POL 4500: Thesis and Career Preparation

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION
   Credits: 3
   Lecture Hours/Week: *.*
   Lab Hours/Week: *.*
   OJT Hours/Week: *.*
   Prerequisites: None
   Corequisites: None
   MnTC Goals: None

   This is a senior year capstone course. In a seminar format, students discuss progress on their individual
   research projects and develop career plans and skills. Prerequisite: POL 4100 or consent of instructor.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 11/15/2005 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS
   1. Career Services
   2. Issues in multiple regression, (dummy variables, interaction effects, multi-collinearity and logistic
      regression)
   3. Writing things up, putting the pieces together
   4. Write abstracts
   5. Refining analysis
   6. Data analysis
   7. Practice presentations

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)
   1. be provided with a meaningful capstone experience - a sense of accomplishment and finality
   2. increase confidence in their level of expertise regarding their thesis topic as well as with the
      discipline of political science
   3. improve (through repeated practice and demonstration) public speaking skills - likely to include
      presentation software - e.g. PowerPoint
   4. be exposed to choices and directions they may exercise upon completing their political science
      degrees
   5. discuss resume writing

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies
   None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT
   As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION
   None noted