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:  ____ NEW  ____ MODIFY  ____ DELETE

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

Course Abbreviation: JLCP  Course Number: 998

Full Course Title: Doctoral Dissertation Proposal

Abbreviated Course Title (24 characters max.): Doctoral Diss. Prop.

Credit hours: 1-6  Program of Record: Justice, Law, & Crime Policy

Repeateable for Credit?  _X_ D=Yes, not within same term  Up to 6 hours  
___ T=Yes, within the same term  Up to ___ hours  
___ N=Cannot be repeated for credit

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

Catalog Credit Format  1-6:0:0  Course Level: GF(500-600) ___ GA(700+) _X_

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

Prerequisites or corequisites: Advancement to doctoral candidacy.

Catalog Description (35 words or less) Please use catalog format and attach a copy of the syllabus for new courses: JLCP 998 Doctoral Dissertation Proposal (1-6:0:0). Prerequisites: Advancement to doctoral candidacy. Work on a research proposal forming the basis for the doctoral dissertation. Repeatable. Minimum 3, maximum 6 credits for doctorate. Maximum of 24 credits of JLCP 998/ 999 applicable to doctoral degree requirements. Graded S/NC.

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 998
DOCTORAL DISSERTATION PROPOSAL

Course Description

This course provides credit for work on a research proposal that forms the basis for the doctoral dissertation. May be repeated. To proceed to dissertation research the student must successfully complete a minimum of 3 credits and may take a maximum of 6 credits. No more than 24 credits of JLCP 998 and 999 may be applied to doctoral degree requirements. Graded S/NC. Details on University requirements regarding the dissertation proposal may be found in the University Catalog and JLCP program requirements, which should be consulted early in the student’s matriculation in the JLCP program.

Course Prerequisites

Advancement to doctoral candidacy.

Course Objectives and Learning Methods

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with supervision in the preparation of a dissertation proposal. After advancement to candidacy the student forms a dissertation committee, headed by the student’s dissertation advisor, who is primarily responsible for directing the doctoral candidate’s research and guiding the preparation of the written dissertation. This committee guides the student in dissertation research and is responsible for reviewing and approving the doctoral dissertation proposal. The dissertation research should consider a problem on the boundaries of knowledge in JLCP. The proposal should provide a clear statement of the research problem and the value of research that addresses this problem, a review of extant theory and research on this problem, and a description and justification of the research methods used. The proposed research should make a valuable contribution to knowledge in the field and be feasible to conduct within the time and resources that may be reasonably anticipated to conduct the project.

Requirements

Specific requirements for determining satisfactory progress in writing the dissertation proposal will be established by the dissertation advisor, who is responsible for grading the student’s work in this course.

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