

# Electronic Course Authorization System (ECAS)

## POL 4302 - VIEW COURSE PROPOSAL

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**Approvals Received:** None

**Approvals Pending:** **Department** > Curriculum Committee > Campus Assembly > Catalog

**Effective Status:** Active

**Effective Term:** 1093 - Spring 2009

**Course:** **POL 4302**

**Institution:** UMNMO - Morris

**Career:** UGRD

**College:** MDSS - Division of Social Sciences

**Department:** 10574 - M Social Science Admin

### General

**Course Title Short:** Int'l Comparative Pol Theory

**Course Title Long:** **International Comparative Political Theory**

**Max-Min Credits for Course:** 4.0 to 4.0 credit(s)

**Catalog Description:** Examination of international political thought beyond the canon of Western political theory. Topics include modernity, democracy, legitimacy, justice, nonviolence and nationalism, with an emphasis on the Islamic world, the Indian subcontinent, sub-Saharan Africa and East Asia.

**Additional Course Information (for catalog production):** <no text provided>

**Grading Basis:** Stdnt Opt

**Honors Course:** No

**Delivery Mode(s):** Classroom

**Years most frequently offered:** Odd years only

**Term(s) most frequently offered:** Spring

**Component 1:** SEM (with final exam)

**Auto-Enroll Course:** No

**Graded Component:** SEM

**Academic Progress Units:** Not allowed to bypass limits.  
4.0 credit(s)

**Financial Aid Progress Units:** Not allowed to bypass limits.  
4.0 credit(s)

<b><u>Repetition of Course:</u></b>	Repetition not allowed.
<b><u>Course Prerequisites for Catalog:</u></b>	<b>New:</b> 1101,2001 or # <b>Old:</b> 1101 or #
<b><u>Course Equivalency:</u></b>	No course equivalencies
<b><u>Consent Requirement:</u></b>	No required consent
<b><u>Enforced Prerequisites: (course-based or non-course-based)</u></b>	No prerequisites
<b><u>Editor Comments:</u></b>	02.29.08 - Edited for PSoft. jlm. Edited for catalog 03.04.08 NEH.
<b><u>Proposal Changes:</u></b>	<no text provided>
<b><u>History Information:</u></b>	03.04.08 - Received provisional approval. jlm
	Goals: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Expose students to an explorative approach that uses reflective comparative investigation as a way to move beyond universalist assumptions, on the one hand, and claims of incommensurable "culture clash," on the other hand.</li> <li>2. Help students understand the breadth, depth and complexity of political philosophy across geographic and historical space</li> <li>3. Challenge students to examine, evaluate and articulate their own political philosophies through their investigations of other cultural contexts.</li> <li>4. Improve writing and oral communication skills through use of written assignments, class discussion and oral presentations</li> <li>5. Increase student awareness of and dedication to their role as political thinkers and citizens</li> </ol> <p>Assessments:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Essay exams: Midterm and final examinations that require students to integrate course materials and demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of concepts, arguments and counterarguments</li> <li>2. Research paper: Each student will conduct independent research on a more specialized topic related to the course materials and will complete a significant paper that includes a review of the scholarly literature as well as original analysis.</li> <li>3. Participation and presentations: Oral presentations and small-group leadership of class discussions on assigned dates throughout the semester</li> </ol></p>
<b>Assessment and Goals:</b>	<no text provided>
<b><u>Rationale for Changes or Exceptions:</u></b>	THIS COURSE IS DESIGNED TO EXTEND THE STANDARD CURRICULUM FOR POLITICAL THEORY BEYOND WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT THROUGH A COMPARATIVE FORM OF INQUIRY. THE COURSE CHALLENGES UNIVERSALIST ACCEPTANCE OF WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT AS THE SOURCE OF POLITICAL CONCEPTS AND EXAMINES ALTERNATIVE UNDERSTANDINGS OF JUSTICE, LEGITIMACY, DEMOCRACY AND OTHER THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS FOR POLITICAL LIFE. THE COURSE IS GLOBAL IN AIM BUT LIMITED IN TIME, SO THE FOCUS WILL BE ON COMPARATIVE EXPLORATION OF POLITICAL THOUGHT IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD, THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT, SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA AND EAST ASIA, WITH ATTENTION PAID TO HISTORICAL INFLUENCES AS WELL AS CONTEMPORARY ARGUMENTS.
<b>General Education</b>	
<b><u>Faculty Sponsor Name:</u></b>	Sheri Breen
<b><u>Requirement this course fulfills:</u></b>	IP - IP International Perspectives

**Provisional  
Approval:**

Not Requested

**Regular  
Approval:**

**New:** Requested on Sep 23, 2008  
**Old:** Not Requested

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