This form is to be used to request a substantive change in a common course. Representatives from all institutions offering the common course must participate in developing the proposed revisions to a common course. Signatures from all institutions offering the common course must be included on the final form submitted to AAC.

### Section 1. Course Title and Description

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Course Description as it currently appears in the system common course database:

The geographic factors are studied which influence current international relations and the policies of nations and political units with consideration given to aspects of geopolitics, racial and ethnic groupings, religions, and languages, boundaries, and territorial changes.

### Section 2. Modification(s) Requested

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<td>Spatial perspectives of political phenomena from the local to the global scales. Issues include ethnicity, nationalism, boundaries, territory, power, electoral geography, and impacts on the natural environment.</td>
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Justification for all changes noted above:

The proposal is aimed at increasing the rigor of the course’s content and expectations of the students so that the course can be dual-listed with a newly proposed 500-level version of the course. This in turn will increase the course offerings for graduate students in a manner that will minimize any increasing of the faculty workload.

Section 3. Other Course Information

1. Will this course be equated (considered the same course for degree completion) with any other unique or common course in the course database? X Yes No

If yes, indicate the course(s) to which it will be equated.

Currently, GEOG 358 is equated with GEOG 358 at NSU as a common course. NSU’s GEOG 358 is cross-listed with NSU’s POLS 459, but SDSU does not have POLS 459. Also, BHSU offers the course as GEOG 459/POLS 459, and USD offers POLS 459/559.

Section 4. To Be Completed by Academic Affairs

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The following are e-mails of support from other affected South Dakota institutions:

From: Fouberg, Erin H (NSU)  
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 7:07 PM  
To: White, George W  
Subject: RE: Political Geography

George,

NSU approves of the new number and course description. 
Thanks for taking the lead on this. 
Best, 
Erin

Dr. Erin H. Fouberg  
Professor of Geography  
Director, NSU Honors Program  
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From: White, George W  
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 4:18 PM  
To: Fouberg, Erin H (NSU)  
Subject: Political Geography

Dear Professor Fouberg, 

As a follow-up to our recent communications, I am attaching my department’s proposal to change the number and description for GEOG 358-Political Geography. This course is listed as a “common course” for our two institutions. We propose to change the course number from 358 to 459. We also would like to update the course description. The proposal is attached. 
I request that respond with your support or your objections. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

George White  
Professor and Head  
Dept. of Geography
From: Wolff, David  
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2011 9:45 AM  
To: White, George W  
Subject: RE: Political Geography

George,

Since we are without geographer at this moment, I shall take on that role. I have no objection to the language change.

The curriculum process is a little foreign to me, but I am assuming that as you submit this, we will also need to submit a "Revised Course Request" as well. We will also need to file one for POLS-459, our double-listed class. Or do you know differently?

Thanks.

David

_______________________________________________________
From: White, George W  
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 3:06 PM  
To: Wolff, David  
Subject: Political Geography

Dear Professor Wolff,

As a follow-up to our recent telephone conversation, I am attaching my department’s proposal to change the number and description of a course entitled “Political Geography”. Our two institutions already have the same title for the course. We propose to change our course number (358) to the same one as yours (459). We also would like to update the course description. I request that respond with your support or your objections. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

George White  
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South Dakota State University  
Brookings, SD  57007  
605-688-4840
From: Richardson, William  
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 4:38 PM  
To: White, George W  
Subject: RE: Political Geography

This got quick replies. Neither the Dean nor the chair of our Undergraduate Committee objected. Good luck!--Bill

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Center: www.usd.edu/ctrcivic

From: White, George W  
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 4:30 PM  
To: Richardson, William  
Subject: Political Geography

Dear Professor Richardson,  
As a follow-up to our recent telephone conversation, I am attaching my department’s proposal to change the number and description of a course entitled “Political Geography”. SDSU currently offers the course as GEOG 358 but would like to change it to GEOG 459 and add a graduate version, GEOG 559. USD offers Political Geography as POLS 459/559. So SDSU’s proposed number change will bring the course in line with USD’s numbering system. You also will see in the proposal a request to update the course description.  
I request that you respond with your support or any concerns that you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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