

CATALOG YEAR 2011-2012 _____

UCC 13

COLLEGE/SCHOOL/SECTION: College of Arts and Sciences

Course: Add: Delete:
(check all that apply) Change: Number Title SCH Description Prerequisite

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

PSCI 5311

Constitutional Law

Three semester hours.

A case study of American constitutional law based on the leading decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court. This course deals with the functional and federal distributions of governing authority, civil liberties, rights of the criminally accused, and civil rights. This course is held in conjunction with PSCI 4311, 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 4311).

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 OBJECTIVES and ASSESSMENT MEANS: By the end of this course it is expected that graduate students will demonstrate:

1. an advanced ability (graduate level) to identify, synthesize, and analyze the foundations of the United States Constitution and its historical development, and current trends of the powers accorded to and the limitations placed upon the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the federal government.
2. an enhanced understanding of the powers, rights, duties, and interrelationships of the federal government, the state government, and of the social, economic, and political influences on Supreme Court decision-making.
3. the ability to write a case brief.
4. Graduate students will demonstrate to the professor's satisfaction knowledge of the professional literature in constitutional law.