


**Memorandum**

To: Faculty Senate  
Seton Hall University

From: Karen E. Boroff, Ph.D.  
Interim Provost and Executive Vice President

Re: Approval of the Political Science and Public Affairs Department's Proposed  
3-3 BA/JD Degree  
(2019-FS-18)

Date: September 13, 2019 

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The Office of the Provost is in receipt of the June 7<sup>th</sup> Faculty Senate approval of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration's 3+3 BA/JD degree. This proposal outlines a program where Political Science majors complete their undergraduate coursework in approximately three years. These students receive their BA degree after completion of the first year of the law program at the Seton Hall Law School. This combination makes it possible for students to receive both the BA and JD in six years, instead of the usual seven years. This combination program should allow the department to compete for more academically strong applicants. A similar arrangement already exists between other campus partners and Seton Hall Law. The Law School has 3+3 programs with other colleges and universities.

The Department of Political Science and Public Affairs indicates in the proposal that they expect on average 3 – 5 students to enroll in the program. It should appeal to those students who know as undergraduates that they are intent on a career in law and who also desire to go to Seton Hall Law. There are no added courses, faculty, or facilities needs, and the impact on other departments will be small. However, it should be understood that there could be an impact, perhaps a very small one if the numbers are as projected, on the tuition revenue in the College of Arts and Sciences.

It is noted that the students apply in the junior year after they have taken the LSAT and satisfy a particular grade point average, and the requirements in this area are set by the Law School for all admitted students. As many law schools move away from the LSAT in favor of the GRE, it is assumed that these students will need to meet whatever standards are in place for prospective Law School applicants, and there is no guarantee of admission or any special preference for Seton Hall students. While there is a pathway through the curriculum that references political science courses, Core and English courses, it only generally references the rest of the A&S core and two general electives. I understand that these students must complete the major and all A&S requirements. Please prepare a few sample audits for students to see how it is possible to complete this program in six semesters. Please also prepare the catalogue language for this program now and give it to Dr. Burton. Third, please provide the instructions for academic advisors for this program and give these to Dr. Burton as well. With this attention to giving students good information for moving through the curriculum, I approve this program.