POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLI SCI)

POLI SCI 100 — FRESHMAN TOPICS SEMINAR
3 credits.

An umbrella course to be used to offer a variety of special topics seminars for freshmen. See footnote for Topic Title.

Requisites: First year students or first year transfer students only
Course Designation: Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2016

POLI SCI 104 — INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
3-4 credits.

Basic institutions and processes of American government. The role of constitutional structures, parties, interest groups and elections in the system; policy formation and policy content.

Requisites: Not open to students who have taken POLI SCI 184 or POLI SCI 404
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2023

POLI SCI 120 — INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS
4 credits.

Introduction to Comparative Politics, one of the four sub-fields in Political Science, which involves the comparative analysis of political institutions, processes, and outcomes at the national level. Examines how to usefully compare politics in a variety of countries and makes comparisons explicit and systematic in order to determine how governments work, how power is organized and contested at the national level, and how regular people can participate and pursue their interests in different political settings. Includes key concepts, theories, methods, issues, and language.

Requisites: Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 182 (or POLI SCI 186 prior to Fall 2017)
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2023

POLI SCI 140 — INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
3-4 credits.

Covers the major issues in international relations since the end of World War II including: the causes of war; civil wars and ethnic conflict; economic development; international trade; exchange rates and international monetary relations; international capital flows and financial crises; foreign direct investment; globalization and the environment; the UN, the IMF, World Bank, WTO, and other international organizations; and international law and human rights. The focus is on states' relations with each other and the factors determining the nature and outcomes of these international interactions. The course seeks to develop analytical tools for thinking about important questions in world politics regardless of the countries or issues involved, to examine international affairs in a systematic way. Students who have taken POLI SCI 103 prior to Fall 2017 may not enroll in this course.

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI 160 — INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY
3-4 credits.

Exploration of core problems of political life, such as the nature and limits of obligation, the concept of justice and its political implications, and the relationship between equality and liberty, through a selection of ancient and modern sources. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 209 prior to Fall 2017

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI 170 — RESEARCH METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
3-4 credits.

Introduction to political science as a discipline that focuses on the development of research questions, research designs, and the quantitative and qualitative tools commonly used to implement research designs.

