is *fourteen calendar days*); *major* legislation must be submitted to the General Faculty for adoption ("no protest" period is *fourteen calendar days*).

⁴ The proposed text should be based on the text of the current catalog available at:

<http://catalog.utexas.edu/undergraduate/>

Strike through and replace (with underlines) only the specific language to be changed. Do NOT use track changes, and do not include hyperlinks in the catalog copy. Submit form electronically to the Office of the General Faculty and Faculty Council at fc@austin.utexas.edu. For questions on completing this section, please contact Victoria Cervantes, fc@austin.utexas.edu, 471-5934 or Brenda Schumann, brenda.schumann@austin.utexas.edu, 475-7654.