

UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: POLI 386 (cross-listed as GLBL 386)

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COURSE INFORMATION: (please provide all information in the “current” column, and only the information changing in the “proposed” column)

change		current	proposed
	Course Number(s)	POLI/GLBL 386	
	Formal Title	The Politics of Development	
	Transcript Title (≤30c)	The Politics of Development	
X	Recommended Course Preparation	(GLBL 101 and GLBL 301) OR (POLI 260 and POLI 280)	3 Social Sciences GEP courses
	Prerequisite NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a “D” or better.	None	
	Credits	3	
	Repeatable?	Yes No	Yes No
	Max. Total Credits	3	Max. Total Credits: This should be equal to the number of credits for courses that cannot be repeated for credit. For courses that may be repeated for credit, enter the maximum total number of credits a student can receive from this course. E.g., enter 6 credits for a 3 credit course that may be taken a second time for credit, but not for a third time. Please note that this does NOT refer to how many times a class may be retaken for a higher grade.
	Grading Method(s)	Reg (A-F) Audit Pass-Fail	Reg (A-F) Audit Pass-Fail

CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

This course examines how the process of economic development is governed on the national, transnational and international levels. Theories of political modernization, imperialism and dependency, the developmental state, neoliberalism and post-developmentalism will be used as alternative approaches in the study of several policy areas, such as international trade, technology and intellectual property, social welfare and natural resources.

PROPOSED CATALOG DESCRIPTION (no longer than 75 words): leave blank if no changes are being proposed to the catalog description. NOTE: information about prerequisites should NOT appear in the catalog description.)

This course examines the interaction of politics (the making and implementation of collective decisions for a society) and human development (the improvement of living conditions in a society). Various theoretical approaches are used to study the role of politics in the multiple dimensions of development, including economic growth, environmental sustainability and human rights.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:

This is a revised proposal. Our original rationale for change (to “Recommended Preparation: Junior Standing”) was:

“The change in the recommended course preparation is expected to make access to the course less restrictive while guaranteeing that students arrive at the course with the necessary background knowledge. There are social sciences and humanities courses other than GLOBL 101, GLOBL 301, POLI 260 and POLI 280 that can provide students with the necessary preparation for POLI/GLOBL 386. GLOBL and POLI majors with junior standing are very likely to have a combination of previous coursework that enables them to take POLI/GLOBL 386.”

At the suggestion of UGC, we have decided to broaden the recommended preparation from “Junior Standing” to “3 Social Sciences GEP Courses.” In doing so, we hope to ensure that students who enroll in the course, majors and non-majors, will have had sufficient intellectual formation to thrive in a rigorous upper-level course.

The proposed course description contains a clearer definition of the politics of development as a field of study. In comparison to the current description, it is more focused on the presentation of the object of study of the course than on specific theories that an instructor might teach during the course.

Tom Schaller

to Devin, me, Felipe ▾

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I agree with this change. If you need more than this email, plz let me know. thx, tom

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