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Office of the President
April 25, 2024

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE RECOMMENDATION:
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Law and Justice, in the Department of Political Science, within the College of Arts and Sciences.

Background: The proposed degree in Law and Justice provides students a grounding in the study of law, politics and society in the U.S. and abroad. Law and Justice is explicitly interdisciplinary in character, distinguishing it from other programs that students with an interest in legal studies typically follow. The program requirements develop strengths in data analytics, writing and composition, and conducting original research. The degree prepares students in court administration, mediation, law enforcement, public interest fields, legislatures, and government, as well as advanced study in law school or graduate school.

The degree will offer a tailored program to meet the educational needs of a large contingent of Arts and Sciences undergraduates who are pre-law or interested in legal studies and will feature a curriculum that is directly tailored to students with an interest in law, justice, and the courts, which the Political Science major alone does not accomplish.

The program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation. Pending approval by the Board of Trustees, the program will begin the review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____