South Dakota Board of Regents

EXISTING PROGRAM: SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM MODIFICATION
This form is used to request substantive changes in already existing programs (majors, minors, specializations).

1. INSTITUTION:    South Dakota State University

2. CURRENT PROGRAM NAME:    Political Science

3. THIS PROPOSAL DEALS WITH A CHANGE IN:
   Distribution of Credits
   
   X  total credits required within the discipline
   
   _____  total credits of supportive course work
   
   X  total credits of elective course work
   
   _____  total credits required for program

4. LEVEL:
   
   _____  Certificate
   
   _____  Associate Degree
   
   X  Bachelor’s Degree
   
   _____  Master’s Degree
   
   _____  Doctoral Degree

5. CATEGORY:
   
   _____  Minor
   
   _____  x  Major
   
   _____  Specialization

6. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGE:    Fall 2011

7. IF A NAME CHANGE IS PROPOSED, THIS WILL OCCUR:
   
   _____  on the effective date for all students
   
   _____  on the effective date for students new to the program
   (enrolled students will graduate from existing program)
**8. PRIMARY ASPECTS OF THE MODIFICATION:**

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**9. EXPLANATION OF THE CHANGE:**

The program notes currently read: Students who take Math 121 or Math 123 may apply a total of 6 credits from CSC 205, Stat 281, Soc 307 or Soc 308 toward the 36 credits of Political Science work. The new course, Pols 280 Political Inquiry, provides students with an introduction to statistical analysis and the methodology of Political Science. For most majors, this will be an adequate introduction to statistics. Thus, all students will take 36 credits in Political Science course work for the major; no outside courses will count in the major. Advisors will suggest that students who feel they need additional familiarity with statistics should take one of these non-departmental courses as an elective.

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Institutional Authorization (President or Designee)  
4/26/11  
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