CASPER COLLEGE COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Number and Title: POLS 2465, section 03 - Directed Study in Political Science

Semester/Year: Spring 2016

Lecture Hours: 3 Lab Hours: Credit Hours: 3

Class Time: NA Days: NA Room: NA

Instructor’s Name: Art Washut

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Office Hours: Reach me by telephone or in my office
Monday 9:00-9:45AM and 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Tuesday 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
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Course Description: This course will center on faculty-guided research in an area of mutual interest to the student and the instructor within the Political Science, International Studies, or Pre-Law majors. This course has the option of including internship experience as part of the directed studies.

Statement of Prerequisites: POLS 1000.

Outcomes: This course links to Casper College General Education outcome #6 Use appropriate technology and information to conduct research

General Objectives: This course is designed to allow the student to research and understand more fully a particular area of interest within Political Science. This course will provide an opportunity for the student either to probe deeper into a topic from an existing course or to explore a new topic within the discipline. The course will center around one of two pathways. First, the student could select to conduct substantial research and analysis of an approved topic prior to completing a comprehensive term paper. Second, the student could integrate real-life internship experience alongside complementary research of an approved topic prior to completing the paper.

Specific Objectives: It is expected that completion of this course will assist each student in becoming:

1. more aware of the role of theories, values, histories, and principles involved in the study of
Political Science;

2. proficient with a select aspect, theory, institution, or case within Political Science;

3. familiar with the tools of professional analysis;

4. better able to meet the reading, writing, researching, and speaking demands essential for a college experience.

Methodology/Evaluation Criteria:
Casper College may collect samples of student work demonstrating achievement of the above outcomes. Any personally identifying information will be removed from student work.

Participation and Discussion- In addition to regular meetings, you must be able to professionally discuss the readings and/or topics with me. If you miss a meeting, it is your responsibility to arrange a substitute meeting with the instructor.

Research Assignment- This assignment will vary according to which option the student selects, but may include reading a particular book or portion of a book, review essays or journal reviews. Students will then write a paper based on the research. The assignments will vary with the student, and will reflect the topic that the student and instructor have mutually agreed upon.

Grading is based upon 3 components. 1) Complies with syllabus requirements 50 points 2) Writing quality – spelling, grammar, effectiveness, documentation of sources 20 points 3) Evidence of learning – the paper demonstrates that the student has learned and now understands the material/topic 30 points.

Grade Distribution:
Grades will be distributed according to the following: 90-100% A, 80-89% B, 70-79% C, 60-69% D, 59% or less is failing

Contact the Instructor: Please feel free to stop by during my office hours, or make an appointment to see me. I am willing to discuss the course readings and assignments with you anytime. Please note that excuses for late assignments will only be accepted in extreme cases and at the discretion of the instructor.

Required Text, Readings, Materials:

Course materials will vary in accordance with the student's focus of study as well as the amount of credits that are being attempted.

Last Date to Change to Audit Status or Withdraw with a W Grade: Last date to change to audit status or to withdraw with a "W" grade is April 14, 2016.
**Chain of Command:** If you have any problems with this class, you should first contact the instructor to attempt to solve the problem. If you are not satisfied with the solution offered by the instructor, you should then take the matter through the appropriate chain of command starting with the Department Head/Program Director, the Dean, and lastly the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

**Academic Dishonesty** - (Cheating & Plagiarism) Casper College demands intellectual honesty. Proven plagiarism or any form of dishonesty associated with the academic process can result in the offender failing the course in which the offense was committed or expulsion from school. See the Casper College Student Code of Conduct for more information on this topic.

**Official Means of Communication:** Casper College faculty and staff will employ the student's assigned Casper College email account as a primary method of communication. Students are responsible to check their account regularly.

**ADA Accommodations Policy:** If you need academic accommodations because of a disability, please inform me as soon as possible. See me privately after class, or during my office hours. To request academic accommodations, students must first consult with the college’s Disability Services Counselor located in the Gateway Building, Room 344, (307) 268-2557, bheuer@caspercollege.edu. The Disability Services Counselor is responsible for reviewing documentation provided by students requesting accommodations, determining eligibility for accommodations, and helping students request and use appropriate accommodations.

**Student Rights and Responsibilities:** Please refer to the Casper College Student Conduct and Judicial Code for information concerning your rights and responsibilities as a Casper College student. Also, any student in this course who has a disability that may prevent him or her from fully demonstrating his or her abilities should contact me as soon as possible so we can discuss accommodations necessary to ensure full participation and facilitate your educational opportunities.

**Course Outline:**

The student will be required to hold regular meetings with the faculty member as well as meet all deadlines for assignments which will be set out at the start of the semester. The dates and times for the meetings will be determined with each student. **The final paper(s) are due no later than the first class day in May. No late submissions will be accepted.**