



CATALOG YEAR 2012-2013

COLLEGE/SCHOOL/SECTION: College of Arts and Sciences/ Dept. of Social Sciences

Course: Add: X Delete: Change:

Number PSCI 5110-5610 Title Directed Research in Political Science SCH 1 - 6

Description: Opportunity for graduate students to undertake independent study or research in political science. Prior consent of faculty member(s) with whom students wish to work. Subject may vary from semester or semester. This course may be repeated for a total of 6 SCH.
Graded CR/ NC.

Prerequisite PSCI 5301 and 12 SCH 5000-level PSCI.

Justification: Gives graduate students the option to earn credit for graduate-level research projects under faculty supervision of shorter duration than the thesis. In addition, allows more options for graduate students' scheduling.

Response Required: New course will be part of major X minor as a required or elective X course

Response Required: New course will introduce , reinforce , or apply X concepts

Approvals:

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Course Student Learning Objectives

With faculty guidance students will demonstrate:

1. the ability to ask relevant research questions in to Political Science in an end of course research paper.
2. the ability to recognize and evaluate assumptions and implications in an end of course research paper.
3. advanced competency in review and synthesis of relevant Political Science literature in an end of course research paper.
4. the ability to state and defend a thesis that is clear, direct, logical, and substantive in Political Science in an end of course research paper.
5. the ability to find and use a variety of appropriately cited sources in an end of course research paper.
6. the ability to write a paper that is of acceptable quality in their professor's opinion fopr presentation at a professional forum.