Political Science (POLS)

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5000. Independent Study in Political Science

Variable (1-6) credits. Prerequisite: Instructor consent. May be repeated for a total of 24 credits.

5010. Investigation of Special Topics in Political Science

Variable (1-3) credits. May be repeated for a total of 24 credits.

5100. Proseminar in Political Theory

Three credits.

Historical survey and analysis of fundamental concepts in political theory.

5105. Political Theory

Three credits. May be repeated for a total of 12 credits.

Historical and conceptual analysis of selected political ideas such as justice, liberty, rights, political obligation, or the state; including an examination of one or more major schools or bodies of political thought from ancient to contemporary times.

5115. Theories of Human Rights

Three credits.

Debates about the meaning of human rights and their importance.

5117. Settler Colonialism/American Indigenous Thought and Practice

Three credits. Recommended Preparation: POLS 5100

Exploration of work in political theory engaging settler colonialism and historic and contemporary American indigenous thought and practice.

5119. Historical Women Political Thinkers

(Also offered as WGSS 5119.) Three credits. Recommended preparation: POLS 5100. Not open to students who have passed POLS/WGSS 3027/W.

Critical study of the writings of several historical women political thinkers.

5200. Proseminar in Comparative Government

Three credits.

Political institutions and processes compared. Derivation of generalizations.

5215. Comparative Political Development

Three credits.

Development of political systems in relation to socio-economic level and other conditioning factors. Political stability and change.

5235. Comparative Democratization

Three credits.

Democratization and major approaches to regime change away from authoritarianism.

5240. Research Seminar in Comparative Politics

Three credits. May be repeated for credit.

5250. Comparative Voting Behavior

Three credits.

The effect of economic, social, and political contexts on voters, decision-making processes.

5260. Democratic Institutions

Three credits.

Rules that structure access to power and policy-making process across countries; changes over time; and major political effects. Topics include the electoral system, presidentialism, government formation, legislative committees, federalism, and the courts.

5300. Proseminar in International Relations

Three credits.

Current theories of and methodological approaches to international relations.

5305. Foreign Policy Analysis

Three credits.

Analysis of foreign policy processes from a comparative, theoretical perspective.

5315. International Security

Three credits.

Political and military issues as they intersect at the international level, such as war, terrorism, alliances, and intervention.

5322. Human Security

Three credits.

Examination of emerging conceptions of human security, important elements of which include good governance, food, water, political, economic, and environmental security. Definition, measurement, and politics of human security. Relationship to domestic and international policy-making and advocacy.

5325. International Political Economy

Three credits.

Major problem areas in which politics, economics, and business intersect at the international level -- trade, foreign investment, and monetary relations. The politics and mechanisms of U.S. foreign economic policy.

5330. International Organization and Law

Three credits.

International cooperation to resolve economic, social, and political transnational problems.

5335. U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East

Three credits.

Examination of U.S. political, economic and strategic interests and aims in the Middle East.

5340. Politics and Security in the Middle East

Three credits.

Examination of security issues in the Middle East and the responses of regional actors and external powers.

5400. Proseminar in American Politics

Three credits.

Theory and practice of American government and politics, with an emphasis on various theoretical and methodological perspectives.

5406. Special Topics in American Politics

Three credits.

Advanced study of selected topics. Intensive examination of research literature dealing with particular aspects of American politics.

5407. American Political Institutions and Policy

Three credits.

The institutions and policy-making process of American government.

5408. American Political Behavior

Three credits.

The political behavior of the American public, including public opinion, voting behavior, and other forms of participation.

5409. American Race, Gender and Ethnic Politics

Three credits.

The politics of American race, gender and ethnicity, with a focus on disadvantaged groups and their influence on the political process.

5410. Black Feminist Theory and Politics

Three credits.

Major debates at the core of black feminist theory, emphasizing the ways in which interlocking systems of oppression uphold and sustain each other in contemporary U.S. politics.

5420. Public Opinion and American Democracy

Three credits.

Theories of democracy and what they imply about the public's capabilities and role; empirical research on the American public and public opinion in the context of democratic theory.

5425. American Political Parties

Three credits.

The development, organization, and role of political parties in the United States, with implications for public policy.

5460. Social Policy

Three credits.

5505. Seminar in Public Law

Three credits.

Selected topics in public law, the administration of justice, and jurisprudence.

5510. Judicial Decision-Making

Three credits.

The judicial decision-making process in terms of methods and models developed in the framework of the behavioral sciences.

5515. Constitutional Interpretation

Three credits.

An exploration of the theories and process of constitutional interpretation in the United States, with an emphasis on the role the Supreme Court plays in defending and enforcing civil liberties.

5600. Nature of Political Inquiry

Three credits.

The scope of political science, modes of inquiry, the role of concepts and theory. Graduate students are urged to take the course in their first semester.

5605. Seminar in Quantitative Methods of Political Science

Three credits.

Introduction to the data analysis techniques most often used by political scientists. Requires no previous background in statistics.

5615. Seminar in Qualitative Methods of Political Science

Three credits. Prerequisite: POLS 5600 and 5605.

A survey of qualitative research methods. Training in use of case studies, comparative historical approach, interviewing and focus groups, ethnography and interpretive methods.

5620. Master's Project I

Three credits. All master's students in Political Science must take this course in their penultimate semester.

5621. Master's Project II

Three credits. Prerequisite: POLS 5620. All master's students in Political Science must take this course in their final semester.

5625. Political Science Professional Development

Three credits.

Exploration of careers that involve researching and thinking about politics. Required for 5th Year M.A. students. Does not fulfill Methods or Subfield course requirements for POLS Ph.D. students.

5630. Prospectus and Dissertation Writing Seminar

Variable (1-3) credits. May be repeated to a total of 10 credits. Students taking this course will be assigned a grade of S (satisfactory) or U (unsatisfactory).

Writing workshop facilitates prospectus and dissertation writing.

5700. Proseminar in Politics and Popular Culture

Three credits.

Intersections of politics and popular culture. Examination of cultural texts for political meaning and for dialogue with academic political science.

5710. Political Science Fiction

Three credits. Prerequisite: Not open for credit to students who have passed POLS 3710.

International relations theory and speculative fiction as interpretations and interrogations of war, peace, politics, knowledge, and imagination.

5800. Race in the Formation of the Human Sciences

(Also offered as LLAS 5800 and ANTH 5800.) Three credits. Not open for credit to students who have passed PHIL 5380.

Exploration of how race and the human sciences emerged out of the theological, epistemological, and political upheavals that resulted in the Euromodern world.

6400. Research Seminars in American Politics

Three credits.

6500. Research Seminar in Judicial Process

Three credits.

6610. Research Seminar in Quantitative Methods

Variable (1-6) credits. Prerequisite: POLS 5605. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits.

Research in quantitative applications to political data.