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## Library Impact Statement for PSC 367 Campaigns and Elections

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LIBRARY IMPACT STATEMENT  
LIBRARIANS' ASSESSMENT

COURSE: **PSC 367 – CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS – 4 credits**

Department, College: **Department of Political Science, College of Arts and Sciences**

Faculty Members: **Asst. Professor Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz**

Date returned to Faculty: **31 march 2011**

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The instructor for this course, a four credit offering, makes it clear this is not a current events course but is broader in its intended scope and that finishing students should have the basic knowledge necessary to “begin a career in campaigns and elections.” The instructor, in addition to typical texts, requires students to read the “top” current affairs periodicals and specifically the NY Times each day.

The Libraries spend a considerable amount of money on serials and monographs in the area of current affairs generally and campaigns and elections specifically. We hold a wide variety of topical political resources including the NY Times online as required by the instructor. We will be able to support this course with our current resources or by adding what might be needed in new monographs when and if the instructor/department requests such additions. This course has a relatively high interdisciplinary component (economics, business, sociology, psychology, etc.) and most of the materials from the fields of intersecting interests for this multidisciplinary course are more than sufficient to meet stated bibliographic requirements .

Although not requested in the instructor’s assessment of needs, bibliographic instruction for students in this course would be useful. Requests for such instruction should be made in advance by contacting the reference bibliographer for political science through the reference desk @ 4-2653.

Just as a note of caution, or maybe a warning: if there should arise need for a serial not currently held by the libraries, it is still policy that when adding a serial holding, because of budgetary constraints and the high cost of serials, a serial title of equal subscription value must be dropped from the Libraries’ PSC serial holdings.

Based on stated information needs, the Libraries can meet the bibliographic requirements for this course.

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