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
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<td>POLI SCI 182 — INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS (HONORS)</td>
<td>3 credits. Introduction to Comparative Politics, one of the four sub-fields in Political Science, which involves the comparative analysis of political institutions, processes, and outcomes at the national level. Examines how to usefully compare politics in a variety of countries and makes comparisons explicit and systematic in order to determine how governments work, how power is organized and contested at the national level, and how people can participate and pursue their interests in different political settings. Includes key concepts, theories, methods, and country case studies. <strong>Requisites:</strong> Declared in an Honors program. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 120.</td>
<td>Breadth - Social Science</td>
<td>Level - Elementary</td>
<td>L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S</td>
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<td>POLI SCI 184 — INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN POLITICS</td>
<td>3 credits. Basic institutions and processes of American government. The role of constitutional structures, parties, interest groups and elections in the system; policy formation and policy comment. <strong>Requisites:</strong> Declared in an Honors program. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 104.</td>
<td>Breadth - Social Science</td>
<td>Level - Elementary</td>
<td>L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S</td>
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<td>POLI SCI 199 — DIRECTED STUDY</td>
<td>2 credits. Directed study projects for freshmen and sophomores as arranged with a faculty member; students should have completed at least one course in POLI SCI. <strong>Requisites:</strong> Consent of instructor.</td>
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<td>POLI SCI 201 — SPECIAL TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE</td>
<td>3 credits. An experimental topics course that introduces students to compelling recent events and to the current research of political scientists. This course can be repeated by students, but not with the same content. <strong>Requisites:</strong> None.</td>
<td>Breadth - Social Science</td>
<td>Level - Elementary</td>
<td>L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S</td>
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<td>POLI SCI 202 — PREPARATION FOR THE WISCONSIN IN WASHINGTON PROGRAM</td>
<td>1 credit. This course will prepare students to participate in the Wisconsin in Washington Internship Semester. The course focuses on internship searches, applications, and decisions on where to work. The course also sets academic, professional and personal goals for the upcoming term in DC. Students will also identify a tentative public policy topic that they will initiate this term and research and complete during the semester in DC. The course will spend time on reviewing general and DC-specific standards of professional conduct. Successful completion of this course is required for final admission to the Wisconsin in Washington Program. <strong>Requisites:</strong> None.</td>
<td>Breadth - Social Science</td>
<td>Level - Elementary</td>
<td>L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S</td>
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<td>POLI SCI 205 — INTRODUCTION TO STATE GOVERNMENT</td>
<td>3-4 credits. Basic institutions and processes of state government in the United States; the role of parties, pressure groups, and elections in the system; the policy process, its outputs and outcomes; the role of states in the federal system, and the diversity of state politics and policy. <strong>Requisites:</strong> None.</td>
<td>Breadth - Social Science</td>
<td>Level - Intermediate</td>
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<td>POLI SCI 206 — INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY</td>
<td>3-4 credits. Examines the psychological aspects of the political behavior of individuals—whether elites, activists or members of general publics—and their consequent political behaviors in various groups and institutional contexts. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 267 prior to fall 2017. <strong>Requisites:</strong> None.</td>
<td>Breadth - Social Science</td>
<td>Level - Elementary</td>
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<td>POLI SCI/LEGAL ST 217 — LAW, POLITICS AND SOCIETY</td>
<td>3-4 credits. Introduction to the legal process. Examination of the various concepts of law, the perennial problems of the law, legal reasoning, and the nature and function of law and the courts. <strong>Requisites:</strong> Freshman or sophomore standing only.</td>
<td>Breadth - Social Science</td>
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POLI SCI/CHICLA 231 – POLITICS IN MULTI-CULTURAL SOCIETIES
3-4 credits.
Race, ethnicity, and religion as political factors; cultural pluralism, politics, and policy in the United States and selected other multi-cultural politics. 
Requisites: Freshman or sophomore standing only
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement 
Breadth - Social Science 
Level - Intermediate 
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S 
Repeatable for Credit: No 
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI/ASIAN/GEOG/HISTORY/SOC 244 – INTRODUCTION TO SOUTHEAST ASIA: VIETNAM TO THE PHILIPPINES
4 credits.
As an introduction to Southeast Asia, covers the ethnic, cultural, religious, and political histories of the region from the classical states period to the present, with an emphasis on colonialism, nationalism, decolonization, and the emergence of modern political and social systems into the 21st century, including an exposure to region’s contemporary literature. Not open to students who completed LCA 244 prior to Fall 2019.
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science 
Level - Elementary 
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S 
Repeatable for Credit: No 
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI/ASIAN/HISTORY 255 – INTRODUCTION TO EAST ASIAN CIVILIZATIONS
3-4 credits.
Multidisciplinary and historical perspectives on the East Asian civilizations of China, Japan, Korea, Tibet and Mongolia from prehistory to the present, including developments in philosophy, economy, governance, social structure, kinship, geography, etc. 
Requisites: None 
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science 
Level - Elementary 
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S 
Repeatable for Credit: No 
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI/C&E SOC/HISTORY/SOC 259 – FORWARD? THE WISCONSIN IDEA, PAST AND PRESENT
1-3 credits.
Engage in ongoing reflection and dialogue on the Wisconsin Idea and how it informs the mission of the University of Wisconsin. Consider the Wisconsin Idea as it has developed since its beginnings, with a focus on what it means today and what it can mean in the future.
Requisites: Junior or senior standing only
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science 
Level - Intermediate 
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S 
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions 
Last Taught: Fall 2020

POLI SCI/AFOAMER/ANTHRO/C&E SOC/GEOG/HISTORY/LACIS/SOC/SPANISH 260 – LATIN AMERICA: AN INTRODUCTION
3-4 credits.
Latin American culture and society from an interdisciplinary perspective; historical developments from pre-Columbian times to the present; political movements; economic problems; social change; ecology in tropical Latin America; legal systems; literature and the arts; cultural contrasts involving the US and Latin America; land reform; labor movements; capitalism, socialism, imperialism; mass media.
Requisites: None 
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science 
Level - Elementary 
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S 
Repeatable for Credit: No 
Last Taught: Summer 2023

POLI SCI 265 – DEVELOPMENT OF ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT
3-4 credits.
Exploration of core problems in classical and European thought, such as the character of the best regime, the role of politics in the good life, and the relationship between virtue and happiness, through a selection of ancient sources. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 501 prior to fall 2017 
Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 160 or ILS 205) or (POLI SCI 209 taken prior to Fall 2017) 
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities 
Level - Elementary 
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S 
Repeatable for Credit: No 
Last Taught: Fall 2014
3 credits.

