

CATALOG YEAR 2009-2010
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COLLEGE/SCHOOL : Arts & Sciences

Current Catalog Page(s) Affected : add to Arts & Sciences

Course: Add: Delete: _____

(check all that apply) Change: Number Title _____ SCH _____

Description Prerequisite

If new, provide Course Prefix, Number, Title, SCH Value, Description, prerequisite, and lecture/lab hours if applicable. If in current catalog, copy and paste the text and indicate changes in red.

- New Number: HIST/PSCI 2420 The American Way
- SCH: 4

-Course Description: This course will focus on the major events that helped to make the United States what it is today, including the Colonial Era and Independence, specifically the writing of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, as well as the major events of the 19th and 20th centuries. The branches of government, including the checks and balances and separation of powers, will be emphasized as well as the civil rights and liberties of all citizens. An element of the course is faculty-led travel to important historical and governmental sites in Texas.

Fulfills the Texas state requirement in history, and U.S. government for certain qualified international students enrolled in joint degree programs. Not acceptable for credit for most students enrolled in TAMIU degree programs.

-Prerequisite: Students must be enrolled in a joint degree program with a TAMIU partner institution outside the United States and must have enrolled at that institution first, or otherwise primarily be a student of a foreign college or university. Students who are primarily TAMIU students and/or not enrolled in a joint degree program may not receive academic credit for this course, per state law.

-Justification: new course required to fulfill requirements of SB 1051, 80th Session of the Texas Legislature, in support of joint degree programs with UAT and other institutions. Per legislation,

this course may also be offered to non-degree exchange students provided they do not apply it towards a degree granted in Texas.

Program: Add: _____ Change: _____ Attach new/changed Program of Study description and 4-year plan. If in current catalog, copy and paste the text from the and indicate changes in red.

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Approvals: Signature _____ Date _____

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Student Learning Objectives:

Ideally, at the conclusion of this course, you will have a greater understanding of

- the interaction between politics and government.
- the historical development of the United States and Texas.
- the structure and institutions of American and Texas government.
- the political process in the United States and other democratic societies.
- the role of individuals and civil society groups (such as political parties and interest groups) in influencing government behavior.
- key historical and political events that shaped the rights and liberties of Americans and Texans.
- how social scientists study history, politics, and government.