UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: POLI 475

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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 475	POLI 475
X	Formal Title	Politics in the Former Soviet Union	Russian Politics
X	Transcript Title (≤30c)	Politics in the Former Soviet Union	Russian Politics
X	Recommended Course Preparation	POLI 260	POLI 260, POLI 360
☐	Prerequisite **NOTE:** Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a "D" or better.	None	None
☐	# of Credits Must adhere to the UMBC Credit Hour Policy	3	3
☐	Repeatable?	☐ Yes X No	☐ Yes X No
☐	Max. Total Credits	3	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 seminar is designed to introduce the student to the politics and government of the countries that occupy the territory of the former Soviet Union. It will cover both the history and the current political status of these countries with particular reference to the influence of the Soviet experience on their internal politics and international relations. Recommended Preparation: POLI 260 and POLI 360.

PROPOSED CATALOG DESCRIPTION (Approximately 75 words in length. Please use full sentences**):** leave blank if no changes are being proposed to the catalog description. NOTE: information about prerequisites should NOT appear in the catalog description.)

This seminar is designed to introduce the student to the politics and government of Russia. It will cover both Russia's political history and its current political status with particular reference to the influence of the Soviet and post-Soviet experiences on Russia's internal politics and international relations today. Recommended Preparation: POLI 260 and POLI 360.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE: No longer teach post-Soviet; is separate course on Central Asia. This course focuses solely on Russia.