

GE CRITERIA APPROVAL FORM

Course Number and Title: POLS/COMM 335

Faculty Member(s) Proposing Course: Politics and Film

Indicate which of the following categories would be satisfied by this course by marking an "X" on the appropriate lines. Courses may be placed in up to two GE categories as appropriate. Upper Division Interdisciplinary GE courses may be placed in two categories plus the UDIGE category.

	A1: Oral Communication
	A2: English Writing
	A3: Critical Thinking
	B1: Physical Sciences
	B2: Life Sciences
	B3: Mathematics
	B4: Computers and Technology
	C1: Fine Arts
	C2: Literature
	C3: Languages & Cultures
	D: Social Perspectives
	E: Human Psychological & Physiological Perspectives
X	Upper Division Interdisciplinary GE

Lab Included? Yes _____ No x_____

Please provide a brief explanation of how the proposed course meets each of the criteria for the selected General Education categories.

Upper division interdisciplinary:

1. Emphasize interdisciplinarity by integrating content, ideas, and approaches from two or more disciplines.

More than any other art form, motion pictures reach a mass audience. Film is not only an art form, but it is a powerful method of communication. American films have dealt with political issues in a wide variety of settings and contexts, and millions have been exposed to the ideas, images, and emotions contained in these films. This course will explore film as method of political communication complete with symbols, imagery and other tools of modern mass communication. Film is also a powerful tool of political persuasion and socialization, and this course will explore the political message and influence of major American films.

2. (Upper division interdisciplinary) Include substantive written work consisting of in-class writing as well as outside class writing of revised prose.

Assessment of student performance in this course will include weekly written reviews of films viewed in addition to a comprehensive research paper on a major theme in contemporary American political films.