UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: POLI 210 Political Philosophy

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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 210	
☒	Formal Title	Political Philosophy	Political Theory
☒	Transcript Title (≤30c)	Political Philosophy	Political Theory
☒	Recommended Course Preparation	Sophomore Standing or POLI 100	none
☐	Prerequisite **NOTE:** Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a "D" or better.	none	
☐	# of Credits Must adhere to the UMBC Credit Hour Policy	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:
An introduction to the philosophical problems underlying political issues and the attempts through the centuries to solve these problems. Although covering many centuries of philosophy, we need not do so in chronological order. This course will introduce students to political philosophy and will, and at the same time, attempt to locate the role of philosophical reasoning within political science.

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.)

An introduction to the theoretical issues and debates underlying political practice and policy. By examining the works of various political theorists, past and present, Western and non-Western, male and female, students gain insight into key political concepts such as liberty, equality, justice, sovereignty, rights and responsibilities, and citizenship. Emphasis is placed on applying political theories to current political debates.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE: The Philosophy department has also offered courses in political philosophy for many years. Although political philosophy is a recognized subfield in both philosophy and political science, there are important methodological differences between the academic disciplines, which will be clarified by the proposed changes. Also alleviates student confusion about course offerings and requirements. In accordance with the university's commitment to diversity, theorists from underrepresented groups will now be incorporated as well.