Course Name: State and Local Internship   
Course Prefix: POLS  
Course Number: 4865  
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Current Date:  10/23/2013  
College: Social & Behavioral Sciences  
Department:   Political Sciences & Philosophy                                
From Term: Summer  2014

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| new | Current Course Subject N/A Current Course Number |

**New/Revised Course Information:**

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| Subject:  POLS  Course Number: 4865 | Check all that apply:  *This is for courses already approved for gen ed.     Use a*[*different form*](http://documents.weber.edu/catalog/forms.htm)*for proposing a new gen ed designation.* DV  CA  HU  LS  PS  SS  EN  AI  QL  TA  TB  TC  TD  TE |

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| Course Type: | SUP |

Credit Hours:    **or** if variable hours:  1  6

Contact Hours: Lecture   Lab    Other

Repeat Information:  Limit 5   Max Hrs 6

Grading Mode:  standard

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| This course is/will be: | a required course in a major program a required course in a minor program a required course in a 1- or 2- year program elective |

Prerequisites/Co-requisites:

Course description (exactly as it will appear in the catalog, including prerequisites):

State or Local internship credits. Professor approval required.

**Justification**for the new course or for changes to an existing course. (Note: Justification should emphasize academic rationale for the change or new course. This is particularly important for courses requesting upper-division status.)

The Political Science Department, together with the Olene S. Walker Institute of Politics and Public Service, would like to categorize their internship experiences available to Weber State students so that the course name on their transcripts reflects clearly the internship experience of the student. An internship served in a Washington D.C. office in government or public service is significantly different than a state legislative, local, or campaign internship. To facilitate this designation, we would like to create a separate course number for each level of government and service available. We believe this arrangement of the internship credits will be clearer and more useful for students.

**INFORMATION PAGE**for substantive proposals only

1. Did this course receive unanimous approval within the Department?

true

If not, what are the major concerns raised by the opponents?

2. If this is a new course proposal, could you achieve the desired results by revising an existing course within your department or by requiring an existing course in another department?

We were advised by the committee to create a completely new course, with a completely new number, to accommodate state and local internships.

3. How will the proposed course differ from similar offerings by other departments? Comment on any subject overlap between this course and topics generally taught by other departments, even if no similar courses are currently offered by the other departments. Explain any effects that this proposal will have on program requirements or enrollments in other department. Please forward letters (email communication is sufficient) from all departments that you have identified above stating their support or opposition to the proposed course.

We have created this new course in the Political Science Department to accommodate the difference between internships served at the national level of government and those served at the state and local level. This new course also allows students to receive recognition when they serve internships at both/all levels of government.

4. Is this course required for certification/accreditation of a program?

no

If so, a statement to that effect should appear in the justification and supporting documents should accompany this form.

5. **For course proposals**, e-mail a syllabus to [Faculty Senate](mailto:kbrown4@weber.edu) which should be sufficiently detailed that the committees can determine that the course is at the appropriate level and matches the description.**There should be an indication of the amount and type of outside activity required in the course (projects, research papers, homework, etc.)**.