A critical examination of US-Latin American relations from the colonial era to the present, tracing the emergence and evolution of the United States as a hemispheric and global power and its political and economic impact on Latin America. Primary attention will be focused on US relations with Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, but other Latin American countries will figure prominently during certain episodes.

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020

POLI SCI 270 – UNDERSTANDING POLITICAL NUMBERS
3-4 credits.

How numbers and statistics are used in electoral strategies, political debates and legal proceedings. Presents basic tools of analysis and how to use them. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 218 prior to fall 2017

Requisites: Satisfied Quantitative Reasoning (QR) A requirement
Course Designation: Gen Ed - Quantitative Reasoning Part B
Breadth - Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI 272 – INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC POLICY
3-4 credits.

Major issues of public policy in such fields as economic management, welfare, education, health, energy and the environment. How public problems develop, approaches to policy-making, why programs succeed and fail. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 219 prior to fall 2017

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI 274 – POLITICAL CHOICE AND STRATEGY
3-4 credits.

An introduction to decision analysis, strategic interaction, and voting systems and their manipulation. Examines a wide range of institutions for making social choices and the opportunities for the exercise of political strategy.

Requisites: Satisfied Quantitative Reasoning (QR) A requirement
Course Designation: Gen Ed - Quantitative Reasoning Part B
Breadth - Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI/AFRICAN/AFROAMER/ANTHRO/GEOG/HISTORY/SOC 277 – AFRICA: AN INTRODUCTORY SURVEY
4 credits.

African society and culture, polity and economy in multidisciplinary perspectives from prehistory and ancient kingdoms through the colonial period to contemporary developments, including modern nationalism, economic development and changing social structure.

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2023

POLI SCI/AFRICAN/AFROAMER/HISTORY 297 – AFRICAN AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN LINKAGES: AN INTRODUCTION
4 credits.

Analysis of retention of African elements in African-American oral, written, and material culture. Social, cultural, and political issues regarding race, self-definition, and self-determination in both Africa and North America will be examined.

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2018

POLI SCI/CHICLA 302 – MEXICAN-AMERICAN POLITICS
3-4 credits.

This class examines the major problems and issues in Mexican-American politics since World War II. An emphasis will be placed on the ways in which race, class and culture have structured politics for the Mexican-origin people. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 464 prior to fall 2017

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI 304 – THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF RACE IN THE UNITED STATES
3-4 credits.

Race in relation to American economic development. Problems of racial minorities in the American political and economic system. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 462 prior to fall 2017

Requisites: POLI SCI 104, POLI SCI 184, LEGAL ST/POLI SCI 217, CHICLA 201, or AFROAMER 151
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023
POLI SCI 305 – ELECTIONS AND VOTING BEHAVIOR
3-4 credits.

Psychological and social components of voting behavior, current electoral trends, role of voters in the governing process. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 467 prior to fall 2017
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI 306 – AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTIES
3-4 credits.

Examination of the electoral, organizational, and governmental roles of political parties at the national and state levels in the U.S. Emphasis on changes in response to historical and contemporary circumstances.
Requisites: POLI SCI 104 or 184
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

POLI SCI 311 – UNITED STATES CONGRESS
3-4 credits.

Principles, procedures and problems of the legislative process of the United States Congress. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 426
Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 104, 184, or LEGAL ST/ POLI SCI 217)
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI 314 – CRIMINAL LAW AND JUSTICE
3-4 credits.

Substantive and procedural aspects of criminal law, including the purposes of criminal justice, specific crimes, criminal responsibility and punishment, legal concepts of proof, and 4th, 5th, and 6th Amendment issues. The case approach is used. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 452 prior to fall 2017
Requisites: Sophomore standing and a course in POLI SCI or SOC
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2018

POLI SCI 315 – LEGISLATIVE INTERNESHIP
3 credits.

Practical experience in a legislative office. Policy research. Readings in legislative process.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Workplace - Workplace Experience Course
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2023

POLI SCI 316 – CAREERS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
1 credit.

