**Submitted by:** Melina Patterson  
**Date Prepared:** 11/13/14

**Department/Discipline(s) and Course Number(s):** GEOG 338

**Course Title:** Geopolitics

**Type of change (check all applicable):**
- Number* _____ Title_____  Credits_____ Description____ Prerequisites _X_ Deletion_____ Cross list**____

*This course number must be approved by the Office of the Registrar before the proposal is submitted.

**To cross list courses between departments/colleges, there should be two cover sheets submitted with the proposal – one by the chair of each department with signatures from the relevant College Curriculum Committee Chair.

**Effective Date:** FALL Semester, Year 2015

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**JUSTIFICATION** *(including impact on majors, minors, concentrations, and general education courses within the University curriculum; attach additional pages if required)*

I would like a prerequisite of junior/senior status to be added to Geography 338 (Geopolitics). This class has no specific prerequisites, in part because a prerequisite would make the International Affairs major impossible to complete; however, it is a class that introduces advanced and abstract theories that are often beyond the ability of first and second year college students. I have not seen that a background in Geography or International Affairs is necessary for students to do well, but I have seen that more experience in college makes the class a better experience for students. In the past ‘market forces’ have limited access for early college students, but as registration is changed so that students don’t register according to credits earned, I worry that more students who are less prepared will be able to register for the class. (These students often drop the class when it is too late for others to add it, by the way).

**TRANSITION PLAN** *(describe how will students who are in Catalogs where the course is required for a major be accommodated; attach additional pages if required)*

No current students will be impacted as this course is taught every year.

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**Approvals**

**Department Chair**  Jackie Gallagher  
**College Curriculum Chair**  
**Date:** 11/12/14  
**Date:** 11/20/14

Expedited course changes are posted for a 10-class day comment period. If no comments are raised during that time, the proposal becomes final. All expedited proposals approved in this way will be noted on the UCC web site.

If comments are raised, the proposal may be reviewed by the UCC and then approved or it may be returned to the CCC for additional deliberation (as required).

Expedited Course Change Cover Sheet (July 2014)