

CATALOG YEAR 2011-2012 _____

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COLLEGE/SCHOOL/SECTION: _ College of Arts and Sciences

Course: Add: Delete:
(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 5326

The Judicial Process

Three semester hours.

A study of the American judicial system with emphasis upon its structure, function, and process. Prerequisite: Six hours of political science. 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 4326).

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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Learning Objectives:

After completing this course, the student should be able to demonstrate in writing:

1. the ability to identify, synthesize, and analyze the organization and functions of each component of the Federal and Texas court systems.
2. the ability to describe and analyze the roles of the users of the judicial system (consumers, interpreters, and institutions of law), compare and contrast their functionality, and appraise the utility of each.
3. an advanced ability (graduate-level) to write and present a brief of a judicial appellate opinion according to the FIDLR method, analyzing legal issues.
4. an advanced ability to describe, analyze and appraise the role of the judge in the American legal system and in our society.
5. an advanced ability to discuss and differentiate how a civil and criminal case moves through the legal system
6. the ability to assess the effectiveness of the American judicial system from the perspectives of the various "players" in the case.
7. Graduate students will demonstrate to the professor's satisfaction knowledge of the professional literature on the judiciary and judicial practice.