



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS**

**Authority to Offer an Existing Course**

<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	7/16/2020
<b>Institutional Approval Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

**1. Is this a request to offer an existing common course or an existing unique course (approval will change course status from unique to common)?**

- Common Course        
 Unique Course

**2. Provide the complete description as it appears in the system database including pre-requisites and co-requisites.**

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
POLS 434	Interest Group Politics	3

**\*\*Approval of POLS 434 will include a course title change – Interest Groups and Lobbying**

Course Description
Survey of classical and contemporary scholarship on interest group formation, mobilization and maintenance. Review of direct and indirect lobbying tactics used at national, state and local levels. Case study analysis and application of theory to current best practices.

**\*\*Approval of POLS 434 will include a course description change –**

This course explores interest group politics and lobbying tactics used in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government. Course assignments are directed at developing advocacy-related research, writing, and communication skills that result in persuasive and effective lobbying materials and meetings. Students will frequently participate in lobbying meeting simulations that involve creating and presenting lobbying materials and serving as lobbyists or government officials and employees.

**Pre-requisites or Co-requisites**

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Pre-req	Co-req
None			

**3. Universities currently offering this course:**

- BHSU    DSU    NSU    SDSMT    SDSU    USD

**4. Does Offering the Course Create FTE Implications? No**

**5. Does Offering the Course Create Schedule Management Implications? No**

Explain: This course will be inserted into our current course rotation. This course has been taught within POLS 492 Topics.

**6. Existing program(s) in which course will be offered:** Political Science (B.A./B.S.)

**7. CIP Code for the course:** 45.1001

**8. Proposed instructional method by this university:** D – Discussion/Recitation

**9. Proposed delivery method by this university:** 001- Face to Face Term Based Instruction

**10. University Dept. Code:** SSAG

**11. Authority to offer effective beginning in what term?** Fall 2020

**12. Section Restriction:** 30

---

**USD Approval:**

From: Earnest, David C  
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 11:53 AM  
To: Garst-Santos, Christi  
Cc: Zimmerman, Jason  
Subject: Re: POLS 434 Inquiry

Good morning, Christi. It's good to hear from you.

We have no objection to the proposed change of name for POLS 434. Although we offer the course as an elective, it's a relatively infrequent offering—every other year, faculty assignments permitting. Hence, the proposed change of title and course description edit have no substantial impacts on our curriculum. Please proceed as you propose.

Let me know if you need anything else from me. Thanks much.

Be well and stay safe,

David

**David C. Earnest, Ph.D.**

Odeen-Swanson Distinguished Professor of Political Science

Chair, Department of Political Science

Director, W. O. Farber Center for Civic Leadership



UNIVERSITY OF  
SOUTH DAKOTA

414 E. Clark Street  
Vermillion, SD 57069

*Phone:* 605-677-5242

*Fax:* 605-677-8808

*Skype:* david.c.earnest

---

Hi David—

I hope this email finds you well as we all navigate the uncertainties of fall. I am writing to request a possible name change (and perhaps course description edit) of POLS 434 Interest Group Politics. Last semester we submitted a new course request to offer POLS 325 Interest Groups and Lobbying. You can read our justification as to why we didn't go with a request to offer an existing course (we were trying to avoid making you change your course name). However, they have kicked this back to us and are now asking if we can use the existing course. We prefer to have lobbying in the title to make it more obvious and attractive to students. Would you be amenable to a name change? If not, we understand and will use that response as our justification to create a new course. If so, wonderful and we will submit the paperwork.

Unfortunately, there is an urgency to this request. Apparently it is tied to a group of changes that need to go forward sooner rather than later. I apologize about that. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions. My cell is 319.331.8769 (I will be moving around campus today).

Thank you,  
Christi

Christine Garst-Santos, Ph.D.  
*Director*  
School of American & Global Studies  
Associate Professor of Spanish  
South Dakota State University  
Wagner Hall 121 | Brookings, SD 57007