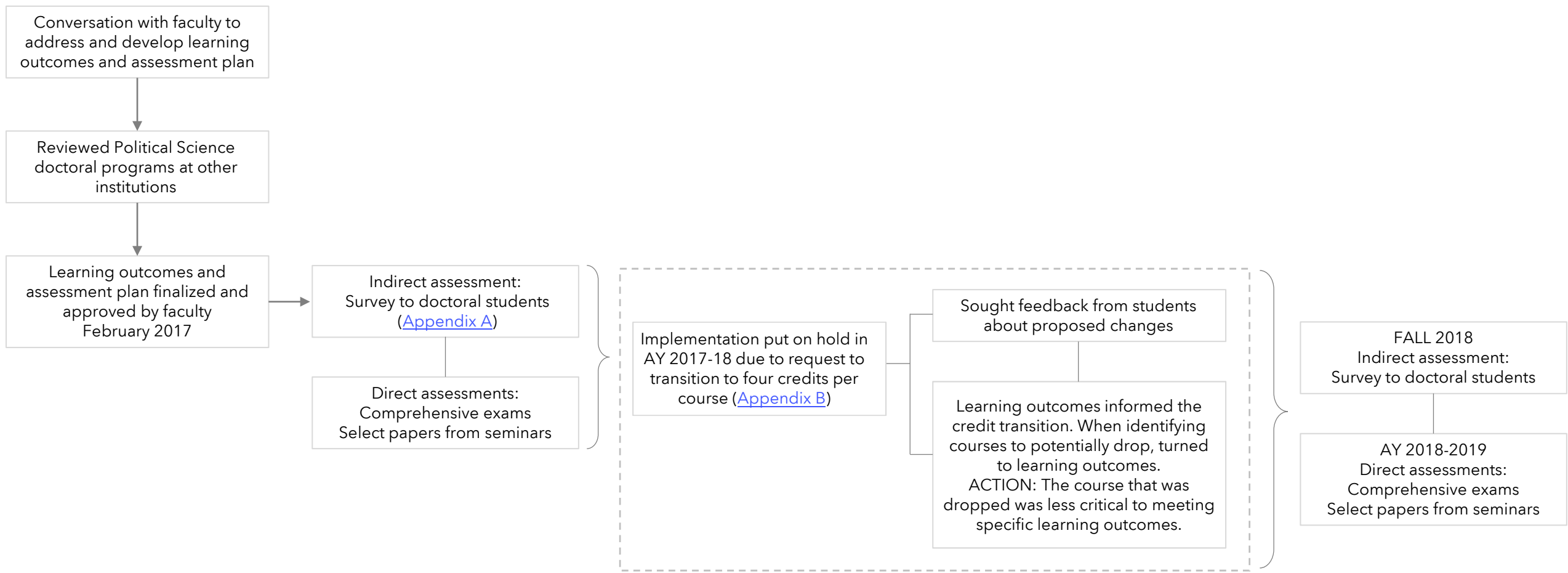


Political Science Doctoral Curriculum Committee Learning Outcomes and Assessment Plan Process



Appendix A:
Department of Political Science
PhD Exit Survey – 2018

Congratulations on completing your doctoral studies at Northeastern. As you take the next steps in your career, we would like to hear about your future plans and your experiences at Northeastern. Please complete the following survey. Your responses are confidential.

Future Plans

1. What are your immediate plans? (choose all that apply)
 - a. I have an academic position
 - b. I have a non-academic position
 - c. I am searching for an academic position
 - d. I am searching for a non-academic position
 - e. Other _____

2. What type of employment position are you most likely to pursue? (choose one)
 - a. Academic
 - b. Non-profit
 - c. For-profit

3. What are your long-term career goals? (choose one)
 - a. Focus on teaching
 - b. Focus on research
 - c. Focus on government/public service
 - d. Other _____

Activities at Northeastern

4. What was your primary field? (choose one)
 - a. American Government
 - b. Comparative Politics
 - c. International Relations
 - d. Public Policy

5. Which of the following did you complete at Northeastern? (choose all that apply)
 - a. Teaching assistant
 - b. Research assistant
 - c. Instructor of record
 - d. None of the above

6. How many professional academic conferences did you attend while at Northeastern?

7. How many papers did you deliver at professional conferences? _____

8. List any other types of professional activities:

9. How many peer-reviewed publications did you complete while at Northeastern? _____
 - a. How many were solely-authored _____ or jointly-authored _____ ?

