

**Montana Board of Regents
Level I Program Change Request**

INSTITUTION: The University of Montana-Missoula

ITEM NO.: 118-1011+R0103

PROGRAM: Department of Political Science

DATE: January 16, 2003

Level I proposals include campus initiatives typically characterized by (a) minimal costs; (b) clear adherence to approved campus mission; and (c) the absence of significant programmatic impact on other institutions within the Montana University System and community colleges.

Action Requested (check all that apply):

- 1. Re-title existing majors, minors, options.
- 2. Eliminate existing major, minor, option via a Program Termination Checklist
- 3. Add new minor where there is a major;
- 4. Merge departments or change name;
- 5. Revise program; and
- 6. Authorize distance delivery of previously authorized degree program.

Level I with Level II documentation: With Level II documentation circulated to all chief academic officers in advance, OCHE may propose additional items for the Level I process. For these items to move forward, the Commissioner or designee must reach consensus with the chief academic officers. When consensus is not achieved, the Commissioner or designee will move the item to the Level II review process.

Action Requested (check all that apply):

- 7. New minor, option, or certificate within an existing major or degree;
- 8. Eliminate organizational units w/in larger institution (*except the 5 COTs*);
- 9. Consolidate existing programs and/or degrees.

Specify Request:

Request to offer the Masters of Public Administration degree (MPA) through distance delivery. The Political Science department has plans to offer four MPA courses per calendar year over the internet. This will allow students to complete their MPA degree over a four year time period. The courses to be offered are a part of the existing MPA curriculum and required for the degree. The only change is that they will now be available on line.

DISPOSITION:	DATE	ACTION
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Recording		