Facilitates transitions from undergraduate academic learning related to Political Science to meaningful and rewarding professional opportunities including jobs, paid internships, graduate study, and post-graduate fellowships. Building on core coursework in Political Science and related disciplines, addresses how to utilize existing academic learning and completed readings and assignments, extra-curricular activities, student research, for-pay work, internships, and interaction with alumni and other personal networks to further develop career options. Also provides practical ways to explore and pursue a wide range of career pathways related to Political Science. Develop essential professional development materials and self-promotional skills.
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI 320 – GOVERNMENTS AND POLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA
3-4 credits.

An introduction to the most pertinent themes to the study of politics and governance in the Middle East. Main topics to be covered: political economy of the region; link between Islam, culture and democracy; the politics of authoritarianism; and political Islam.
Requisites: Sophomore standing, POLI SCI 104 or 140
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI 321 – LATIN-AMERICAN POLITICS
3-4 credits.

Contemporary political problems in Latin America; emphasis on political economy, political instability, social movements, and democratization. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 630 prior to fall 2017
Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 120 or 182) or (POLI SCI 106 or 186 taken prior to fall 2017) or graduate standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2014
POLI SCI 322 – POLITICS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA
3-4 credits.

Comparative analysis of such issues as state formation, state-society relations, the politics of economic development, tensions between authoritarianism and democracy, and the politics of identity, with particular attention to a select number of major countries of Southeast Asia. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 639 prior to fall 2017

Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 120 or 182) or (POLI SCI 106 or 186 taken prior to fall 2017) or graduate standing

Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2018

POLI SCI 323 – ISLAM AND WORLD POLITICS
3-4 credits.

Examines the multifaceted nature of political Islam in the contemporary world. Starting with the basic tenants of Islam, and key concepts and theoretical understandings of the relationships between Islam and politics, the course builds on the approaches developed in the first part of the course examining how Islam has influenced politics differently in various parts of the world including the Middle East, Southeast Asia, and South Asia. Students will familiarize themselves with theoretical debates about the roles of Islam in politics; analyze the impact of Islam on politics in the contemporary world; and gain empirical knowledge about how Islam functions differently in various countries.

Requisites: Sophomore standing

Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2020

POLI SCI 324 – CHINESE POLITICS
3-4 credits.

Examine three questions about Chinese politics through a comparative perspective. First, what functions do formal institutions such as the political party, legislature, courts, and bureaucracy serve in an authoritarian regime? Second, what are the political forces that lay a good foundation for China to successfully transition from a planning economy to a robust market economy and sustain high-speed growth for more than four decades? Finally, how does the Chinese government deal with pressing social problems and threats to its authoritarian leadership in this new era?

Requisites: Sophomore standing

Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI/INTL ST 325 – SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND REvolutions in Latin America
3-4 credits.

An introduction to the major empirical and theoretical themes in the study of social movements and politics in Latin America. While it is impossible to cover every theoretical approach or Latin American case during the semester, the course should give students the tools to begin to think critically about where and why people engage in collective action. We will develop and hone these tools through thinking about Latin American cases, paying specific attention to revolutions, social movements, and riots. The course is designed in three parts. It begins by exposing students to the dominant theoretical paradigms in the study of contentious politics as well as some prominent critiques. The course then turns to empirical themes in Latin American revolutions, challenging students to use and question the theoretical tools to which they have already been exposed. The final part of the course looks to social movements in Latin America. Cases will focus on challenges to dictatorships, identity-based movements, and resistance to globalization.

Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 120, 140 or INTL ST 101) or (POLI SCI 103 or 106 taken prior to Fall 2017)

Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

POLI SCI/INTL ST 327 – INDIAN POLITICS IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE
3 credits.

This course explores the socio-economic and political outcomes across India. This course will employ the major theories of comparative politics that explain political outcomes such as regime type, economic development and conflict. This course explores why some countries are democracies, while others are dictatorships; why some countries are poor, while others are rich; and why some countries experience high levels of violence, while others are peaceful. The course considers how India comports with standard theories in comparative politics and how standard theories might be revised in light of the Indian case. The course maps variation on the sub-national and regional level. The course will ultimately consider reforms proposed by the Indian state to further democratic and economic development and to reduce conflict. Students will learn about India’s politics in a structured manner, and will gain an appreciation of the power and limitations of the political science method.

Requisites: Sophomore standing

Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2017
POLI SCI 328 — POLITICS OF EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA
3-4 credits.

