DEPARTMENT: School of Political Studies

PROFESSOR: Wallner

RESEARCH TITLE: Cooperation Failed: The Demise of Common Core in the United States

NUMBER OF STUDENT: 4

LANGUAGE: English

RESEARCH DESCRIPTION:

Why does cooperation fail in a federation? What factors prevent subnational governments working together to further a common initiative that would generate collective benefits? Why does the engagement of the national government in partnership with all subnational governments not further success?

To answer these questions, this research explores and interrogates why the Common Core State Standards Initiative failed in the United States, despite the near unanimous commitment of all states signing on and the strong support offered by the federal government.

KEY LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

Substantively, students will learn about federalism, intergovernmental relations and cooperation. In addition, students will gain an in-depth knowledge of the American education system and the various aspects of its governance.

More practically, students will assist the professor in compiling a list of potential research interview subjects and prepare the contact letters for interview requests. Students will also compile a database of news articles on Common Core and its demise to lay the foundation for a discursive assessment of the framing of the initiative.