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PROPOSED COURSE ADDITION OR REVISION
Deadline for Area approval: 21 October 2011

Proposer: Kiril Kolev

Department/Program: Politics and IR

Date: 9/16/2011

Area: Social Sciences

Check appropriate boxes:

☒ New permanent course

    ☐ Replaces existing course:

☐ Change to existing course:

☐ New temporary course

☐ Make temporary course permanent

☐ Eliminate a course

Proposal – one sentence summary:

    This course will discuss the role elections as the basis for establishing a robust democratic regime and will also introduce students in the practice of studying national-level elections.

Proposed subject code(s) (indicate both if cross-listing): POLI

Proposed course # or level: 300 (level) 341

Proposed course title: The World of Elections

Proposed course catalog copy:

Elections are the basis for establishing a robust democratic regime. This course provides an overview of the different waves of democratization and the causes and consequences of free and fair polls. From a more empirical perspective, the course introduces the elements that make an election of acceptable quality and introduces students to the organizations that monitor and evaluate elections, as well as their impact across the world. As a final project students are expected to write an analytical paper on causes and/or consequences of election quality in a particular country or region.

Prerequisites/co-requisites and/or recommended prior courses, as listed in catalog copy:

    MATH 215 or POLI 400 recommended

How will the proposed revision affect any catalog lists of options for majors or minors?

    This will be an addition to the Institutions and Governance course list within the IR major requirements.

Rationale for course within departmental and collegiate context and based on assessment results:

    This will be a good course for students interested in topics of democratization, political institutions and students with future plans for careers in democracy promotion.

Proposed general education code(s) (check all that apply):

    ☐ EA   ☐ HP   ☐ LS   ☐ NS   ☐ NS-L   ☒ SB   ☐ VA   ☐ QS   ☐ W1   ☐ FL   [Curriculum Committee]

    ☐ CW [CW Committee]   ☐ W2 [Writing Across the Curriculum Committee]

Proposed Odyssey code(s) (check all that apply):

    ☐ AC   ☐ GA   ☐ PL   ☐ SW   ☐ UR   ☐ SP   [CEL Committee/Curriculum Committee]

For each of the checked general education or Odyssey codes, describe how the course fulfills the published criteria (see the Catalog, pages 18-23 or the Odyssey Program Guide, pages 10-16):

    SB: Students will become familiar with the incentives that politicians and voters face under alternative institutional arrangements for conducting elections, as well as the factors that lead to institutional reform.

Justification for cross-listing:

How often will the course be offered?

Who will teach the course? Kiril Kolev

Equipment, supply, and bibliographic requirements (items and cost):

Will the above items be covered by a present budget? ☐ Yes   ☐ No

Approval Chain (type name and date of approval)

Department chair: Jay Barth (10/4/11)

Area chair: Allison K. Shutt, 10/12/11