UNIVERSITY COLLEGE of the FRASER VALLEY

COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 2009
COURSE REVISED IMPLEMENTATION DATE:
COURSE TO BE REVIEWED: September 2009
(Four years after implementation date) (MONTH YEAR format)

OFFICIAL COURSE OUTLINE INFORMATION

Students are advised to keep course outlines in personal files for future use.
Shaded headings are subject to change at the discretion of the department and the material will vary - see course syllabus available from instructor

FACULTY/DEPARTMENT: **Philosophy & Politics**

POSC 480	**N/A**	**3**
COURSE NAME/NUMBER	FORMER COURSE NUMBER	UCFV CREDITS

Selected Topics in Political Theory
COURSE DESCRIPTIVE TITLE

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

Political theory is one of the cornerstones of political science. This course will provide students with an opportunity to acquire a deeper understanding of the discipline through a detailed exploration of topics in political theory.

PREREQUISITES: **45 credits from Arts, Sciences, or Applied programs, including one of: POSC 311, POSC 312, PHIL 305, PHIL 310, PHIL 315.**
Note: As of September 2010, prerequisites will change to the following:
60 university-level credits.

COREQUISITES:

SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S)
(a) Replaces: _____ *(Course #)*
(b) Cannot take: _____ *(Course #)* for further credit.

SERVICE COURSE TO:
_____ *(Department/Program)*
_____ *(Department/Program)*

TOTAL HOURS PER TERM: **45**
STRUCTURE OF HOURS:

Lectures:		Hrs
Seminar:	**45**	Hrs
Laboratory:		Hrs
Field Experience:		Hrs
Student Directed Learning:		Hrs
Other (Specify):		Hrs

TRAINING DAY-BASED INSTRUCTION
LENGTH OF COURSE: _____
HOURS PER DAY: _____

MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT: **25**
EXPECTED FREQUENCY OF COURSE OFFERINGS: **once every year**

WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (lower-level courses only)	☐ Yes	☐ No
WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (upper-level requested by department)	☐ Yes	☒ No
TRANSFER CREDIT EXISTS IN BCCAT TRANSFER GUIDE:	☐ Yes	☒ No

AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES:

Course Designer(s): Glen Baier
Chairperson: Raymond Welch *(Curriculum Committee)*
Department Head: Glen Baier
Dean: Eric Davis
PAC Approval in Principle Date:
PAC Final Approval Date: April 25, 2008

LEARNING OBJECTIVES / GOALS / OUTCOMES / LEARNING OUTCOMES:

By the end of the course the student should be able to:

1) write a detailed scholarly essay on a problem or question in political theory.

2) understand a particular area of political theory from an informed viewpoint.

3) recognize one or more major themes in political theory

4) continue study of political theory at an advanced level in a more scholarly fashion

5) to comment intelligently on certain aspects of political theory.

METHODS:

Primarily seminar format, with students taking a leading role in presenting material and leading discussions.

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):

Credit can be awarded for this course through PLAR (Please check :) ☒ Yes ☐ No

METHODS OF OBTAINING PLAR:

Challenge exam or essay.

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:

[Textbook selection varies by instructor. An example of texts for this course might be:]
The reading list will vary depending on the content of the course. A typical reading list will include primary sources and will require the student to take initiative in locating suitable material and presenting it to the class.

SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:

None.

STUDENT EVALUATION:

[An example of student evaluation for this course might be:]
Evaluation procedures will vary, but students are always evaluated on a variety of performances that may include essays, contributions to class, presentation of reports, papers, and projects. A typical distribution of work would assign 20% to in-class presentations and contributions, 20% to research assignments, 30% to essays and 30% to projects which connect the work of this course to areas of interest in the students' career.

COURSE CONTENT:

[Course content varies by instructor. An example of course content might be:]

Classical Marxist Theory

Issues of Historical Materialism: French Revolutions
Early Works: 1843
The Turning Point: Early Writings: 1844 Manuscripts
Manifesto of the Communist Party
Refining the Critique of Political Economy: Value, Price and Profit
Historicizing the Critique of Political Economy
The Historically Specific Social Relations of Capitalism
French Revolutions, Part I: The 18th Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte
French Revolutions, Part II – The Civil War in France
Marx's Politics of Revolution
Lenin and Luxemburg