



CATALOG YEAR 2008-2010  
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COLLEGE: College of Arts and Sciences # COAS\_SS\_021

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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 ~~3312~~ 3314**  
**Modern Political ~~Thought (Modern)~~ Philosophy**

Three semester hours.

Fundamentals of political thought, theory, and philosophy since Machiavelli; major contemporary political theories and movements. Prerequisite: Six hours of political science. (Cross-listed with PHIL 3314)



**Justification/Explanation:** This is not a new course. The change is a revision of the course identification from PSCI 3312 to **PSCI 3314**, and an update to the name from Political Thought (Modern) to **Modern Political Philosophy**. The change also adds the cross-listing with PHIL 3314. 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  |
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Texas A&M International University  
Syllabus  
PSCI 3314: Modern Political Philosophy

**Course Description:**

This course is designed to be a study of the fundamentals of political thought, theory, and philosophy since Machiavelli, inclusive of the major contemporary political theories and movements.

**Learning Objectives and Outcomes:**

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

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamentals of political thought, theory, and political philosophy of the thinkers selected.
2. Understand and articulate selected major contemporary political theories and movements including liberalism, socialism, the welfare state, and libertarianism.
3. Critically examine the political theories, philosophies, and movements studied
4. Formulate his or her own political thought.

**Major Modern Political Philosophers:**

Different professors will often choose different giants of contemporary political philosophy in designing this course, but the following is a list of those most commonly read and discussed for the course: Machiavelli, Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, John Stuart Mill, Karl Marx, Martin Luther King, Jr., and John Rawls

**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?