Dear Ray and GE Committee,

This is to notify you that POL 124 will no longer satisfy the "Thinking Globally" GE requirement. After teaching the course for 10 years, it became increasingly clear that it was essential for students to take POL 20, International Politics, prior to taking POL 124.

POL 20 introduces the major concepts and theories of international security and development, which are built upon in POL 124. Those students who had not taken POL 20 prior to POL 124 were at an academic disadvantage. Thus, students are now required to take POL 20 before POL 124. The imposition of the prerequisite has produced extremely positive results -- deepening course discussions and standardizing the starting point for course participants.

Since POL 20 already provides "Thinking Globally" credit, there is no longer any reason to list POL 124 under TG.

POL 20 and POL 126 will continue to satisfy the "Thinking Globally" GE requirement.

Thank you,
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