

UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: POLI 319: Selected Topics in 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
<input type="checkbox"/>	Course Number(s)	POLI 319	POLI 319
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Formal Title	Selected Topics in Political Philosophy	Selected Topics in Political Theory
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Transcript Title (≤30c)	Selected Topics in Political	Selected Topics in Poli. Theory
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recommended Course Preparation	Philosophy POLI 210 or permission of instructor	POLI 210 or another POLI course in political theory
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prerequisite NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a "D" or better.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	# of Credits Must adhere to the <u>UMBC Credit Hour Policy</u>	1-3	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Repeatable?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Max. Total Credits	6	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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grading Method(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reg (A-F) <input type="checkbox"/> Audit <input type="checkbox"/> Pass-Fail	<input type="checkbox"/> Reg (A-F) <input type="checkbox"/> Audit <input type="checkbox"/> Pass-Fail

CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

This class allows the opportunity to investigate a given topic in political philosophy outside of a historical period and beyond the scope of one author. Possible topics include: philosophical responses to slavery, natural law, feminist theory and democratic theory. This course is repeatable for credit.

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.)

Examines a particular topic, problem, or issue from the perspective of political theory. Recent examples include Founding Feminisms and Nineteenth Century Feminisms. Emphasis is placed on applying political theories to current political debates. This course is repeatable for credit.

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. Eliminates outdated possible topics. Streamlines language and emphasizes application to case studies.