Study Away Curricular Proposal  
PLS 497/657/697

Name of Instructor: James B. Kaatz, Ph.D

Name and Title of Course: Local Government and Social Policy in the Netherlands  
PLS 497 Special Topics in Political Science  
PLS 657 Topics Seminar in Public Policy and Administration  
PLS 697 Special Topics in Global Affairs

Purpose of Course:  
This course is designed to give students a background in government operations and social policy in the Netherlands. Course content will make extensive comparisons to practices and policies commonly found in local governments throughout the United States. Further comparisons will involve the Netherlands federal system and the Netherlands’ relationship with the European Union.

Credit Hours Offered:  
Three hours of both graduate and undergraduate credit will be offered for this course. Graduate students will be required to write a more lengthy paper with a more rigorous research requirement.

Brief Outline of Course:

There will be a pre-departure meeting with all participants to cover travel arrangements and expectations of the course. A post tour meeting will also take place during which students will hand in their written assignments and share their research results with the rest of the class.

There will be 56 hours of academic contact during the study tour. An additional 3 contact hours will take place during a pre tour meeting. An outline of the course while students are in Europe is as follows:

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<td>1-1 (TH)</td>
<td>Springfield</td>
<td>9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Depart for Amsterdam</td>
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<td>1-2 (F)</td>
<td>Amsterdam</td>
<td>1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Arrive Amsterdam&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;&lt;i&gt;Take train and tram to housing with free time&lt;/i&gt;</td>
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<td>1-3 (S)</td>
<td>Amsterdam</td>
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<td>National politics in the Netherlands&lt;br&gt;View Royal Palace&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;&lt;i&gt;Led by Jim Kaatz&lt;/i&gt;</td>
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<td>1-4 (Su)</td>
<td>Amsterdam</td>
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<td>Hist. Development of A’dam&lt;br&gt; Anne Frank &amp; Hist. Museum&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;&lt;i&gt;Led by Jim Kaatz and Historical Museum Guide&lt;/i&gt;</td>
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<td>1-5 (M)</td>
<td>Amsterdam</td>
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<td>Regulated tolerance (pros., drugs) Tour of Red Light District&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;&lt;i&gt;Led by Mariska Majoor of the Prostitution Information Center&lt;br&gt;Lecture by Mirjam Schieveld&lt;/i&gt;</td>
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| 1-6 (T) | Amsterdam | Local Gov. function Visit A'dam City Hall  
*Led by Jim Kaatz and City Official.* |  
| 1-7 (W) | Amsterdam | Keeping the city livable Van Gogh & Rijksmuseum  
(Transport, housing, business, parks, museums)  
*Led by Jim Kaatz* |  
| 1-8 (TH) | Rotterdam | Local government issues throughout the Netherlands  
*Led by Jim Kaatz and Linze Schaap* |  
| 1-9 (F) | Bruges | Local Government in Bruges  
*Led by Jim Kaatz – Visit City Hall with guided tour* |  
| 1-10 (S) | Bruges | Local Government in Bruges  
Travel back to Amsterdam  
*Led by Jim Kaatz* |  
| 1-11 (Su) | Amsterdam | Depart for Springfield |  

**Required Texts:**


There will be additional readings in the form of articles to be passed out to the students.

**Evaluation:**

Grades in this course will be based on students’ performance on two written assignments and on class participation. All grades are pass/fail. Graduate students must receive an overall grade of 80%, while undergraduates must receive an overall grade of 60% to pass the course. Assignments and grade weights are as follows:

*Term Papers* will be required of graduate and students. These papers will be between 5 and 8 pages in length and give a more detailed perspective of one of the issues covered in the seminar. No additional research is required. However, it might be a beneficial addition to that opinion-based analysis. These will be due by February 15, 2009. Term papers will count as 33.33% of the grade for graduate students.

*Journals of the Tour* will be kept by both graduate and undergraduate students. These are to include daily entries regarding insights gained by the students. Journals are due to Dr. Kaatz by January 19, 2009. These will count as 50% of the grade for undergraduate and 33.33% of the grade for graduates.

*Class participation* is mandatory for all students and will count as 50% of the grade for undergraduate and 33.33% of the grade for graduate students.
Proposed Travel Component:

*Countries and cities to be visited:* Amsterdam and the Hague, Netherlands and Bruges, Belgium.

