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COMMITTEE ON CURRICULA AND COURSES

Proposal to Change an Existing Course

Last revised: September 24, 2013

1. Date: Feb 17, 2014
2. Department requesting this course: Pols, PP
3. Nature of Proposed Change: Change titles and course descriptions, and a prerequisite, cross-list
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

Pols 3625. Public Opinion in American Politics

Three credits. Prerequisite: Open to juniors or higher.

Structure and dynamics of public opinion in American politics

PP 3030. Investigating Public Opinion

(242) Three credits.

Concepts, theories, and substance of public opinion and its affect on public policy.

Proposed Catalog Copy

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

Pols 3625. Public Opinion

Three credits. Prerequisite: Open to juniors or higher

Also Offered as PP 3030

Concepts, theories, structure, and substance of public opinion.

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Three credits. Prerequisite: Open to juniors or higher

Also Offered as Pols 3625

Concepts, theories, structure, and substance of public opinion.

Justification

1. **Reasons for changing this course:** In the March C&C meeting, Pols changed the description of Pols 3612 which focused primarily on elections. Pols 3625 focuses more on public opinion. As those divisions in topics between the two courses have become more explicit over time, Pols wants the course description to better signal to students the difference.

For 3625, it was also felt that specifying "and American politics" focused too much on the connection of public opinion and political outcome when much of the course focuses on structures and dynamics of public opinion itself. This title will better communicate the focus of the course.

As Pols considered this change, it reached out to Public Policy. The PP C&C rep was fine with the change, but mentioned that this course was likely to have a decent amount of overlap with PP 3030. We have thus proposed to cross-list the courses to avoid students being able to get double credit for related courses. As part of this process, PP has agreed to add a prerequisite to their course.

2. **Effect on Department's curriculum:** None-Pols hopes the name change will help students see why they might consider taking both 3612 and 3625. Then it also will help Pp and Pols students interested in public opinion to see the connections to the other major.

3. **Other departments consulted:** PP

4. **Effects on other departments:** None

5. **Effects on regional campuses:** None

6. **Staffing:**

7. **Dates approved by**

Department Curriculum Committee:

Department Faculty:

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