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**New Course Request**

<b>SDSU</b>	<b>Arts, Humanities &amp; Social Sciences / School of American &amp; Global Studies</b>
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Division/Department</b>
Dennis D. Hedge	4/219/2020
<b>Institutional Approval Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

**Section 1. Course Title and Description**

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
POLS 457	Foreign Policy Decision Making	3

**Course Description**

Understanding human decision making is central to the study of foreign policy. This course explores various decision-making frameworks, such as rational choice theory, prospect theory, and personality theories, to inform the study of international behavior. This course offers a more complete understanding of how leaders make foreign policy decisions and examines several cases of American foreign policy.

**Pre-requisites or Co-requisites**

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Pre-Req/Co-Req?
None		

**Registration Restrictions**

None

**Section 2. Review of Course**

- 2.1. Was the course first offered as an experimental course?  Yes  No
- 2.2. Will this be a unique or common course?

Unique Course

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
CA 430	Consumer Decision Making	3
POLS 350	International Relations	3
POLS 453	American Foreign Policy	3

Provide explanation of differences between proposed course and existing system catalog courses below:

The proposed course provides a unique addition to the political science curriculum and differs significantly from the existing courses. CA 430 studies the theories and principles in judgment and decision-making and behavioral economics including heuristics and biases, role of emotion and social forces. POLS 350 has a broad scope and therefore provides only an introduction to the study of international relations theories and foreign policy. It is the gateway to the other courses in this subfield. POLS 453 concentrates only on American foreign policy, in particular foreign policy towards various regions and countries. It has strong historical components that are only applicable to the US. The proposed course brings a new subfield of international relations: political psychology. It examines foreign policy decision-making processes, particularly with reference to leaders and different psychological models of decision making in multiple countries, not just the US. It places greater emphasis

on the psychology of foreign policy decision making, which makes the class relevant across the world.

**Section 3. Other Course Information**

**3.1. Are there instructional staffing impacts?**

No. Schedule Management, explain below: This course will be inserted into the current course rotation. This course has been taught within POLS 492 Topics.

**3.2. Existing program(s) in which course will be offered:** Political Science (B.A./B.S.), Legal Studies Minor

**3.3. Proposed instructional method by university:** R - Lecture

**3.4. Proposed delivery method by university:** 001 – Face-to-Face Term Based Instruction

**3.5. Term change will be effective:** Fall 2020

**3.6. Can students repeat the course for additional credit?**  Yes  No

**3.7. Will grade for this course be limited to S/U (pass/fail)?**  Yes  No

**3.8. Will section enrollment be capped?**  Yes, max per section: 30  No

**3.9. Will this course equate (i.e., be considered the same course for degree completion) with any other unique or common courses in the common course system database in Colleague and the Course Inventory Report?**  Yes  No

**3.10. Is this prefix approved for your university?**  Yes  No

**Section 4. Department and Course Codes (Completed by University Academic Affairs)**

**4.1. University Department Code:** SSAG

**4.2. Proposed CIP Code:** 45.1002

Is this a new CIP code for the university?  Yes  No

**NEW COURSE REQUEST  
Supporting Justification for On-Campus Review**

A. James Murphy	A. James Murphy	2/10/2020
<b>Request Originator</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
Christine Garst-Santos	Christine Garst-Santos	3/11/2020
<b>Department Chair</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
Jason Zimmerman	Jason Zimmerman	3/16/2020
<b>School/College Dean</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

1. Provide specific reasons for the proposal of this course and explain how the changes enhance the curriculum.

POLS 457 Foreign Policy Decision Making will build upon the existing strengths in the political science curriculum, in particular in the fields of international relations and comparative politics. The course provides a natural sequence for students who have already taken POLS 253 Current World Issues, POLS 453 American Foreign Policy, and POLS 458 Democracy and Authoritarianism, and POLS 432 The American Presidency. These courses provide the foundation for the study of foreign policy, which the proposed course further develops and examines in more detail.

2. Note whether this course is:  Required  Elective

3. In addition to the major/program in which this course is offered, what other majors/programs will be affected by this course?

None

4. If this will be a dual listed course, indicate how the distinction between the two levels will be made.  
N/A
5. Desired section size      30
6. Provide qualifications of faculty who will teach this course. List name(s), rank(s), and degree(s).  
David Wiltse, Associate Professor, Ph.D.  
Filip Viskupic, Assistant Professor, Ph.D.
7. Note whether adequate facilities are available and list any special equipment needed for the course.  
This course will not require special facilities.
8. Note whether adequate library and media support are available for the course.  
This course will not require special library or media support.
9. Will the new course duplicate courses currently being offered on this campus?  Yes  No
10. If this course may be offered for variable credit, explain how the amount of credit at each offering is to be determined.  
N/A