Asia is a vibrant region politically and economically, and is very important to the United States for international security and economic stability. Given its importance, this course provides broad and essential knowledge about Asian nations with a particular focus on China, South Korea, North Korea, Indonesia, Thailand, and the Philippines. Country studies are intended to introduce major issues in comparative politics such as democratization, elections, economic development, security, religion and politics. This course will enable students to (1) gain an empirical and analytical understanding of the political dynamics of the region; (2) think comparatively within the regime and across the developing world more generally; and (3) address and debate theoretical questions in political science through Asian politics materials.

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2019

POLI SCI 329 — AFRICAN POLITICS
3-4 credits.

Process of rapid political change in contemporary Africa with special emphasis on the emergence of new states. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 660 prior to fall 2017.

Requisites: Sophomore standing and POLI SCI 120, 182, or SOC/AFRICAN/AFROAMER/ANTHRO/GEOG/HISTORY/POLI SCI 277 (or POLI SCI 106 or 186 taken prior to Fall 2017)
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2019

POLI SCI 330 — POLITICAL ECONOMY OF DEVELOPMENT
3-4 credits.

An introduction to the political economy of development. Why are some countries more economically developed than others? To help answer this question, examine leading theories of economic development. In light of these theories, then examine the development experiences of three major regions of the world. Consider a series of issues about development, including the effect of ethnic diversity, corruption, natural resources, and women’s empowerment on economic development. Conclude with an examination of the effects of international interactions—via trade, foreign aid, migration, and war—on economic development.

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2023

POLI SCI 332 — GERMAN POLITICS
3-4 credits.

A broad overview of politics in Germany, Europe’s politically and economically most powerful country. Several broad themes are covered: political institutions, electoral system and elections, parties and party system, interest representation, political participation, political economy, the legacies of Germany’s past, social policy, European and foreign policy, and current and future challenges. Learn to relate the German experience to broader issues, problems, and concepts used in the comparative study of domestic politics.

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021

POLI SCI 334 — RUSSIAN POLITICS
3-4 credits.

Theory and practice of Russian States, emphasis on politics, economic and institutional developments since 1991. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 633 prior to fall 2017.

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI 335 — SOCIAL IDENTITIES
3 credits.

An introduction to theories and empirical work on social identities, focusing in particular on definitions and measurement. It has three main goals: First, examine various definitions of social identities and different types of identities (ethnicity, race, nationality, gender, class, and religion). Second, look at techniques and strategies that have been developed to measure identities (content and discourse analysis, surveys, interviews and ethnography, censuses). Third, examine empirical works on identities from a variety of geographical areas and methodological perspectives.

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020
POLI SCI 336 – DEMOCRACY (AND ITS UNCERTAIN FUTURE)
4 credits.

Democracy has come under stress, both at home and across the world. The global decline of democracy has accelerated over the past decade, and levels of democracy enjoyed by the average global citizen today are down to levels last found around 1990. The promise of democracy’s inevitable ascent and dominance after the end of the Cold War has proven shortlived. Examines the state and future of a political system we tend to take for granted but should not. Starts with a brief overview of the evolution of the concept of democracy over time. Examines the relationship between democracy and economic development, culture, identity, and religion. Considers and compares core democratic institutions. Investigates current challenges to democracy and democratization and offers an overview of the state of democracy across different world regions.
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

POLI SCI 338 – THE CIVIL-MILITARY PARADOX IN U.S. POLITICS AND SOCIETY
3 credits.

Protecting a democratic nation from foreign threats often requires that nation to create a powerful military. Yet the creation of a powerful military may undermine the democracy that it is designed to protect. How do, and how should, democracies manage the paradoxical relationship between civilian authority and military institutions? Explores civilian and military perspectives in U.S. civil-military relations; address issues such as the use of military advice by civilian leaders, military challenges to civil authority, and tensions generated by shared responsibility for national security between the executive, legislative, and judicial branches. Studies how civil-military relations impact wider American society by examining the garrison state hypothesis; debates centered upon the draft versus an all-volunteer force; issues of equity and inclusion; and current concerns regarding a civil-military “gap.”
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI 339 – NON-DEMOCRACIES
3 credits.

Studies the varieties and characteristics of non-democratic regimes from around the world: how they form, why they endure, and when they collapse, engaging along the way with theories of electoral behavior, political psychology, political violence, popular mobilization, and democratization.
Requisites: POLI SCI 120 or 182
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

POLI SCI 340 – THE EUROPEAN UNION: POLITICS AND POLITICAL ECONOMY
3-4 credits.

