Princeton University

Department of Politics

COGNATE APPROVAL APPLICATION

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Primary Field:

Today’s Date:

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 Woodrow Wilson School.

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.

•A cognate must be approved by the last day of classes in the semester in which it is taken   
(except in Spring semester of senior year, when the deadline is the second Friday of classes).   
  
*NOTE: Out-of-phase graduating seniors whose final semester is during the Fall semester must seek cognate approval no later than the second Friday of Fall 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•Once a cognate has been approved, it may not be rescinded.

•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 Rafaela Dancygier (**[**rdancygi@princeton.edu**](mailto:rdancygi@princeton.edu)**). Make sure that you attach a current syllabus for her review. She will inform you of the decision after careful consideration.**

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| **Course** | **Title** | **Instructor** | **Term Offered** |
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