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## COMMITTEE ON CURRICULA AND COURSES

### Proposal to Change an Existing Course

Last revised: September 24, 2013

1. Date: 2-17-2014
2. Department requesting this course: POLS
3. Nature of Proposed Change: Change course name and description
4. If proposing to add this course to a CLAS general education area A-E, then
  - a. Specify a CLAS area, A-E: n/a
  - b. Provide justification for inclusion in CLAS area, A-E:  
(Please consult [CLAS guidelines](#) for areas A-E.)
5. [Effective Date](#) (semester, year): ASAP  
(Consult Registrar's change catalog site to determine earliest possible effective date. If a later date is desired, indicate here.)

### Current Catalog Copy

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#### **POLS 5406. Seminar in the American Political System**

Examination of empirical research in American politics, including institutions and processes.

### Proposed Catalog Copy

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(See information in the "Add a course" form if you have any questions regarding specific items.)

#### **POLS 5406. Special Topics in American Politics**

Advanced study of selected topics. Intensive examination of research literature dealing with particular aspects of American politics.

### Justification

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1. [Reasons for changing this course](#): This course has acted as a de facto special topics course while the other core graduate courses on American politics (5407, 5408, 5409) have more fixed content. This change recognizes that difference by emphasizing the potential for content to differ across instructors.
2. Effect on Department's curriculum: None
3. Other departments consulted: None
4. [Effects on other departments](#): None
5. Effects on regional campuses: None
6. [Staffing](#):

7. [Dates approved](#) by

Department Curriculum Committee: Feb 1, 2014

Department Faculty: Feb 1, 2014

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