

# Bemidji State University

## **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