

UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: POLI 320: American Political Thought

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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 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Course Number(s) | POLI 320 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Formal Title | American Political Thought | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Transcript Title (≤30c) | American Political Thought | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Recommended Course Preparation | Sophomore standing or POLI 100 | POLI 210 or another POLI course in political theory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Prerequisite <small>NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a “D” or better.</small> | none | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | # of Credits <small>Must adhere to the <u>UMBC Credit Hour Policy</u></small> | 3 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Repeatable? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Max. Total Credits | 3 | <small>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.</small> |
| <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:

Political ideas that have been most significant in shaping the American political regime and way of life. Emphasis on the philosophic dimension of American statesmanship and on principles underlying major changes in the character of the American polity. Students are given opportunities to study subjects of special concerns to them.

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.)

Investigates in detail key theoretical arguments and controversies that have shaped our country by carefully studying the contributions of a variety of American thinkers. Emphasis is placed on applying American political theories to current political debates.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:

The proposed course description substitutes “theory” for “philosophy” to distinguish Political Science course offerings from those in Philosophy. Streamlines language and emphasizes application to case studies. Eliminates recommended preparation.