Course Name: Leadership and Political Life  
Course Prefix: POLS  
Course Number: 1520  
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Current Date: 9/29/2014 College: Social & Behavioral Sciences  
Department: Political Sciences & Philosophy  
From Term: Fall 2015

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**New/Revised Course Information:**

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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.*

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Course Title: Leadership and Political Life  
Abbreviated Course Title: Leadership and Political Life  
Course Type: LEC  
Credit Hours: 3  
**or**if variable hours: to

Contact Hours:Lecture: 3  
Lab:   
Other:

Repeat Information:Limit: 0  
Max Hrs: 0  
Grading Mode: standard

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:

Typically Taught:

Fall [Full Sem]

Course description (exactly as it will appear in the catalog, including prerequisites):The purpose of the Leadership and Political Life class is to introduce students to the theory and practice of leadership in the public realm, which is applicable to the private sector.

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.)There are as yet no courses in the political science department that directly address the question of leadership. The Olene Walker Institute of Politics & Public Service Internship program has generated a need for this leadership course, to educate students about leadership and potential practical opportunities to apply their knowledge of leadership and public service in their post graduate endeavors. We will also apply for a Social Science general education designation for this course, which will also serve the Political Science Department, the SS College and the Honors program.

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for substantive proposals only**

1. Did this course receive unanimous approval within the Department?trueIf 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?There is no similar course that combines the theoretical study of political leadership with the practical application of that leadership study through the visits of practicing leaders in the community that exists currently in the Political Science Department or across the University.   
  
This new course differs substantially from the non-credit bearing Citizens Academy, a project of the Olene S. Walker Institute of Politics & Public Service and Ogden City, offered through Continuing Education, which aims to educate community members, including students, about how city government functions and how they can become involved by serving on boards, committees, running for office, or petitioning the government effectively.

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.There is no course on campus that combines the theoretical with the practical study of political leadership. In addition, I will also submit this course for approval as a Social Science general education designated course, which will also serve specifically the Political Science Department, the SS College and the Honors program, and the University as a whole.

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.).