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| Appendix C: Course Descriptions |

During the Fall 2010 semester, departmental faculty reviewed and updated catalog course descriptions for History, Political Science, and Geography.

**History Course Descriptions**

*HI 1000 – Constitutions Study Module*

An online examination of the provisions and principles of the United States Constitution and the Missouri Constitution. HI 1000 complies with the provisions of Section 170.011 Rs Mo. requiring the study of the federal and state constitutions. Students enrolling in HI 1103, HI 1203, HI 1303, PS 1203, or PS 1303 for the first time will automatically be enrolled in HI 1000. Students who complete the constitution competency requirement are not required to meet it again if they enroll in another course from the aforementioned list of classes that can fulfill the standard.

*HI 1001 - U.S. & State Constitutions Competency*

An online examination of the provisions and principles of the United States Constitution and the Missouri Constitution. HI 1001 complies with the provisions of Section 170.011 Rs Mo. requiring the study of the federal and state constitutions. The course is intended only for transfer students who have not met the state requirement.

*HI 1103 – U.S. History to 1877*

A survey of the cultural, economic, political, and social forces and events that have shaped the history of the United States from the arrival of the first native peoples through Reconstruction. U.S. History 1103 complies with the provisions of Section 170.011 Rs Mo. requiring the study of the federal and state constitutions. Students who have not met the constitution competency requirement will be automatically enrolled in HI 1000.

Prerequisite: EN 1223, EN 1224, or EN 1233.

*HI 1203 – U.S. History since 1877*

A survey of the cultural, economic, political, and social forces and events that have shaped the history of the United States from Reconstruction through the present era. U.S. History 1203 complies with the provisions of Section 170.011 Rs Mo. requiring the study of the federal and state constitutions. Students who have not met the constitution competency requirement will be automatically enrolled in HI 1000.

Prerequisite: EN 1223, EN 1224, or EN 1233.

*HI 1303 – U.S. History (Special Focus)*

Organized study of selected topics in American History.

Prerequisite: none.

*HI 1403 – Missouri and Mississippi Valley History*

A survey of the cultural, economic, political, and social forces and events that have shaped the history of Missouri and the Mississippi River Valley from the arrival of the first native peoples through the present era. Field trips may be required. Prerequisite: none.

*HI 2003 – U.S. History since 1945*

A survey of the cultural, economic, political, and social forces and events that have shaped the history of the United States from the end of World War II through the present era. U.S. History 2003 complies with the provisions of Section 170.011 Rs Mo. requiring the study of the federal and state constitutions. Students who have not met the constitution competency requirement will be automatically enrolled in HI 1000.

Prerequisite: EN 1223, EN 1224, or EN 1233.

*HI 2701-2705 – Independent Study, History*

A specialized program of study independently completed by the student. The program of study is directly related to the department’s area of expertise. The course is arranged between a faculty member and a student and takes into consideration the needs, interests, and background of the student.

Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

*HI 2711-2715 – Special Topics, History*

A focused study of a specific historical topic not usually part of the regular History course offerings and curriculum. Special topics courses are typically offered to accommodate the special interests of students and/or faculty. Prerequisite: none.

*HI 2802-2803 – Heritage Studies Lecture and Tour*

A focused study of varying duration that includes both lectures and historical site tours. Historical and cultural themes are the primary emphasis of study. Prerequisite: none.

*HI 2903 – World since 1945*

A focused study of the major events of world history from the end of the Second World War to the present. Topics include social and economic change, diplomacy and political change, the emergence of the Superpowers, the Cold War, the end of colonialism, and discussions of the world areas of Asia, Africa, and Latin America both in terms of domestic conflicts and as arenas for superpower conflict. Prerequisite: none.

**Political Science Course Descriptions**

*PS 1000**– Constitutions Study Module*

The Constitutions Study Module is an online examination of the provisions and principles of the United States Constitution and the Missouri Constitution. HI 1000 complies with the provisions of Section 170.011 Rs Mo. requiring the study of the federal and state constitutions. Students enrolling in HI 1103, HI 1203, HI 1303, PS 1203, or PS 1303 for the first time will automatically be enrolled in HI 1000. Students who complete the constitution competency requirement are not required to meet it again if they enroll in another course from the aforementioned list of classes that can fulfill the standard.

*PS 1001/HI 1001 - U.S. & State Constitutions Competency*

An online examination of the provisions and principles of the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Missouri in accordance with the provisions of Rs MO 170.011. It is intended solely for transfer students who have not met this state requirement.

*PS 1103 - Intro to Political Science*

An introductory survey course which introduces the student to the theory and content of the study of politics and introduces students to the major disciplines of Political Science – Comparative Politics, International Relations, Public Law, Public Policy-Making and Political Theory. Basic concepts and approaches to the study of political activity are discussed. This course meets the provisions of Section 170.011 Rs.Mo. requiring the study of state and federal constitutions.

Prerequisite: None

*PS 1203**– U.S. Government: National & State*

An introduction to the basic principles and structures of American national, state, and local governments. Emphasis will be placed upon the federal system; constitutional development and interpretation; civil liberties; political parties; the executive, legislative, and judicial branches; and federal administrative agencies. PS 1203 complies with the provisions of Section 170.011 Rs MO requiring the study of the state and federal constitutions.

Prerequisite: None

*PS 1303**– State & Local Government*

An introductory survey of state, county and local governmental institutions with an emphasis on Missouri. The course examines intergovernmental relations; political parties and interest groups; elections; state, county and city legislatures, executives and courts; law enforcement; financing; policy-making; and the problems of metro areas, suburbs and rural communities. PS 1303 complies with the provisions of Section 170.011 Rs MO requiring the study of the state and federal constitutions.

Prerequisite: None

*PS 2103 - International Relations*

A study of the major factors underlying international relations: climate and geography, national concepts and institutions, and the development of foreign policy. Today’s problems of developing nations, East vs. West, and nuclear potentials are considered. This course DOES NOT meet the provisions of Section 170.011 Rs.Mo. requiring the study of state and federal constitutions.

Prerequisite: None

*PS 2303**– Intro to Comparative Politics*

An analysis of ideologies, political cultures, and governmental structures of key work countries in comparison to the United States and to each other; political systems of a variety of nations studied. This course DOES NOT meet the provisions of Section 170.011 Rs.Mo. requiring the study of state and federal constitutions.

Prerequisite: PS 1103, PS1203, HI 1003, CV 2103, CV 2203, HI 1103, or HI 12O3

*PS 2701-2705 – Independent Study, Political Science*

A specialized program of study directly related to the department’s area of expertise. The course is arranged between a faculty member and student and takes into consideration the needs, interests, and background of the student.

Prerequisite: consent of instructor

*PS 2711-2715 – Special Topics, Political Science*

Courses are offered to accommodate special interests of students and/or faculty. Typically, the course will cover new material not currently contained in the curriculum at ECC.

Prerequisite: None

**Geography Course Descriptions**

*GE 1003 – World Geography*

An introductory study of the basic geographic and cultural regions of the world, including North and South America, Europe, Africa, and Asia with emphasis on the natural resources, political conditions, economy, population, religions, and cultural patterns of each area. A special unit on Missouri geography is included.   
Prerequisite: None

*GE 2701-2705 – Independent Study, Geography*

A specialized program of study directly related to the department's area of expertise. The course is arranged between a faculty member and student and takes into consideration the needs, interests and background of the student.   
Prerequisite: consent of instructor

*GE 2711-2715 – Special Topics, Geography*

Courses are offered to accommodate special interests of students and/or faculty. Typically, the course will cover new material not currently contained in the curriculum at ECC.

Prerequisite: None