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## COMMITTEE ON CURRICULA AND COURSES

### Proposal to Add a New Graduate Course

Last revised: September xx, 2013

1. Date: 9-26-2013
2. Department requesting this course: Pols
3. Semester and year in which course will be first offered: Spring 2017

### Final Catalog Listing

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

#### **Pols 5250: Comparative Voting Behavior**

How the economic, social, and political context affects voters' decision making processes.

### Items Included in Catalog Listing

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#### **Obligatory Items**

1. Abbreviation for Department, Program or Subject Area: Pols
2. Course Number: 5250
3. Course Title: **Comparative Voting Behavior**
4. Number of Credits (use digits, "3" not "three"): 3
5. Course Description (second paragraph of catalog entry): How the economic, social, and political context effects voters' decision making processes.
6. Course Type, if appropriate:  
☐ Lecture ☐ Laboratory ☒ Seminar ☐ Practicum

#### **Optional Items**

7. Prerequisites, if applicable: n/a
8. Recommended Preparation, if applicable: n/a
9. Consent of Instructor, if applicable: n/a
10. Exclusions, if applicable: n/a
11. Repetition for credit, if applicable: n/a
12. S/U grading: no

## **Justification**

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1. Reasons for adding this course: This course allows us to increase our offerings for our majors.
2. Academic merit: As survey data has become more widely available in recent decades, scholars have begun to recognize that models of political behavior developed in the United States may not translate to the multiparty systems that predominate in Europe or in the context of new democracies. This course focuses on these differences across countries and seeks to explain the general patterns that are common across countries as well as the contextual factors that cause patterns of behavior to diverge.
3. Overlapping courses: None at the graduate level.
4. Number of students expected: 5-15
5. Number and size of sections: 1 section (taught every three years)
6. Effects on other departments: None
7. Staffing: Dr. 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:  
Matthew Singer  
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## **Syllabus**

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

## **Additional Approval**

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