CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS  
NEW COURSE PROPOSAL  
PROGRAM AREA: PSYCHOLOGY

1. Catalog Description of the Course. [Include the course prefix, number, full title, and units. Provide a course narrative including prerequisites and corequisites. If any of the following apply, include in the description: Repeatability (May be repeated to a maximum of ___ units); time distribution (Lecture ___ hours, laboratory ___ hours); non-traditional grading system (Graded CR/NC, ABC/NC). Follow accepted catalog format.]

PSY 441 THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SPACE (3)
Three hours lecture per week  
Prerequisite: Upper division standing  
Examines different psychological views of space and time, including how we define, and organize space and place. The course will examine the idea of psycho-geography as represented in the works of Yi Fu Tuan, Gaston Bachelard's The Poetics of Space, and Mircea Eliade's concept of sacred space, and James Hillman's concept of the anima mundi. The course will also look at how different cultures understand space through an examination of traditional philosophies, religions, myths and rituals.  
GenEd: D, E, & Interdisciplinary.

2. Mode of Instruction: Lecture  
Units: 3  
Hrs/Unit: 1  
Benchmark Enrollment: 25

3. 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]

Upper-division elective for psychology majors  
This course is an examination of the concept of space - internal and external - from a number of social, cultural and psychological perspectives. Students completing this course should be able to do the following:  
Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how human beings experience, conceptualize, organize, and interact with space.  
Demonstrate knowledge and understanding how personality and social processes shape concepts of space  
Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how experience of space is influenced by individual differences related to gender, ethnicity, and culture  
Use psychological theory to understand interpersonal and group behavior related to space  
Demonstrate self-awareness of their own feelings, emotions, motives, and attitudes about space – internal and external  

Note: All learning objectives in psychology are taken from Allen, Noel, Deegan, Et. al. (2000). Goals and Objectives for the Undergraduate Psychology Major: Recommendations from a Meeting of California State University Psychology Faculty. Society for the Teaching of Psychology (APA Division 2).

4. Is this a General Education Course? If Yes, indicate GE category: Yes  
D (Social Perspectives)  
E (Human Psychological & Physiological Perspectives)  
(Upper Division Interdisciplinary GE)
5. Course Content in Outline Form

Psychological Space and Time  
Sacred Space  
Profane Space  
Cultural Conceptions of Space  
Organization of Space  
Dwellings  
Psycho-Geography  
Fear and Space  
Dreamscapes  
Anima Mundi  
Mythology of Space

6. References


7. Qualified Faculty  
Kevin Volkan

8. Frequency

Fall Semester:  
Spring Semester:  
Summer Semester:

No  
Yes  
No

9. New Resources Required.

None

10. Consultation

Attach consultation sheet from all program areas, Library, and others (if necessary)

11. If this new course will alter any degree, credential, certificate, or minor in your program, attach a program modification

Proposer of Course: Kevin Volkan  
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