

**The Ohio State University
Colleges of the Arts and Sciences Concurrence Form**

The purpose of this form is to provide a simple system of obtaining departmental reactions to course requests. A letter may be substituted for this form.

An academic unit initiating a request should complete Section A of this form and send a copy of the form, course request, and syllabus to each of the academic units that might have related interests in the course. Initiating units should be allowed two weeks for responses.

Academic units receiving this form should respond to Section B and return the form to the initiating unit. Overlap of course content and other problems should be resolved by the academic units before this form and all other accompanying documentation may be forwarded to the Office of Academic Affairs.

A. Information from the academic unit *initiating* the request

African American and African Studies 01-23-2008
 Initiating Academic Unit Date

African American and African Studies
 Book 3 Listing (e.g., Portuguese)

717	Black Politics	GRD	05
Course Number	Title	Level	Credit Hours

Type of Request (Circle): New Course Course Change Course Withdrawal Other

Political Science
 Academic unit asked to review the request

Date response is needed (within two weeks of above date)

B. Information from the academic unit *reviewing* the request should include a reaction to the proposal, including a statement of support or non-support (continued on the back of this form or a separate sheet, if necessary).

see attached

Signatures

<i>Herbert Wisberg</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>POLITICAL SCIENCE</i>	<i>3-20-8</i>
1. Name	Position	Unit	Date

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Concurrent Form – **REVISED**

Political Science is making an in-principle non-concurrence for AAAS 717 because this course is directly on politics and that's our domain. The course readings only differ trivially from those in our long-established graduate level Black Politics course, Pol Sci 707.

The AAAS request for concurrence describes how AAAS 717 would differ from Dr. William Nelson's Black Political Movements and Organizations course, but our more relevant graduate course is Professor Harwood McClerking's Pol Sci 707 course. For example, the description of the course for spring 2008 is "This seminar will concentrate on African Americans and racial politics of the US. The seminar will examine the various roles that race plays in American society. These roles deal with institutions, political behaviors, public opinion, and public policy. The scope of these examinations will be historical and contemporaneous.

To take a few of the points that AAAS makes in their proposal for AAAS 717, they state that their course would be confined to the US while Dr. Nelson's is comparative with Liverpool England, but McClerking's Pol Sci course is exclusively US. AAAS points out that slavery is prominent in Dr. Nelson's course but not in their proposed course, but it is similarly receives little attention in McClerking's Pol Sci course. The AAAS course is described as spending "a tremendous amount of time discussing electoral politics," and that is the specialty of Dr. McClerking and is emphasized in his graduate-level Pol Sci course.

Given the duplication, we would urge against granting approval for the AAAS course. If the AAAS course is approved, Political Science would want an agreement on the allocation of enrollments. We have a similar agreement with Womens Studies on some of their courses, including one of the political behavior of Asian Americans, and that is working out well.

Alternatively, how about titling the course Black Leadership, so that it will not be confused with our graduate course that is known to students as Black Politics, PS 707.