Introduction to the politics, political economy, history, and theory of European integration. Topics include the workings of EU institutions and law, the effect of the EU on national politics and economies, economic politics and policy-making in the EU, the EU as an actor in the world economy.
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI/JEWISH 341 – ISRAELI POLITICS AND SOCIETY
3-4 credits.

Examines the issues currently facing Israeli society and the ongoing debates in Israeli politics. Provides historical background and analytical understanding of contemporary Israeli politics. Attention will be paid to political history, institutions, economic development, coalition formation, ethnic politics, and religious-secular divisions as they are manifested in Israeli politics.
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022

POLI SCI 343 – THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY
3-4 credits.

Role of alliances in contemporary and historical international political systems. Purpose of alliance formation; reasons for their dissolution; relationship of alliance activity with international war and with political integration. Role of alliances in future international systems. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 367 prior to fall 2017
Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 140 or INTL ST 101) or (POLI SCI 103 taken prior to Fall 2017)
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023
POLI SCI 345 – CONFLICT RESOLUTION
3-4 credits.

Every war comes to an end, but some end sooner than others. This course analyzes why and how conflicts come to an end, discussion relevant theories of conflict and conflict resolution, and important cases. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 378 prior to fall 2017

Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 140 or INTL ST 101) or (POLI SCI 103 taken prior to fall 2017) or graduate standing

Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2022

POLI SCI 346 – CHINA IN WORLD POLITICS
3-4 credits.

Chinese foreign policy as seen from Beijing—the need for national security, the desire for revolution; and the impact of China on the rest of the world.

Requisites: Sophomore standing

Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2018

POLI SCI 347 – TERRORISM
3 credits.

Examines the causes of terrorism, goals and strategies pursued by terrorist groups, the consequences of terrorism, and counterterrorism policies adopted by governments. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 319 prior to fall 2017

Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 104, 120, 140, 182, 184, INTL ST 101 or LEGAL ST/POLI SCI 217) or (POLI SCI 103, 106, or 186 taken prior to fall 2017) or graduate standing

Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2020

POLI SCI 348 – ANALYSIS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
3-4 credits.

Focuses on how to analyze problems in international politics by the use of game theory. Examples include governments making choices about the size of their military forces, barriers to trade, or international agreements on environmental issues. Analysts study strategic interaction using both informal and mathematical methods. Provides a good introduction to the basics of game theory -- a tool useful in many different settings -- as well as an introduction to the study of world politics. From the perspective of quantitative reasoning, one of the most important set of lessons center on the logic of strategic interaction and the notion of equilibrium. Along with basic game theory students will also be introduced to the pragmatic use of mathematical tools including algebra, set theory, functions, and probability theory. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 376 prior to fall 2017

Requisites: Satisfied Quantitative Reasoning (QR) A requirement and (POLI SCI 140 or INTL ST 101) or (POLI SCI 103 taken prior to Fall 2017)

Course Designation: Gen Ed - Quantitative Reasoning Part B
Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI 349 – GLOBAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE
3 credits.

Lawyers are present in all countries, but their roles vary tremendously. In some countries, lawyers are greatly respected and are seen as making an important contribution by representing their clients and participating in the political process. In other countries, lawyers are viewed as less essential, perhaps even as a nuisance. Study lawyers in many different countries in an effort to explain the variation in their status and the consequent impact on citizens’ access to justice.

Requisites: POLI SCI 120, 140, or sophomore standing

Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

POLI SCI 350 – INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY
3-4 credits.

Analyzes the interaction of politics and economics in the international arena, both historically and in the contemporary era of globalization. Focuses on international trade, monetary, and financial relations in both developed and developing economies. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 371 prior to fall 2017

Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 140 or INTL ST 101) or (POLI SCI 103 taken prior to fall 2017) or graduate standing

Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2022
POLI SCI 354 – INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND WORLD ORDER
3-4 credits.

The study of international cooperation and the analysis of regional, functional, and universal regimes and institutions. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 337 prior to fall 2017
Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 140 or INTL ST 101) or (POLI SCI 103 taken prior to fall 2017) or graduate standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2017

POLI SCI/CHICLA/HISTORY/LACIS 355 – LABOR IN THE AMERICAS: US & MEXICO IN COMPARATIVE & HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE
3 credits.

