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COLLEGE: College of Arts and Sciences #COAS\_SS\_020

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**Program:** Add: \_\_\_\_\_ Change: X Attach new/changed Program of Study description and 4-year plan. If in current catalog, provide change and attach page with changes in red.

**PSCI ~~3311~~ 3313**

~~Introduction to Political Thought~~ Classical and Medieval Political Philosophy 

Three semester hours.

A survey and analysis of political thought, theory, and political philosophy from Greek antiquity to the present. Prerequisite: Six hours of political science. (Cross-listed with PHIL 3313)

**MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**MINOR CURRICULUM - POLITICAL SCIENCE**

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**Required courses:**

- PSCI 3310 [Studies in Comparative Politics](#)
- PSCI 3313 [Classical and Medieval Political Philosophy](#)
- PSCI 4320 [The Political System of the United States of America](#)
- PSCI 4335 [International Politics](#)

**Six hours chosen from:**

Any 3000 or 4000- level PSCI electives

**Justification/Explanation:** This is not a new course. The change is a revision in the course identification from PSCI 3311 to **PSCI 3313**, and an update to the course name from Introduction to Political Thought to **Classical and Medieval Political Philosophy**. The change also adds a cross-listing with PHIL 3313. The course identification number is changed to accommodate alignment of the PSCI curriculum with cross-listed courses in ENGL, HIST, and PHIL. The course name change is minor, but is intended more in line with contemporary usage within the discipline.

Approvals:	Signature	Date
Chair Department Curriculum Committee	_____	_____
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Syllabus

PSCI 3313: Classical and Medieval Political Philosophy

**Course Description:**

This course is designed to present a survey and analysis of the highlights of political thought, theory, and political philosophy from classical Greece through Medieval Europe.

**Learning Objectives and Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of the course, it is expected that the student should be able to:

1. Articulate, first and foremost, the general meaning and scope of political philosophy and political thought, and further, he or she should be able to distinguish between the two terms.
2. Confront and attempt to answer the most basic questions that human beings can ask about living together—questions about justice and questions about relations and institutions of power.
3. Understand and articulate to an acceptable degree the political philosophies, thought, and theories of the major thinkers selected.

**Major Political Philosophers:**

Different professors will often choose different giants of classical and later political philosophy in designing this course, but the following is a list of those most commonly read and discussed for this course: Plato, Aristotle, St. Augustine, and St. Thomas Aquinas.

**From:** Riggs, William W.  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2008 6:54 AM  
**To:** Trevino, Mary T.  
**Subject:** RE: PSCI 3313/3314

Mary,  
Psci 3313&3314 will not be cross listed with either phil or eng.  
Bill

**From:** Trevino, Mary T.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 3:01 PM  
**To:** Riggs, William W.  
**Cc:** Chadwell, Sean M.  
**Subject:** PSCI 3313/3314  
**Importance:** High

Dr. Riggs – the documents to change PSCI 3311 to 3313 and 3312 to 3314 make reference to these courses being cross listed with English, History and Philosophy. I do not find English 3313/History 3313/Philosophy 3313 in the course inventory. English 3314/History 3314/Philosophy 3314 are not in the course inventory either. Are these courses going through the approval process?