Assessment of Your Northeastern Experience

10. How important were the following activities in your development as a teacher and researcher:

	Not Important		Very Important	Not Applicable	
a. Serving as a teaching assistant	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....5	NA
b. Serving as a research assistant	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....5	NA
c. Attending a professional conference			etc.		
d. Delivering a paper at a professional conference					
e. Participating in a teaching workshop or similar activity					
f. Serving as an instructor of record					
g. Receiving mentorship from faculty					

11. Based upon your PhD experience at Northeastern, how satisfied are you with your ability in the following areas:

	Not Satisfied		Very Satisfied	Not Applicable	
a. Knowledge of academic literature and theories in the following fields:					
-American government	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....5	NA
-Comparative politics	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....5	NA
-International relations			etc.		
-Public policy					
-Quantitative methods					
-Qualitative methods					
b. Ability to analyze current political issues in the context of political science theories					
c. Apply and evaluate research methods					
d. Apply and evaluate statistical skills					
e. Communicate effectively in written formats relevant to political science					
f. Communicate effectively in oral formats relevant to political science					
g. Practice professional behavior in teaching					
h. Practice professional behavior in conducting research					

12. Based upon your PhD experience at Northeastern, how satisfied are you with the following services from the program:

	Not Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Not Applicable
a. Opportunities for interaction and collaboration with faculty	1.....2.....3.....4.....5		NA
b. Academic advising	1.....2.....3.....4.....5		NA
c. General career planning			
d. Preparation for a career in teaching			
e. Preparation for a career in research			
f. Preparation for a non-academic career			
g. Support for job search			
h. Overall educational experience in the program			

12. What do you consider as *two major strengths* of the PhD program in Political Science?

i. _____

ii. _____

13. What do you consider as *two major weaknesses* of the PhD program in Political Science?

i. _____

ii. _____

14. What *recommendations* do you have to improve the PhD program in Political Science?

THANKS FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY.



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Department of Political Science Meeting

Present: *Abrahms; Aldrich; Beauchamp; Garcia; Garey; Jimenez; Kay; Lazer; Livanis; Mayer; McDonagh; Miles; O'Bryant; Panagopoulos; Portz; Rochefort; Sullivan; Vicino*

Absent: *Barreto (sabbatical); Bormann; Chen; Clough (leave); Cross; D'Amanati-Karanou; Delmas; Dukakis (leave); Flynn; Jimenez; Livanis; Rodine-Hardy; Tolley (sabbatical); Waxman*

The Department meeting convened at 3:00pm in RP 310.

I. Approval of minutes

- No minutes were approved. Professor Vicino announced that the preparation of minutes from previous minutes was delayed. He described the challenge of chairing a meeting while simultaneously taking minutes. A discussion was facilitated about best practices for keeping minutes. Professor Vicino will identify another person to take minutes in the future.

II. Announcements (Vicino)

- Professor Vicino welcomed the faculty and staff back for the beginning of the spring semester and new calendar year. He introduced Rosy Trovato as the Academic Administrator in the Department. He announced the departure of Eric Winter from the CSSH Office of Undergraduate Advising. He thank Eric for his nearly 6 years of service to the department and wished him well in his new position in the College of Engineering. Sidita Kushi, a doctoral candidate, was announced as a winner of the Provost's Dissertation Completion Fellowship.
- Professor Vicino announced multiple upcoming deadlines including the annual meeting of the APSA. He also reminded the department about upcoming events including Co-op reflection sessions, Contemporary Issues in SRS, and the RISE event in April.
- Professor Vicino shared "Save the Dates" for the following events:
 - Feb. 12-13: PhD yield event; all faculty should participate.
 - Feb. 22 1:30pm; Prof. Gilbert speaking; Prof. Kay organizing.
 - April 30; 6pm: end of year event with students and parents.
- Professor Vicino shared reminders for the following:
 - Add/drop period—7th day of classes with no penalty.
 - All faculty must distribute a hard copy and e-copy on BB.
 - No classroom changes due to enrollment and space challenges.
 - Please update emergency contacts on myNortheastern.

