CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS
COURSE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL

DATE: 11.1.06
PROGRAM AREA POLITICAL SCIENCE

1. Catalog Description of the Course. [Follow accepted catalog format.]
(If Cross-listed please submit a form for each prefix being modified)

OLD
Prefix POLS  Course# 316  Title State and Local Politics and Policy  Units (3)
3 hours lecture per week
☐ Prerequisites
☐ Corequisites
Description Examines the structures, functions, policies, politics and administration of subnational governments in the United States.

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Description Examines the structures, functions, policies, politics and administration of subnational governments in the United States. Satisfies the California State and local government requirement for students who have taken American Government without a California component or who have received Advanced Placement credit for American Government.

☐ Gen Ed  Category
☐ CR/NC  Repeatable for up to units
☐ Lab Fee Required
☑ A - F  Multiple Enrollment in same semester

2. Mode of instruction

Existing

Proposed

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3. Course Content in Outline Form if Being Changed. [Be as brief as possible, but use as much space as necessary]

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• State Constitutions
• Institutions: Executive, Legislative and Judicial
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4. Justification and Learning Objectives for the Course.  (Indicate whether required or elective, and whether it meets University Writing, and/or Language requirements)  [Use as much space as necessary]

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Describe the structure and function of local and state government in the US and California
• Think critically about the advantages and disadvantages of the system of direct democracy as it exists in California today
• Discuss the major issues of public policy and the problems that currently impact California today
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5. References. [Provide 3-5 references on which this course is based and/or support it.]

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6. Indicate Changes and Justification for Each. [Check all that apply and follow with justification. Be as brief as possible but, use as much space as necessary.]

- Course title
- Prefix/suffix
- Course number
- Units
- Staffing formula and enrollment limits
- Prerequisites/corequisites
- Catalog description
- Course content
- References
- GE
- Other  Meets the California government and politics requirement of Title V
Justification  An oversight in the original submission of this course omitted the statement about satisfying the California government requirement of Title Five. The course content clearly meets the standards of the state regulations.

7. **If this modification results in a GE-related change indicate GE category affected and Attach a GE Criteria Form:**
   - A (English Language, Communication, Critical Thinking)
     - A-1 Oral Communication
     - A-2 English Writing
     - A-3 Critical Thinking
   - B (Mathematics, Sciences & Technology)
     - B-1 Physical Sciences
     - B-2 Life Sciences – Biology
     - B-3 Mathematics – Mathematics and Applications
     - B-4 Computers and Information Technology
   - C (Fine Arts, Literature, Languages & Cultures)
     - C-1 Art
     - C-2 Literature Courses
     - C-3a Language
     - C-3b Multicultural
   - D (Social Perspectives)
   - E (Human Psychological and Physiological Perspectives)
   - UD Interdisciplinary

8. **New Resources Required. YES □ NO ☒**
   - If YES, list the resources needed and obtain signatures from the appropriate programs/units on the consultation sheet below.
     - a. Computer (data processing), audio visual, broadcasting needs, other equipment)
     - b. Library needs
     - c. Facility/space needs

9. **Will this course modification alter any degree, credential, certificate, or minor in your program? YES □ NO □**
   - If, YES attach a program modification form for all programs affected.

Scott Frisch  October 6, 2006  
Proposer of Course Modification  Date
Approvals
Program/Course:

_________________________________________________________
Program Chair(s)                                    Date

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General Education Chair(s)                        Date

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Curriculum Committee Chair(s)                   Date

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Dean of Faculty                                   Date