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(check all that apply) Change: Number _x_ Title ___ SCH ___ Description _x_ Prerequisite _x___

New course will be part of major ___ minor ___ as a required ___ or elective _X___ course  
New course will introduce ___, reinforce ___, or apply ___ concepts

PSCI 5309  
Mexican Politics and Government  
Three semester hours.  
This course explores the roles of Mexican government institutions, state and local governments, political parties, the military, economic elites and social movements. The course analyzes the evolution of their relationships over time, as well as their influence on domestic and foreign choices. This course is held in conjunction with PSCI 4309, but requires additional graduate-level work be assigned to students taking the course for graduate credit. Prerequisite: admission to a graduate degree program, including the BAMA. (Cross-listed with PSCI 4309).

Justification: This step is being taken in a very select few (4) of our upper-division PSCI courses to provide graduate students with a few more options in their major/ minor course selection to make the MA in PSCI a bit more popular and option.

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Course Learning Objectives:
By the end of this course students will be able to:

- Identify, describe, and analyze the political and economic history of Mexico since independence.
- Identify, describe, and discuss the intersections between economics and political opening, and the impact of NAFTA and globalization.
- Evaluate the changes that are underway in Mexico’s political and civic cultures.
- Identify, describe, and analyze several major arenas of political life: the three principal branches of federal government (Executive, Legislature and Judiciary); the mass media; Mexican corporatist structures, and the political party system of Mexico.
- Identify, describe, and analyze Mexico’s changing cultures: namely, the bi-national relationship between Mexico and the U.S. and the growing transnational family linkages with Mexican and Mexican origin households in the U.S., the shifting nature of social and community mobilization – including radical groups – and how these impact upon class and political identity and citizenship, and changing gender relations and equity of opportunity for women relative to men.