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COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 2012
COURSE REVISED IMPLEMENTATION DATE:
COURSE TO BE REVIEWED: March 2018
(six years after UEC approval) *(month, year)*

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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 – see course syllabus available from instructor

POSC 494	**Political Science**	3
COURSE NAME/NUMBER	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	UFV CREDITS

Directed Studies in Public Policy
COURSE DESCRIPTIVE TITLE

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:
This course offers the student the opportunity to pursue in-depth independent study of a particular issue, problem, or topic in the field of public policy. The student must, in consultation with a faculty member, develop a detailed individual course proposal indicating the readings or other study to be undertaken and how the course work will be assessed.

Note: Students may take this course for credit more than once provided it is under different topics.

PREREQUISITES: 12 credits of Political Science including two of POSC 100, 110, 120, 230 or 260, and at least six upper-level credits, and the consent of both the faculty supervisor and the department head.
COREQUISITES: None
PRE or COREQUISITES:

SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S):
(a) Replaces:
(b) Cross-listed with:
(c) Cannot take: for further credit.

SERVICE COURSE TO: *(department/program)*

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

Lectures:		Hrs
Seminar:	**15**	Hrs
Laboratory:		Hrs
Field experience:		Hrs
Student directed learning:	**30**	Hrs
Other (specify):		Hrs

TRAINING DAY-BASED INSTRUCTION:
Length of course:
Hours per day:

OTHER:
Maximum enrolment: **6**
Expected frequency of course offerings: As requested.
(every semester, annually, every other year, etc.)

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

Course designer(s): **Hamish Telford**
Department Head: **Hamish Telford** Date approved: **December 2012**
Supporting area consultation Date of meeting: **January 13, 2012**
Curriculum Committee chair: **Tetsuomi Anzai** Date approved: **March 2012**
Dean/Associate VP: **Jacqueline Nolte** Date approved: **March 2012**
Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) approval Date of meeting: **March 30, 2012**

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate a deep and sophisticated understanding of a particular issue or topic in public policy;
- Demonstrate an ability to conduct independent research

METHODS: *(Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.)*

Students will read an**d** work independently, and display their increased understanding and abilities through research papers and regular meetings with the faculty supervisor.

METHODS OF OBTAINING PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):

☐ Examination(s) ☐ Portfolio assessment ☐ Interview(s)

☐ Other (specify):

☒ PLAR cannot be awarded for this course for the following reason(s): This is an independent study course with an individual faculty member.

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:

[Textbook selection varies by instructor. An example of texts for this course might be:]

The student must, in consultation with the faculty supervisor, develop a detailed reading list. The list will be more extensive than that typically assigned in a regularly scheduled upper-level course.

SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:

None

STUDENT EVALUATION:

[An example of student evaluation for this course might be:]

To be determined in consultation with the faculty supervisor, but will typically involve at least one major research paper, and possibly other shorter written assignments, such as a prospectus and/or annotated bibliography.

COURSE CONTENT:

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

To be determined in consultation with the faculty supervisor.