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COMMITTEE ON CURRICULA AND COURSES

Proposal to Add a New Graduate Course

Last revised: September xx, 2013

1. Date: 9-27-13
2. Department requesting this course: Pols 5260
3. Semester and year in which course will be first offered: Spring 2008

Final Catalog Listing

Assemble this after you have completed the components below. This listing should not contain any information that is not listed below!

Pols 5260. Democratic Institutions

3 credits. Seminar.

How the rules that structure access to power and the policy-making process differ across countries, how they change over time, and their major political effects. Topics include the electoral system, presidentialism, government formation, legislative committees, federalism, and the courts.

Items Included in Catalog Listing

Obligatory Items

1. Abbreviation for Department, Program or Subject Area: Pols
2. Course Number: 5260
3. Course Title: Democratic Institutions
4. Number of Credits (use digits, "3" not "three"):3
5. Course Description (second paragraph of catalog entry): How the rules that structure access to power and the policy-making process differ across countries, how they change over time, and their major political effects. Topics include the electoral system, presidentialism, government formation, legislative committees, federalism, and the courts.
6. Course Type, if appropriate:
__Lecture __ Laboratory XX_ Seminar __ Practicum

Optional Items

7. Prerequisites, if applicable: None
8. Recommended Preparation, if applicable: None
9. Consent of Instructor, if applicable: No

10. Exclusions, if applicable: No
11. Repetition for credit, if applicable: No
12. S/U grading: No

Justification

1. Reasons for adding this course: This course covers a core topic in comparative politics and also draws significant enrollment from international studies MA students.
2. Academic merit: This course focuses on how power is organized and shows how these choices shape the ways in which political actors organize, the ways in which budgets are shaped, and the stability of democracy generally.
3. Overlapping courses: None
4. Number of students expected: 5-15
5. Number and size of sections: 1
6. Effects on other departments: None
7. Staffing: Matthew Singer
8. Dates approved by
Department Curriculum Committee: 9-25-13
Department Faculty: 10-2-13
9. Name, Phone Number, and e-mail address of principal contact person:

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Syllabus

A syllabus for the new course must be attached to your submission email.

Additional Approval

New graduate courses must also be approved by the Graduate Faculty Council.