INSTITUTIONAL SYLLABUS

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[ ] New Course (OR)  Date of Last Review  
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I. Course Title: Elections and Voting Behavior

II. Course Prefix/Number: GOVT 306

III. Credit Hours: 3

IV. Prerequisites: None

V. Catalog Description: This course is the study of political parties, elections, campaigns, and voting behavior in the United States.

VI. Curricular Relationships: This will be one of the American politics electives.

VII. Student Learning Outcomes:

The Student Will:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the essential features of political parties in the United States;
- Demonstrate an understanding of how candidates campaign in the United States;
- Demonstrate an understanding of elections in the United States;
- Demonstrate an understanding of voting behavior in the aggregate and at the individual level in the United States;
- Produce an approved term paper that analyzes a specific aspect of parties, elections, and voting behavior in the United States.

VII. Content Outline: The course is apportioned into four units as follows: Unit A- Political Parties; Unit B- Suffrage and turnout; Unit C- Campaigns and Elections; Unit D- Voting Behavior.
VIII. Course Procedures: The student will stand for two formal exams including a comprehensive final; the student shall produce an approved ten page quality research paper on some approved topic in American politics; the student shall be assessed on class participation.

Grading Scale:

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A 360-400
B 320-359
C 280-319
D 240-279
F Below 240


XI Any Issues Unique to this Course: None

XII Additional Issues of the Department's Choosing: None

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