GE CRITERIA APPROVAL FORM

Course Number and Title: SOC/POLS 330 Political Sociology

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Indicate which of the following GE 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 (UDIGE) may be placed in two GE categories in addition to the UDIGE category.

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Lab Included? Yes ________ No ________

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

**Upper Division Interdisciplinary**

This course applies the methodology of sociology to the study of politics to inform students from both fields. Organized and latent groups are the underpinnings of all activities that can be thought of as political, and the study of political sociology adds insight both to our understanding of political behavior (voting, protest, policy making etc.) and to the nature of social organizations.

Learning objectives that are interdisciplinary:

Discuss the political behaviors of social classes, racial and ethnic groups, genders, generations, elites, masses, gays, religious, and other groups in American Society.
Analyze how social forces shape policy on issues such as welfare, health care, international trade, information policy, education, abortion, criminal justice, defense, and foreign policy.

Compare and contrast the major theoretical insights in the field of political sociology of influential scholars such as Marx, Weber and Durkheim.

Identify and describe the ideologies and utopian visions that motivate political action.
Assess how politics and power is influenced by trends such as the growth of the internet and the global economy.