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## **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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**NOTE: The curricular form for each item listed may be accessed at [www.marshall.edu/senate/ucc](http://www.marshall.edu/senate/ucc). Click the UCC Agendas/Minutes link; click the link for the November 7, 2014 meeting date; click the link in the Description column to open a particular item.**

Recommends approval of the listed **UNDERGRADUATE MINOR ADDITION** in the following colleges and/or schools/program: **COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS:**

Name of Minor: **Constitutional Democracy**  
Within Major: Political Science (PSC)

**Rationale:**

The Dr. Simon D. Perry Program on Constitutional Democracy, resident in the Department of Political Science, has existed for approximately a decade and is considered the academic component of the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy. This program, when pursued by taking 15 hours of Political Science, can result in a minor of Political Science. However, the catalog description encourages students to take courses in addition to Political Science in order to acquire a superior and nuanced understanding of the U.S. Constitution and its legal application; the philosophical underpinnings of our system of government; the impact of historical events on the interpretation of the Constitution; the role of powerful forces and actors in shaping our constitutional system and our politics and governance, both historically and in contemporary times; and the impact of our democratic system of government as reflected in our culture and in the arts.

This program would better serve students if they were able to pursue Constitutional Democracy as an interdisciplinary course of study, including the introductory course in Political Science (PSC 104), plus one of five designated courses (PSC 427, PSC 446, PSC 484, HST 342 or PHL 460), plus 9 hours of whatever combination they choose from a variety of courses in various disciplines, as outlined in the section on "Curriculum." This minor would reflect well on the student's transcript for purposes of admission to graduate programs and law school, and would be a great recruiting tool for Marshall, particularly for students who are eager to feel that they are becoming well-prepared to study law through their undergraduate experience. It also would be helpful to several departments, as students pursuing this program would enroll in courses in departments in addition to Political Science.

**Curriculum:**

PSC 104 (3 hours); 1 of PSC 427, PSC 446, PSC 484, HST 342, or PHL 460 (3 hours), plus 9 additional hours comprising any combination of the courses listed.

**FACULTY SENATE CHAIR:**

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FACULTY SENATE: Larry Stickle DATE: 4/17/2015

DISAPPROVED BY THE  
FACULTY SENATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:**

APPROVED: Gay E. White DATE: 5/11/15

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**COMMENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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