

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS
COURSE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL
Courses must be submitted by November 3, 2008,
to make the next catalog (2009-2010) production

DATE (CHANGE DATE EACH TIME REVISED): OCT 30 2008

PROGRAM AREA(S): POLS

Directions: All of sections of this form must be completed for course modifications. All documents are stand alone sources of course information.

1. Course Information.

[Follow accepted catalog format.] (Add additional prefixes i f cross-listed)

OLD

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 Methods Units (3)
 3 hours lecture per week
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- ☒ Prerequisites: POLS/SOC/PSYCH 303
☐ Consent of Instructor Required for Enrollment
☐ Corequisites:

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2. Mode of Instruction (Hours per Unit are defaulted)

Hegis Code(s) _____
 (Provided by the Dean)

Existing

Proposed

	Units	Hours Per Unit	Benchmark Enrollment	Graded		Units	Hours Per Unit	Benchmark Enrollment	Graded	CS No. (filled out by Dean)
Lecture	3	1	25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lecture	3	1	25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Seminar	_____	1	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seminar	_____	1	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Lab	_____	3	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lab	_____	3	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Activity	_____	2	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity	_____	2	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Field Studies	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Field Studies	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Indep Study	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Indep Study	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other blank	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other blank	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

3. Course Attributes:

☐ **General Education Categories:** All courses with GE category notations (including deletions) must be submitted to the GE website: <http://summit.csuci.edu/geapproval>. Upon completion, the GE Committee will forward your documents to the Curriculum Committee for further processing.

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)

UDIGE/INTD Interdisciplinary

Meets University Writing Requirement

Meets University Language Requirement

☐ American Institutions, Title V Section 40404: ☐ Government ☐ US Constitution ☐ US History
Refer to website, Exec Order 405, for more information: <http://senate.csuci.edu/comm/curriculum/resources.htm>
☐ Service Learning Course (Approval from the Center for Community Engagement must be received before you can request this course attribute).

4. Justification and Requirements for the Course. *[Make a brief statement to justify the need for the course]*

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Submit Program Modification if this course changes your program.

5. Learning Objectives. (List in numerical order)

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6. Course Content in Outline Form. (Be as brief as possible, but use as much space as necessary)

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- Interpreting and Generalizing the Results of an

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- Other Versions of Experimental Designs
- Causal Inference in Nonexperimental Designs
- Alternative Research Strategies
-
- The Building Blocks of Social Scientific Research: Hypotheses, Concepts, and Variables
- Specifying the Research Question
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- Why Conduct a Literature Review?
- How to Conduct a Literature Review
- Using the Internet to Conduct a Literature Review
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- Devising Measurement Strategies
- Examples of Political Measurement
- The Accuracy of Measurements
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- Multi-item Measures
-
- Making Empirical Observations: Direct and Indirect Observation
- Types of Data and Collection Techniques
- Observation
- Direct Observation
- Indirect Observation
- Ethical Issues in Observation
-

- Document Analysis: Using the Written Record
- Types of Written Records
- Content Analysis
- Advantages and Disadvantages of the Written

Record

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- Sampling
- Population or Sample?
- The Basics of Sampling
- Types of Samples
- Samples and Statistical Inference
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Does this course content overlap with a course offered in your academic program? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, what course(s) and provide a justification of the overlap.

Does this course content overlap a course offered in another academic area? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, what course(s) and provide a justification of the overlap.

Overlapping courses require Chairs' signatures.

7. Cross-listed Courses (Please note each prefix in item No. 1)

- A. List cross-listed courses (Signature of Academic Chair(s) of the other academic area(s) is required).
- B. List each cross-listed prefix for the course:
- C. Program responsible for staffing:

8. References. [Provide 3-5 references]

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- 1. Corbett, Michael, Michael K. LeRoy and Clark Baxter. 2002. Research Methods in Political Science: An Introduction Using MicroCase. (Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Publishing)
- 2. Johnson, Janet B and H.T.Reynolds. 2004. Political Science Research Methods, 5th Edition. (Washington, D.C.:CQ Press)
- 3. McNabb, David E. Research Methods of Political Science: Quantitative and Qualitative Methods. (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe)
- 4. Mannheim, Jarol B., Richard C. Rich, Lars Willnat Empirical Political Analysis: Research Methods in Political Science (5th Edition). (New York: Longman)

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9. Tenure Track Faculty qualified to teach this course.

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10. Requested Effective Date or First Semester offered: Fall 2009

11. New Resource Requested: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, list the resources needed.

A. Computer Needs (data processing, audio visual, broadcasting, other equipment, etc.)

B. Library Needs (streaming media, video hosting, databases, exhibit space, etc.)

C. Facility/Space/Transportation Needs:

D. Lab Fee Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No (Refer to the Dean's Office for additional processing)

E. Other.

12. 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.]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Course title | <input type="checkbox"/> Course Content |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prefix/suffix | <input type="checkbox"/> Course Learning Objectives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course number | <input type="checkbox"/> References |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Units | <input type="checkbox"/> GE |

- ☐ Staffing formula and enrollment limits
- ☒ Prerequisites/Corequisites
- ☐ Catalog description
- ☐ Mode of Instruction

- ☐ Other
- ☐ Reactivate Course

Justification: The prerequisite of a statistics course is not viewed as necessary for students taking this course. Students in the major are still required to take the statistics course, just not necessarily before they take POLS 300.

13. Will this course modification alter any degree, credential, certificate, or minor in your program? YES ☐ NO ☒

If, YES attach a program update or program modification form for all programs affected.

Priority deadline for New Minors and Programs: **October 6, 2008** of preceding year.

Priority deadline for Course Proposals and Modifications: **November 3, 2008**.

Last day to submit forms to be considered during the current academic year: **April 15th**.

Scott Frisch, Andrea Grove, Sean Kelly

Oct 30, 2008

Proposer(s) of Course Modification

Date

Type in name. Signatures will be collected after Curriculum approval.

Approval Sheet

Course:

If your course has a General Education Component or involves Center affiliation, the Center will also sign off during the approval process.

Multiple Chair fields are available for cross-listed courses.

Program Chair		
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Signature

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General Education Chair		
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Center for Intl Affairs Director		
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Center for Integrative Studies Director		
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Center for Multicultural Engagement Director		
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Center for Civic Engagement and Service Learning Director		
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Curriculum Chair		
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Dean of Faculty		
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