III. Update on faculty searches (Vicino)

- Professor Delmas (through email via Professor Vicino) shared updates on the CSSH search in Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Ethics search (CSSH). Several political scientists are finalists and may visit campus. Stay tuned for schedules.
- Professor Lazer shared updates on the Network Science search in CSSH. Professor Betsy Sinclair will visit campus in February, who is Associate Professor with tenure in the Department of Political Science at Washington University in St. Louis.
- Professor Vicino announced that the Open Rank Teaching Professor search yield approximately 200 candidates. The search committee is reviewing applications in January, and interviews are planned for the mid-spring semester.

IV. Update on curriculum planning (Vicino)

- Professor Vicino discussed curriculum planning for the fall 2018 semester and described the 3-year course planning process. The fall scheduled is completed and will be submitted to the Registrar at the end of the month. Reviews of 3-year plans continue. He discussed the importance of the core curriculum mission and teaching across the curriculum.

V. Discussion and vote on 4 SH conversion for graduate programs (old business):

- Professor Portz led a continued discussion of old business on the 4 SH conversion. A proposal was reviewed to change the curriculum of the PhD Program. Faculty discussed the pros and cons of the proposal, particularly with respects to issues of core course requirements of the seminars and methodological training requirements. The faculty voted 22-0-1 to adopt the revised program proposal (see attached).

The department meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

PhD in Political Science Semester Hour Conversion Curriculum Revision

Bachelor's Degree Entry

CURRENT PROGRAM - (Total SH required) 48
 General Requirements (8 courses) (24 sh)
 Elective Requirements (8 courses) (24 sh)

REVISED PROGRAM - (Total SH required) 56
 General Requirements (6 courses) (24 sh)
 Elective Requirements (8 courses) (32 sh)

Code	Title	Hours
Inquiry and Design		
POLS 7200	Perspectives on Social Science Inquiry	3
POLS 7201	Research Design	3
Quantitative Techniques		
Advanced methods courses from other disciplines may be chosen in consultation with your faculty advisor.		
POLS 7202	Quantitative Techniques	3
POLS 7215 or LPSC 7215	Advanced Quantitative Techniques Advanced Quantitative Techniques	3
Seminars		
POLS 7204	Seminar in Public Policy	3
POLS 7205	Seminar in American Government and Politics	3
POLS 7206	Seminar in Comparative Politics	3
POLS 7207	Seminar in International Relations	3

Electives

Courses from other disciplines may be chosen in consultation with your faculty advisor.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 24 semester hours from the following:		24
POLS 7200 to POLS 7978		

Code	Title	Hours
Inquiry and Design		
POLS 7200	Perspectives on Social Science Inquiry	3
POLS 7201	Research Design	4
Quantitative Techniques		
Advanced methods courses from other disciplines may be chosen in consultation with your faculty advisor.		
POLS 7202	Quantitative Techniques	4
POLS 7215 or LPSC 7215	Advanced Quantitative Techniques Advanced Quantitative Techniques	4
Seminars		
Complete 12 semester hours from the following:		
POLS 7204	Seminar in Public Policy	4
POLS 7205	Seminar in American Government and Politics	4
POLS 7206	Seminar in Comparative Politics	4
POLS 7207	Seminar in International Relations	4

Electives

Courses from other disciplines may be chosen in consultation with your faculty advisor.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 24 32 semester hours from the following:		32
POLS 7200 to POLS 7978		

PhD in Political Science Semester Hour Conversion Curriculum Revision
Bachelor's Degree Entry

POLS 8982

Readings

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Exam and Dissertation

Code	Title	Hours
Exam Preparation		
POLS 8960	Exam Preparation—Doctoral	
Dissertation		
Complete the following (repeatable) course twice:		
POLS 9990	Dissertation	
Dissertation Continuation		
Complete the following (repeatable) course until graduation:		
POLS 9996	Dissertation Continuation	

Program Credit/GPA Requirements

48 total semester hours required
 Minimum 3.500 GPA required

Exam and Dissertation

Code	Title	Hours
Exam Preparation		
POLS 8960	Exam Preparation—Doctoral	
Dissertation		
Complete the following (repeatable) course twice:		
POLS 9990	Dissertation	
Dissertation Continuation		
Complete the following (repeatable) course until graduation:		
POLS 9996	Dissertation Continuation	

Program Credit/GPA Requirements

56 total semester hours required
 Minimum 3.500 GPA required