Please check one:  ☑ New course  □ Revised course

PART I: CATALOG DESCRIPTION

1. Course prefix and number: Political Science 2103
2. Title: Intro to Political Theory
3. Long title:
4. Class hours per week, lab hours per week, and credit: 3-0-3
5. Term(s) to be offered: ☑ Fall  □ Spring  □ Summer  □ On demand
6. Initial term of offering: ☑ Fall  □ Spring  □ Summer  Year: 2007
7. Course description: This course introduces students to the subfield of political theory and it provides an overview of the approaches to the study of political ideas as well as a basic foundation in the ideas and ideologies that frame modern social and political debates.
8. Registration restrictions: None
   a. Identify any equivalent courses: None
   b. Prerequisite(s): None
   c. Who can waive the prerequisite(s)?
      □ No one  □ Chair  □ Instructor  □ Advisor  □ Other (Please specify)
   d. Co-requisites: None
   e. Repeat status:  ☑ Course may not be repeated.
   f. Degree, college, major(s), level, or class to which registration in the course is restricted, if any:
   g. Degree, college, major(s), level, or class to be excluded from the course, if any:
9. Special course attributes: This course will be Writing Active; Exams will include essay questions and each student will be required to complete a Short Paper on an ideological tradition covered in class.
10. Grading methods (check all that apply): ☑ Standard letter  □ C/NC  □ Audit  □ ABC/NC
11. Instructional delivery method:  ☑ lecture  □ lab  □ lecture/lab combined  □ independent study/research
      □ internship  □ performance  □ practicum or clinical  □ study abroad  □ other

PART II: ASSURANCE OF STUDENT LEARNING

1. List the student learning objectives of this course:
   Students enrolled in this course will:
      (1) Describe the historical developments critical to the evolution of Political Theory
      (2) Analyze and Critique Political Ideology
      (3) Develop critical thinking and writing skills
      (4) Describe and compare Political ideas and advanced ideological concepts
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>First Exam</th>
<th>Second Exam</th>
<th>Final Exam</th>
<th>Short Paper</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Describe the historical Developments critical to the evolution of Political theory

Develop critical thinking and writing skills.

Analyze and Critique political Ideologies

Describe and compare Political ideas and advanced Ideological Concepts

Not a Technology Delivered Course

Not a Graduate Level Course

Evaluation of Student performance in the course will be based on:

- **First Exam** 20%
- **Second Exam** 20%
- **Final Exam** 30%
- **Short Paper** 30%

This course will be Writing Active; Exams will include essay questions and each student will be required to complete a Short Paper on an ideological tradition covered in class.

**PART III: OUTLINE OF THE COURSE**

Outline of the Course:
This course will meet 45 times during the semester (3 times a week). The outline of course topics is as follows:

**Week 1: Introduction**

*What is Political Theory?*

**Week 2: Conceptual Definitions I: Visions**

*Human Nature, Power and the State*

**Weeks 3 & 4: Conceptual Definitions II: Values**

*Freedom, Equality and Justice*

**Exam 1**

**Weeks 5 & 6: Political Systems and Ideas I**

*Citizenship, Democracy, Liberalism and Conservatism*

**Weeks 7 & 8: Political Systems and Ideas II**
Socialism and Fascism

Weeks 9 & 10: Political Systems and Ideas III

Nationalism and Anarchism

Exam 2

Weeks 11, 12, & 13: Politics and Contemporary Ideas

Feminism, Multiculturalism and Fundamentalism

Week 14: Contemporary Ideas and Political Actions

Terrorism, Human Rights and Civil Disobedience

Week 15: Summary and Review

Final Exam and Papers Due

PART IV: PURPOSE AND NEED

A. This course will expand the department’s offerings in Political Theory by offering students an introduction to a vital area in political science as well as an opportunity to explore the background of the dominant ideological traditions in contemporary political life.

B. The new course would be a new core requirement for political science majors and this course will be appropriate for freshman and sophomore majors and non-majors. Prerequisites: None.

C. This course will explore and analyze the evolution of political ideas and their impact on society from a political science perspective. Although other university departments offer courses that cover some aspects of political theory, Political Science 2103 is not similar to any existing course.

D. This course allows political science majors to have an introduction to the Political Theory area and serves as a foundation for the discipline for both the political science major and minor.

PART V: IMPLEMENTATION

A. Initially the course will be assigned to Dr. Kevin Anderson. Other qualified faculty may be assigned to teach the course in the future.

B. No additional cost will be incurred by the students


PART VI: COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER

A community college course may be judged equivalent to this course and may be accepted as a substitute.
PART VII: APPROVALS

Date approved by the Political Science Department: **October 25, 2006**

Date approved by the College of Sciences Curriculum Committee: **January 12, 2007**

Date approved by CAA: **February 1, 2007**