**Local Unit:** Graduate School of Education  
**Course Abbrev.:** EDUC  
**Course Number:** 870  
**Full Course Title:** Education Policy: Process, Context, and Politics  
**Abbrev. Course Title (max. 24 Characters):** ED PLCY:PRCSS/CNTX/POL  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Program of Record:** Ph.D. in Education  
**Submitted by:** Penelope M. Earley  
**Date:** March 14, 2003  

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**Activity Code:**  
- LEC - Lecture  
- LAB - Lab  
- RCT - Recitation  
- STU - Studio  
- IND - Independent Study  
- INT - Internship  

**Catalog Credit Format:** 3 : 3 : 0  
**Course Level:** GF (500-600)  
**Grade Type:** GR: graduate grading, normal (A, A-, B+, B, C, F, IN, AB)  

**Maximum Enrollment:** 25  

**Prerequisites:** Admission to Ph.D. in Education program or permission of instructor.  
**Corequisites:**  

**Catalog Description for the course proposal (35 words or less):** Examines public policy decision making in education at the local, state and national levels and its impact on education institutions, students, and the public. Attention is given to which government entities have decision making authority and competing policy arguments within the policy arena.  

Submit for **New** courses - First term to be offered:  

**Last Term Offered:** Fall 2000  
**Previous Course Abbreviation:**  
**Previous Number:**  
**Effective:** Summer 2003  

**Description of modification:**  
Catalog Description is changed. This course was last offered, with the same course abbreviation and number by Dr. Larry Bowen. The modifications to the syllabus update it to address more current policy issues.  

**Approval Signatures:**  
Dept/Prog: __________________________ Date: __________  
College Committee: __________________________ Date: __________  
Graduate Council Representative: __________________________ Date: __________
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Graduate Council Course Coordination and Approval Form

**Catalog description of course:**
Departmental code or prefix, number, title of course and credit hours; prerequisites; and description of course as it will appear in the catalog. Note that course descriptions are limited to approximately 35 words in the Graduate Catalog.

**EDUC 870 Education Policy: Process, Context, and Politics (3:3:0).** Prerequisite: Admission to the Ph.D. in Education program or permission of instructor. Examines public policy decision-making in education at the local, state, and national levels and its impact on education institutions, students, and the public. Particular attention is given to which government entities have authority over education decision-making and the resolution of competing policy arguments within the political arena.

For course modifications, describe the changes made to the course and justification for those changes: I was unable to locate a copy of the previous syllabus for this course although Dr. Bowen described it to me in a meeting. The differences are essentially updating the content and using texts and readings that reflect more current issues.

**Approval from other units:**
Please list those units outside of your own who may be affected by these changes in the course. Each of these units must approve this change prior to its being submitted to the Graduate council for approval.

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Graduate Council approval: __________________________________________

Graduate Council representative: ______________________________________Date: ________

Attach copy of school/college/institute course proposal form or modification memo showing approval date and background data on course.