REVISED COURSE PROPOSAL

1. CATALOG DESCRIPTION
   A. PLS 5133
   B. Governments and Politics of Asia
   C. (3-0-3)
   D. Spring
   E. GOV/POL ASIA
   F. Course Description: An in-depth analysis of Asian politics and governments, with a focus on regime types, political economy, regional integration, international relations and selected issues important to the region.
   G. No prerequisite
   H. Spring 2006

2. STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES AND EVALUATION
   A. Graduate students enrolled in this course will:
      • Demonstrate knowledge of the political, social and economic issues important to Asia.
      • Identify the appropriate sources and resources to conduct research on Asia.
      • Develop methods and techniques to perform research in political science.
      • Develop writing, public speaking and critical thinking skills.
   B. Evaluation of Student performance in the course will be based on the following:
      • A semester-long research paper project that requires students to conduct independent research in the area of Asian politics (50 percent of the final course grade).
      • Student participation in seminar sessions, with emphasis on critical analysis, presentations of assigned readings, discussion leading roles; and a formal presentation of the results of the course research paper (30 percent of the final course grade).
      • Student journal of reading assignments. Student will keep a journal in which they will record an entry for each reading assignment. Entries will be one to two pages long (20 percent of the final course grade).

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3. OUTLINE OF THE COURSE
A. The course will meet 15 times during the semester, with weekly seminar-based session of 150 minutes each. The outline of the course topics is as follows.

Week One: Introduction to Asia
- Course overview
- Discussion of research challenges in comparative politics

Week Two: Historical Context: Colonialism, Nationalism and Revolution in Asia
- Colonial Powers in Asia: France, Great Britain, Netherlands, Spain, Portugal and the United States.
- Revolutionary movements and independence struggles in the 19th and 20th century.

Week Three: Regime Types I: Authoritarianism in Asia
- Types of authoritarian regimes in the region: one party states, military regimes, monarchies, theocracies.

Week Four: Regime Types II: Democracies in Asia
- Democratic regimes in the region: presidential and parliamentary governments.

Week Five: Political Participation: Elections, Political Parties and Interest Groups
- Types of electoral systems: single-member districts and multiple member districts.
- Types of political party systems: two-party and multi-party systems.
- Pressure groups in Politics: the role of diverse interest groups.

Week Six: Political Economy I: Command Economies in Asia

Week Seven: Political Economy II: Capitalism in Asia
- Capitalist states in Asia
- The Asian economic crisis

Week Eight: Regional Cooperation I: Political Economy Issues
• Economic integration efforts in the region.
• Regional economic organizations.
• Prospects and problems with economic cooperation and integration.

Week Nine: Regional Cooperation II: Security Issues
• Nuclear proliferation and conflict in the region.
• Separatist members in Asia
• The challenges of Terrorism

Week Ten: International Relations: Asia and the World
• Asia and the European Union, United States, and the United Nations
• The role of Asia in world security
• The role of Asia in the international economic system

Week Eleven: Ethnic and Religious Politics in Asia
• Islam in Asia
• Religious majorities and minorities in Asia
• Migration and diversity of ethnic groups in Asia

Week Twelve: Human Rights in Asia
• The debate over Asian values
• Individual, group and state rights
• Challenges to universal human rights in Asia

Week Thirteen: The Role of Women in Asia
• Women in Politics: representation and participation
• Social roles of Women
• Gender violence

Week Fourteen: Research Challenges in Asian Politics I
• Research Presentations
• Discussion of challenges in conducting research

Week Fifteen: Research Challenges in Asian Politics II
• Research Presentations
• Discussion of challenges in conducting research

B. Not Applicable

4. RATIONALE
A. This course is a revision of an existing course that covered two regions: Asia and the Middle East. Even though both areas are important to cover, it is difficult to do so in one graduate seminar since each area has complex and diverse political systems and governments. The department has determined that this course should only cover one region of the world, and the focus should be Asia. The course will help supplement the offerings at the graduate level of the Comparative Politics/International Relations concentration. The material in this course is not currently covered by any other graduate course in the Political Science Department.

B. The course is designated as a graduate course, to be offered in the graduate program in political science. This course, like other specialized courses in the department, has no course prerequisites. The course is designed so that students with diverse backgrounds who are admitted into the graduate program in Political Science will be able to accomplish the objectives of the course. The readings and assignments are intended for graduate students and are more demanding than the requirements for the undergraduate Asian Politics course.

C. The course is a revision of an existing course.

D. Although not a required course for the Comparative Politics/International Relations concentration, it will be a course that will help fulfill the requirements for students who select this concentration as either their major and minor field of study in the graduate program in Political Science.

5. IMPLEMENTATION

A. Initially the course will be assigned to Dr. Lilian A. Barria. Other qualified faculty may be assigned to teach the course.

B. No additional cost will be incurred by students.


6. COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER

Not Applicable.

7. DATE APPROVED BY POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT: __October 13, 2004____

8. DATE APPROVED BY THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCES CURRICULUM COMMITTEE: __December 3, 2004____

9. DATE APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON GRADUATE STUDIES: __February 1, 2005__