

**UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: POLI 410: Seminar 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 410	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Formal Title	Seminar in Political Philosophy	Seminar in Political Theory
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Transcript Title (≤30c)	Seminar in Political Philosophy	Seminar in Political Theory
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recommended Course Preparation	none	POLI 210 or another POLI course in political theory
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prerequisite <small>NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a "D" or better.</small>	Application and acceptance by instructor	None
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	# of Credits <small>Must adhere to the <u>UMBC Credit Hour Policy</u></small>	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Max. Total Credits		<b>6</b> <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:**

Advanced study of selected texts, with emphasis on exploration of problems in political philosophy, such as the fact/value problem, the relationship between political philosophy and ideology, or the dilemmas of equality, freedom and excellence in a liberal democracy. The specific topic will be announced before registration. This course is repeatable for credit.

Topics: Pol Phil & Theater, Human Body/Body Politic, Seminar:Rousseau’s Phil, Seminar: Aristotle, Classical Chinese Tchng, Bro,Sis, Fellow Citizens, Moral Laws, Sem: Rousseau, Aristotle, Political Phil Rousseau, Thomas Hobbs And Origin, Rousseau, Political Phil & Autbio, Sem: Detocqueville, Pol Phil & Internat Rel, Fellow Citizens, Sem: Aristotle, Seminar: Montesquieu, Seminar: Tyranny, Justice For All, Democracy In America

**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.)

Advanced study of selected texts in political theory that address important issues, problems, and debates in political life. Emphasis is placed on applying political theories to political practice. 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. Streamlines language and emphasizes application to case studies. Eliminates prerequisite.