*Cost:* Per person cost for this class is $2,350 and is based on the budget worksheet located elsewhere in this proposal and allows some “extra” money in case of unforeseen cost. Expedia.com has been searched for tentative airfare amounts for this trip and the $1,000 represents a “worse case scenario” for cost. Hotel costs are estimated using the instructor’s experience and quotations given on websites. Prices are based on double occupancy with room rates of $110 per room. The instructor’s hotel is based on a single occupancy rate of $75 per room. Included in this price are the following:

- Hotel room or student housing for 9 nights, based on double occupancy
- Roundtrip airfare from Springfield
- International student identification
- Welcome and departure dinners in Amsterdam
- Ground transportation
  - Airport to hotel
  - Roundtrip from Amsterdam to the Hague and Bruges
  - Two bus/tram passes within Amsterdam each good for travel between 20 zones of the city
- Tours and excursions
  - Rijksmuseum
  - Amsterdam Historical Museum
  - Anne Frank House
  - Prostitution Information Center
  - Peace Palace

Not included in this price are the following:

- Food, other than the welcome and farewell dinners
- Passport costs including photos
- Visa expenses for some non-U.S. students. Status can be determined by visiting [http://www.netherlands-embassy.org/visainquiry.asp](http://www.netherlands-embassy.org/visainquiry.asp)
- Personal souvenirs and other purchases
- Admissions other than those listed above
- Any additional travel expenses
Name and address of travel agent: Formal bids will be solicited from the following:

Springfield Travel  
1409 B West Sunshine  
Springfield MO  
865-5535  
Melinda

House of Travel  
2652 S Glenstone  
Springfield MO 65804

Minimum number of participants required: The minimum number of participant required is 10 although the fewer might be acceptable depending on actual costs of items such as airfare and hotels. The deadline for making a “go” or “not go” decision will be December 1, 2008 unless travel arrangements require otherwise.

Maximum number of participants: The maximum number of participants for this class is 15 students. Students will be placed on a waiting list and registered for the class on a first come, first served basis.

Rationale as to the necessity of the travel component: Amsterdam is unique in two ways that are important to this class. First, governmental arrangements are quite different from those found in the United States. The municipal government of Amsterdam is divided into districts which have their own governing councils, while the city has one city council that rules on most of the larger issues. This government then operates within the Dutch federal system which in turn is part of the European Union. By visiting it is hoped that students will acquire a better understanding of how this system and intergovernmental relations work.

Second, Amsterdam and the Netherlands have a history of political tolerance and having to deal with environmental challenges of the North Sea and keeping Amsterdam a livable place for its citizens. Students traveling to Amsterdam will receive first hand knowledge of public works projects, city planning, and social issues.

Formal Class Meetings:

A fairly detailed schedule of topics and meeting times is included under the heading of “brief outline of the course” found in this document. There are 3 hours of classroom lecture prior to departure and 11/2 weeks of on-site time included in this class. The on-site time also includes lecture hours and time spent discussing issues with practitioners and academics in the Netherlands and Belgium. There is a total of 59 contact hours planned for this class.
Application procedures: All applicants must be approved by the faculty sponsor. All programs will require a non-refundable deposit of at least $100. Original copies of the applications will be kept in the Study Away office (UNVH 205). Deposits of all funds will be made by personnel of the Study Away office. The only forms of deposit accepted by University College will be either a $100 personal check or money order. Students will then be billed by SMSU for the balance of the program cost. All applications must have the program director’s signature and be accompanied by a deposit.

Cancellation procedure: If the trip is canceled due to lack of participants, all application fees and moneys paid will be refunded to students. If a student wishes to cancel participation, a statement of withdrawal must be made in writing to the faculty sponsor and the office of Study Away. All withdrawals are subject to monetary penalties in place at the time of withdrawals. Any money spent on behalf of the student wishing to withdraw will not be refunded. Deadlines for deposits and withdrawals and the statement “Non payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal” must be included on all brochures and information provided to students. Any plans by a participant not to travel and return with the group must also be submitted in writing to either the program director or the office of Study Away.

Suggested date and semester of implementation:

January 1, 2009 – January 11, 2009
Winter Intersession

Teaching credit requested:

Three hours of teaching credit during the winter intersession 2008.

Publicizing the program:

The class will be publicized through flyers posted around campus and sent to professors with students who might be interested. Additional promotions will be advertisements in the Springfield News Leader, the MSU Standard, and on radio through KSMU. A brochure will also be produced to explain the program in detail.
STUDY AWAY SHORT TERM BUDGET WORKSHEET

Name of program: Local Government and Social Policy in the Netherlands

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<td>International Faculty ID card</td>
<td>22.00</td>
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<td>Room</td>
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<td>Meals</td>
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<td>Operations (advertising, books, copies)</td>
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Total faculty cost divided by the number of student participants = $238.40

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Approved by:

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