UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: POLI 419 - Selected Topics in Political Theory

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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 419	
	Formal Title	Selected Topics in Political Theory	Advanced Selected Topics in Political Theory
\boxtimes	Transcript Title (≤30c)	Selected Topics in Political Theory	Advanced Topics Poli. Theory
\boxtimes	Recommended Course Preparation	None	POLI 210 or another POLI course in political theory
	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		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.
	Grading Method(s)	🛮 Reg (A-F) 🗀 Audit 🗀 Pass-Fail	Reg (A-F) Audit Pass-Fail

CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Study of a particular topic within the area of political philosophy and theory. The specific topic will be announced before registration. This course is repeatable for credit.

Topics: Biol & Pol Consios, After The Age Of Reason, Hobbes Origin Of Modern, Crisis Of Poli Origins, Top:Ethics/Public Policy, Political Phil Today, Biol Thry& Pol Conscious, Topics In Political Thry, Topics:Political Theory, Political Phil & Lit, Af/Am Political Thought, Humane Warfare?, Political Education, Islam, Law, and Politics, Global Political Theories, Political Philosphy of War and Peace, Globalization

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, in-depth study of a particular topic, problem, or issue from the perspective of political theory. Emphasis is placed on applying political theories to current political debates. Examples include Globalization, War and Peace, and the Environment. 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 allowing student confusion about course offerings and requirements. Further differentiates course

from POLI 319 by emphasizing "advanced" and "in-depth" study at the 400-level. Streamlines language and emphasizes application to case studies. Eliminates recommended preparation. Updates topic examples to reflect more recent course offerings.