

HENDRIX

PROPOSED COURSE ADDITION OR REVISION

Deadline for Area approval: 21 October 2011

Proposer: Kiril Kolev

Date: 9/25/2011

Department/Program: Politics and International Relations

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:

The course will explore the variation in political and economic trajectories followed by the countries in Central and Eastern Europe since the fall of the Berlin Wall.

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

Proposed course # or level: ~~200~~ 272

Proposed course title: The Politics of Central and Eastern Europe

Proposed course catalog copy:

More than two decades after the fall of the Berlin Wall, Eastern Europe still displays a substantial variation in terms of how democratic its countries are. While some have joined the European Union and NATO, others have become increasingly authoritarian. Economically, Slovenia is more developed and stable than Portugal, while Belarus and the Ukraine are struggling. This class will provide an overview of the causes and consequences of this variation. Specific topics will include democratization and political participation, the economy, ethnic conflict and nationalism and the institutional and political arrangements that underpin those developments.

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

None

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

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

This will be an appropriate course for students with an area-specific interest in Eastern Europe or theoretical interest in the politics and economics of transition.

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: The course will consider a variety of systemic (foreign influence, economic sanctions and incentives) and country-specific (social and political) factors that have affected behavior of politicians and citizens and have led to divergence across the region.

Justification for cross-listing:

How often will the course be offered? Once every two years

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