PROPOSAL FOR CHANGING A COURSE BY ADDING COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH (CBR)

Last year I submitted my Food Politics course to the UEPC to change it from 1 unit to 1.25 as the course includes community-based research (minimum of 30 hours of field work). Now the course is in the SMC catalogue as POL 126/127--Food Politics and Field Work--1.25.

I am proposing the same for POL 140--Gender Politics, as the criteria and argument for making it 1.25 are the same as those for Food Politics. Since we already have a course called POL 141, I am proposing to name the new course POL 140a (1 unit) and POL 140b (.25) (to be taken at the same time).

1. List School, Department, course number and course title

POL 140a/b--Gender Politics (+ CBR) --1.25 credit

2. Justification for the course

The Politics Department offers POL 140--Gender Politics as one of its upper-division elective courses. Presently the course is one unit, although I have taught it already twice with the addition of CBR and the students received 1.25 credit. The addition of a minimum of 30 hours of "field" work with the community partner has enriched the learning experience for the students in the class, so I would like to make this course a 1.25 course in the catalogue. The course has recently been approved by the CCC as a CE and CG course.

3. Student Population

This course always attracts Politics majors and students from Women and Gender Studies and from Ethnic Studies, as well as other interested students from various departments. It is always cross listed with Women's and Gender Studies.

4. Relationship to present College curriculum

Nothing changes in the relation of the course to the College curriculum, but goes along the mission of community involvement of our College and the .25 credit validates the considerable amount of work the students do and rewards the faculty teaching the course for all the extra-work this course requires (before teaching it and during the semester) and the added responsibility of working with a community partner.

5. Any extraordinary implementation costs

None

6. Library Resources

N.A.

*7. Course credit and grading options
The course will have an additional .25 for the community-based research component.