George Mason University

Graduate Course Approval/Inventory Form

Please complete this form and attach a copy of the syllabus for new courses. Forward it as an email attachment to the Secretary of the Graduate Council. A printed copy of the form with signatures should be brought to the Graduate Council Meeting. Complete the Coordinator Form on page 2, if changes in this course will affect other units.

Please indicate: ____X__ NEW  ____ MODIFY  ____ DELETE

Local Unit: Public & International Affairs/ADJ  Graduate Council Approval Date:

Course Abbreviation: JLCP  Course Number: 795

Full Course Title: Special Topics

Abbreviated Course Title (24 characters max.): Special Topics

Credit hours: 3  Program of Record: Justice, Law, & Crime Policy

Repeatable for Credit?  
_X_ D=Yes, not within same term  Up to 9 hours  
_X_ T=Yes, within the same term  Up to 9 hours  
___ N=Cannot be repeated for credit

Activity Code (please indicate):  
___ Lecture (LEC)  ___ Lab (LAB)  ___ Recitation (RCT)  
___ Studio (STU)  ___ Internship (INT)  ___ Independent Study (IND)  ___X_ Seminar (SEM)

Catalog Credit Format 3:3:0  Course Level: GF(500-600) ____ GA(700+) ___X__

Maximum Enrollment: 20  For NEW courses, first term to be offered: Fall 2005

Prerequisites or corequisites: To be determined by instructor

Catalog Description (35 words or less) Please use catalog format and attach a copy of the syllabus for new courses.: JLCP 795 Special Topics (3:3:0). Prerequisite: to be determined by instructor. Recent developments in the field or topics not covered by regularly listed courses. The course content varies and may be repeated for credit.

For MODIFIED or DELETED courses as appropriate:
Last term offered:  Previous Course Abbreviation:  Previous number:
Description of modification:

APPROVAL SIGNATURES:
Submitted by:  ________________________________ email: smastrof@gmu.edu
Department/Program:  ________________________________ Date: __________________
College Committee:  ________________________________ Date: __________________
Graduate Council Representative:  ________________________________ Date: __________________
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Course Coordination Form

Approval from other units:

Please list those units outside of your own who may be affected by this new, modified, or deleted 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: _______________________________ Date: ____________

Graduate Council representative: ________________________ Date: ____________

Provost Office representative: __________________________ Date: ____________
JLCP 795
Special Topics

Topic Description

Recent developments in the field or topics not covered by regularly listed courses. The course content varies and may be repeated for credit. The topics must be approved by the JLCP program coordinator.

Course Prerequisite

To be determined by the instructor.

Course Objectives and Learning Methods

The course objectives and learning methods are to be determined by the instructor but will comply with university guidelines regarding graduate level courses. Typically, special topics courses will use a seminar style of teaching. The learning methods will include reading, class discussions, and graded written work. Special topics courses provide faculty with an opportunity not only to teach on a subject that is not a standard part of the curriculum, but also to experiment with innovative teaching methods. As such, learning methods may include approaches not listed above.

Course Requirements and Grading

To be determined by the instructor. A special topics course will conform with the requirements of the university with respect to graduate level courses. Typically, a special topics course will require extensive reading of primary scholarly works and graded written work, such as papers and essay exams.

Assigned Text/Readings

To be determined by the instructor.

Outline of Topics

To be determined by the instructor.

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