

**PROGRAM FEE REQUEST**

University: **University of Arizona**      College: **College of Social & Behavioral Sciences**

**School of Government and Public Policy (SGPP)**      Program: **BA in Law**

Circle one: **Undergraduate**

Circle one: **Upper Division**

<b>New</b>	\$900/semester..... (Proposed)	Fall, 2014..... (Effective Date)	
<b>Existing</b>	N/A..... (Current)	N/A..... (Proposed)	..... (Year Approved)

**Rationale for Request**

The program fee for a BA in Law is required in order to provide the necessary support within both SGPP and Law. Students in the program will need access to the law library and legal research materials, and additional advising and courses will need to be made available. SGPP currently has \$400 /semester program fee for each of its three degrees (BA in Political Science, BS in Public Management and Policy, BS in Criminal Justice Studies). These students pay \$400/semester in their junior and senior years. The program fee funds are used to develop professional opportunities for the students and to hire instructors, advisors, and support staff. The BA in Law will be even more costly to offer since the cost of instruction in the Law programs is high. New courses will need to be developed and taught for these undergraduates.

**Compliance with Board Guidelines**

The use of the program fees for the Law undergraduate program will largely mirror the use of program fees within SGPP for POLBA, PMPCBS, and CJSBS. The additional uses will be to provide instructional and institutional support within the law school.

- Reserve 14% of all fees for scholarships and 10% for administrative charges
- Hire instructors
- Increase opportunities for professional skill development
- Pay for access to legal research materials and to the law library
- Increase law library support for undergraduate students
- Expand internship opportunities
- Enlarge career network

## Student Consultation

SGPP met with its Student Fee Advisory Board in January 2014 to discuss the potential \$1,800 program fee, and the Board unanimously supported the proposed fee amount. Beyond the many career opportunities that a BA in Law program will provide, it will also give our students a comparative advantage when applying for law school. When considered against the costs of legal education, the Board felt that \$1,800 / semester was easily justifiable.

## MARKET PRICING

We are not aware of similar partnerships or BA programs in Law similar to the one we are planning. We anticipate this joint partnership will become a model others seek to emulate.

## ACCOUNTABILITY:

Financial Aid Set Aside Amount: 14%

### Proposed Annual Revenue

Program Fee	\$	\$1800
Number of Students	#	100
<b>Total Revenue</b>	=	<b>\$180,000</b>

### Proposed Annual Expenditures

Financial Aid Set Aside (14%)	\$	\$25,200
Central Administrative Charge (10%)	\$	\$18,000
Institutional and Advising Personnel	\$	\$56,800
Support Staff	\$	\$50,000
Operating Expenses (library access, \$300 / student)	\$	\$30,000
<b>Total Program Costs</b>	=	<b>\$180,000</b>