COURSE ALPHA/NUMBER: POLS 250
COURSE TITLE: Politics in Twentieth Century Asia
Is this request for: ☒ New Course ☐ Modified Course ☐ Redesignation

DIVERSIFICATION AREA DESIGNATION SOUGHT:

What percentage of the content of this course focuses upon this Diversification Area? 100%
What percentage of class meetings focuses on upon this Diversification Area? 100%

How does this course meet the expectations associated with this area’s HALLMARKS?

Hallmark #1: The course uses the terminology of theories, structures, and processes as they are used in Political Science to analyze the politics of Asian societies in the 20th century. This is clear in the Student Learning Outcomes, which state that "students will be able to describe the political, economic and social processes...of ten Asian countries," and that students will be able to describe the twentieth century policies and political structures and their effect on development.

Hallmark #2: The course will address various political models and compare them to the policies, structures, and processes of politics within the Asian countries that are the focus of the lectures and readings. In this way, the social scientific method of study will be applied to all content in the course, and student learning outcomes, along with methods of evaluation will assess student acquisition of these skills.

Hallmark #3: The textbooks required for the course, and the lectures and class exercises are specifically written to help students learn the quantitative and qualitative methods political scientists use to understand governments, policies, and the society-government nexus. As students study these governments and political systems, they will be asked to learn and apply these methods of quantitative and qualitative analysis, including understanding the methods by which election commissions monitor elections internationally, the processes by which political scientists measure the effectiveness of government relations with society, and analysis of international relations.

How will students achieve the student learning outcomes associated with this Diversification area?

Students will achieve the student learning outcomes through lectures, participation in group and class exercises, quizzes and review of quiz results, and a research paper. Student participation in class and in assessment activities is crucial for acquisition of these skills, as they constitute a hands-on approach to understanding and analyzing Asian political systems. Through these methods, students will also demonstrate their achievement of these outcomes.

What assessment strategies will be employed to measure the degree to which students exit with the expected student learning outcomes?

Students will be asked to participate in a variety of assessment methods. The most technical of these will be the paper, which will analyze a political event, and will require students to acquire and demonstrate a degree of competence with the methods of analysis in the field of political science. Students will also demonstrate competence and achievement of outcomes through regular quizzes, which will encourage students to work consistently toward mastering the skills and knowledge presented in the course. Participation in class discussions will help students to master skills, and give a regular measure of their achievement. Overall competencies will be demonstrated through a final exam.
Optional until Fall '05 - then mandatory: How have you used the assessment findings to modify/improve this course?

At this point, the course has not yet been taught. However, the use of student assessment results will include measurement of achievement over time through a set of embedded assessment questions. These questions will be thematic over the course of the semester, and some will be longitudinal, to be measured over several iterations of the course to evaluate course methods over time.

Diversification Board Decision: ☑ Approved ☐ Disapproved
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