

COGNATE APPROVAL APPLICATION

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Students in the Department are encouraged to take cognates when such courses are not at the introductory level and have substantial political content, which is defined as having at least 50% politics content. Students can find relevant cognates in many neighboring departments, including (but not limited to) Anthropology, Economics, History, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, and the School of Public and International Affairs.

The following departmental policies apply to cognates:

•The Department will maintain a list of up to **two** cognates for an individual student.

•Courses taken in the Freshman or Sophomore year cannot be designated as cognates.   
(*With the exception of courses taken outside of Politics that satisfy the analytical requirement, or upper-level courses taken in Economics to fulfill the requirements of the Department Track in Political Economy*. *PLEASE NOTE* *that if you’re pursuing the Political Economy Track, you must use the designated upper-level economics courses as your two cognates; therefore, you cannot take additional courses as cognates.*)

•A cognate must be approved by the last day of classes in the semester in which it is taken.   
(*With the exception in Spring semester of senior year, when the deadline is the second Friday of classes*).

•Approved cognates will be used in the departmental Honors calculation, and must be taken for a grade.

•Once a cognate has been approved, it may not be rescinded.

•If an approved cognate is later dropped, it will continue to count against the 2-cognate limit.

•Cognates cannot be used to satisfy field distribution requirements.

**To seek approval for a cognate, you must complete this form and email it to the Cognate Approval Advisor, Professor John Kastellec (**[**jkastell@princeton.edu**](mailto:jkastell@princeton.edu)**). Make sure that you attach a current syllabus for review. You will be informed of the decision after careful consideration.**

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