

## **Notification of Request for Authorization under the Degree-Granting Institutions Act**

**Date posted:** July 10, 2013  
**Institution:** Columbia College  
**Current status:** Authorized to offer degree programs primarily to military personnel at its sites in Marysville and Whidbey Island  
**Nature of request:** Authorization to advertise and recruit for three additional degree programs to be offered exclusively via distance learning

**Proposed programs:**  
Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration  
Bachelor of Arts in English  
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

**Background:**  
Columbia College is a private, non-profit institution based in St. Louis, MO. It has been accredited by the North Central Association – Higher Learning Commission (NCA-HLC) since 1918.

**Nature of the review:**  
Prior to granting authorization to advertise and recruit for new degree programs in Washington State, the Washington Student Achievement Council/Degree Authorization reviews elements such as program outcomes, course requirements, method of course delivery, faculty credentials, and student services.

The programs to be advertised by Columbia College appear to meet the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act.

Information on the additional programs can be found at the end of this notice.

**Timeline:**

The Council will accept comments on this application until July 24, 2013.

Any individuals with knowledge that may indicate the institution and/or the program does not meet the authorization requirements of WAC 250-61 are requested to submit comments to:

[Degree Authorization](#).

If you would like to know more about the current law and regulations that govern the program, they can be found at the following links: the statute is [RCW 28B.85](#) and the regulation is [WAC 250-61](#).

Program Title:

**Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration**

Program Outcomes:

“Students completing the degrees in public administration will be prepared for positions in the public arena such as national, state, and local administrative offices, in non-profit organization, in private organizations under government contract, and more.”

Number of Credits: 120 semester credits

Mode of Delivery: Distance Learning

Required Courses:

General Education: (38-40 credits)

Ethics Course: (3 credits)

PHIL 330 Ethics

Foreign Language: (6 credits)

Multicultural: (3 credits)

Core Courses: (all courses are 3 credits each unless otherwise noted) (42 credits)

ECON 293	Macroeconomics
ECON 294	Microeconomics
MGMT 330	Principles of Management
MGMT 360	Organization Theory OR
MGMT 362	Organization Behavior
PSYC 336	Industrial/Organizational Psychology OR
HUMS 345	Working with Communities
POSC 111	American National Government
POSC 215	State and Local Government
POSC/PADM 311	Public Administration and Policy
POSC/PADM 315	American Public Policy
PADM 320	Non-Profit Organization and Management
PADM 325	Public Financial Resources Administration
PADM 330	Public Human Resources Administration
PADM 335	Methods of Public Decision Making

Students choose one of the following:

PSOC 360	U.S. Foreign Policy
HUMS/SOCI 365	American Social Policy
POSC/PADM 395	Political Science and Public Administration Methods
POSC/PADM 495	Independent Study in Political Science and Public Administration

Minor: Students are encouraged to complete a minor in a related field.

Electives: 26-28 credits

Program Title:

**Bachelor of Arts in English**

Program Outcomes:

“The Bachelor of arts in English provides a foundation for career preparation and graduate study. It emphasizes clear communication and critical thinking, skills fundamental to all areas of career and liberal arts studies, and offers, through literary study, a basis for growth in understanding the human condition. Society, the professions, college constituents and the individual student are well served, directly and indirectly, by the influences of an English major, which may also be effectively combined with other academic or career areas.”

Number of Credits: 120 semester credits

Mode of Delivery: Distance learning

Required Courses: (all courses are 3 credits each unless otherwise noted)

General Education: (38-41 credits)

Ethics Course: (3 credits)

PHIL 330 Ethics OR

ENGL 331 Ethical Issues in Literature

Foreign Language: (6 credits)

Multicultural: (3 credits)

Literature Emphasis: (39 credits total)

Literature Core: (21 credits)

ENGL 231 English Literature 1

ENGL 232 English Literature 11

ENGL 241 American Literature 1

ENGL 242 American Literature 11

ENGL 351 Readings in Shakespeare

ENGL 431 Senior Seminar

ENGL 490 Literary and Critical Theory

Literature Electives: (18 credits)

ENGL 207 Introduction to Creative Writing I – Multigenre

ENGL 323 The Hero in Mythology

ENGL 360 Readings in Fiction

ENGL 397 Science Fiction and Fantasy

ENGL 450 Minority and Ethnic Literature of the United States

Students may choose one of the following courses to serve as one emphasis elective:

ENGL 210 Introduction to Fiction

ENGL 211 Introduction to Poetry

Open Electives: (31-34 credits)

Program Title:

**Bachelor of Arts in Political Science**

Program Outcomes:

“The Bachelor of Arts in Political Science offers students the opportunity to examine government from theoretical and practical perspectives. As a discipline, Political Science is concerned with theoretical issues such as democracy, justice and equality, and also with such practical issues as the constitutional structure of governments and the relations between branches and levels of government. Political Science also cultivates an understanding of governmental systems in other areas of the world, the manner in which nations interact, and various modes of citizen participation. Students are exposed to these concepts in the classroom. Other learning experiences are also available, including participation in the Columbia College Mock Trial Team and Model United Nations Team.

A degree in Political Science can lead to careers in government, international affairs, journalism, politics, public relations, graduate study in law, public administration, political science and other academic fields.”

Number of Credits: 120 semester credits

Mode of Delivery: Distance learning

Required Courses: (all courses are 3 credits each unless otherwise noted)

General Education: (38-41 credits)

Ethics Course: (3 credits)

PHIL 330 Ethics

Foreign Language: (6 credits)

Multicultural: (part of core)

Core Courses: (18 credits)

POSC 111 American National Government

POSC 292 International Relations

POSC 390 Political Science Research Methods

POSC 402 (PHIL 402) Classical Political Philosophy

POSC 403 (PHIL 403) Modern Political Philosophy

POSC 490 Independent Study in Political Science (Senior Thesis)

Political Science Electives: (30 credits)

Any course with a POSC prefix at the 200-level or higher may be used to fulfill major electives.

However, students must take a minimum of twelve hours from each of the following two tracks.

A maximum of six hours may be taken as POSC 399 Internship.

Track A: American Politics

POSC 215 State and Local Government

POSC 280 (AMST 280) American Political and Social Thought

POSC 311 (MGMT 311) Public Administration and Policy

POSC 315 American Public Policy

POSC 330 Media and Politics

POSC 332 The American Presidency

POSC 340          Judicial Process  
POSC 440          Constitutional Law

Track B: International Studies

POSC 321          Politics of Developing Nations  
POSC 326          International Law and Organizations  
POSC 331          European Politics  
POSC 360          U.S. Foreign Policy  
Other Electives: (22-25 credits)