

CATALOG YEAR <u>2012-2013</u>

COLLEGE/SCHOOL/SECTION: _COAS/ Dept. of Public Affairs and Social Research_____

 Course:
 Add: _X_ Delete: _____

 (check all that apply)
 Change: Number ____ Title ___ SCH ___ Description ___ Prerequisite _____

 Response Required:
 New course will be part of major _X_ minor X_ as a required _____

 or elective _X_ course
 New course will introduce ____, reinforce _X_, or apply ____ concepts

PSCI 4313: The Constitution and Governmental Powers Three Semester Hours The powers of government, state and federal, under the federal Constitution; relations between branches of the federal government; limitations on governmental authority by virtue of the distribution of power.

Student learning outcomes: By the end of this course students will demonstrate through writing, examination, and oral presentation that they are able to:

- 1. Compare and contrast the various theories of constitutional interpretation.
- 2. Write clear and thorough briefs of Supreme Court cases.
- 3. Participate in a mock Supreme Court case by preparing and presenting an effective oral argument.
- 4. Identify and discuss the major Supreme Court cases that have had landmark importance in our interpretation of the distribution of power and governing authority in the American structure of government.

Justification: we now have new faculty with this expertise, and this is a substantive sub-field of political science.

Approvals: Signature Date
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