



October 9, 2007

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Dear Dr. Lee:

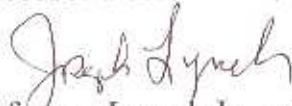
The Undergraduate Teaching Committee of the Department of History has examined the proposal for Political Science 518: "Gun Politics". The Committee had concerns.

- 1) Although the introduction proposed to examine gun control "through historical ... lenses", the syllabus is mostly contemporary in its focus. As the syllabus now stands, we suggest that the reference to an "historical lens" be excised.
- 2) Political Science 518 is not a history course and should not be considered for inclusion in the GEC Historical Studies category
- 3) We concur with the offering of this course

We have what we intend as a friendly suggestion. We consulted experts on our faculty about gun control who advised us that more recent scholarship on the Second Amendment might be useful in the syllabus. If the proposers of the course want more details on the current literature in question, they might contact Professor Saul Cornell (cornell.14@osu.edu).

Sincerely,


Professor Peter Hahn, Chair of the Department of History


Professor Joseph Lynch, Chair of the Undergraduate Teaching Committee

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

Political Science 09/24/2007

 Initiating Academic Unit Date

Political Science

 Book 3 Listing (e.g., Portuguese)

518	<u>Gun Politics</u>	<u>UG</u>	<u>5</u>
Course Number	Title	Level	Credit Hours

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

History

 Academic unit asked to review the request

10/08/2007

 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 our letter of 9 Oct. to Dr. Lee

Signatures

1.		Chair, History	10/9/07
	Name	Position	Unit Date
2.		UTC Chair	10/9/07
	Name	Position	Unit Date
3.			
	Name	Position	Unit Date