Provides a critical examination of the history of labor and working people in the Americas, from the colonial era to the present. It focuses on the experience of the United States and Mexico, offering a comparative perspective on their distinct but also shared (and increasingly linked) histories. The seminar proceeds chronologically, highlighting major episodes in the evolution of labor systems in the two countries, beginning with the colonial labor systems implemented by the Spanish and British empires following the European conquest of the Western Hemisphere. Among other topics, we will examine the pivotal role of slavery and other forms of forced labor, the impact of the industrial revolution, the emergence and expansion of corporate capitalism and the labor unrest it provoked in the post–Civil War U.S., the role of labor in the Mexican Revolution and its aftermath, the impact of the Great Depression and labor incorporation on the post–WWII social and political order of both countries, the breakdown of that order and the move to neo-liberalism in the 1970s and 1980s, and the emergence of an increasingly integrated North American production system and its consequences for labor and working people on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border.
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

POLI SCI 356 – PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW
3-4 credits.

A survey course that focuses on interactions among the primary entities in the international system; namely, states, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, and other international actors governed by international law. The study of international relations and international law is absolutely critical to understanding contemporary politics, both domestic and foreign. This course addresses both structural and substantive issues related to international law. In other words, it should provide basic tools for understanding the way in which international law works, as well as introduce substantive issues of interest to students of world politics. The course will place special emphasis on the role of international organizations in the international legal system, and special attention will be paid to the European Union as an international actor within this system of law. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 316 prior to fall 2017
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI 359 – AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY
3-4 credits.

This course undertakes a historical and analytical approach to U.S. foreign policy since World War II. The course is divided into three main topics: U.S. Foreign Policy since World War II and the evolution of U.S. policy and the impetus behind important foreign policy choices; The people and institutions and processes that guide foreign policy formation and implementation; And the more salient foreign policy challenges facing the U.S. in the 21st century including how the US has responded to the attacks of September 11, 2001, the effectiveness of foreign aid policy.
Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 104, 140, 184 or INTL ST 101) or (POLI SCI 103 taken prior to fall 2017) or graduate standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2023

POLI SCI 360 – HISTORY OF AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
3-4 credits.

The intellectual origins and evolution of American political thought as seen through the lens of leading politicians, novelists and social critics from the Puritans to the Civil War; consideration of the central tensions of American political thought from a contemporary perspective. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 565 prior to fall 2017
Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 160 or ILS 205) or (POLI SCI 209 taken prior to fall 2017) or graduate standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021
POLI SCI 361 – CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
3-4 credits.

This course considers central themes and controversies in American political thinking during the 20th and early 21st centuries. Topics include the development of liberalism from the Progressive Era to the New Deal to the Great Society and beyond; the emergence of new strands of conservatism after World War II and the tensions between those strands; challenges by excluded and marginalized groups to the traditional social and political order; and the revival of concerns about “community” in America. As a topic of study, “American Political Thought” combines philosophy, political theory, history, and practical politics. The course covers a wide variety of texts, ranging from philosophical treatises to newspaper articles, from presidential addresses to works of social science with ultimate goal to become more knowledgeable and more critical students of the American political experience. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 566 prior to fall 2017
Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 160 or ILS 205) or (POLI SCI 209 taken prior to Fall 2017)
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2022

POLI SCI/CLASSICS/HISTORY 362 – ATHENIAN DEMOCRACY
3 credits.

Explores key issues in the ideology and practice of Athenian democracy. Examines democratic values, institutions, rhetoric, and sociology in order to provide the basic tools to understand democracy in its ancient context. Engages with a variety of source material (literary, archaeological, epigraphic) in order to develop multiple skills of interpretation. Some questions examined include: What are the key features of Athenian democracy, how did it change over time, and how did it differ from modern democracy? How did the Athenians justify and critique this political system? How did they reconcile citizen egalitarianism with social inequalities of wealth, gender, and status? To what extent were women, foreigners, slaves, or the poor included or excluded from politics? Was Athenian democracy a robust political system or a system in crisis?
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

POLI SCI 363 – LITERATURE AND POLITICS
3-4 credits.

Interactions between literature and politics, and the role of literature more generally in the functioning of the political systems. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 570 prior to fall 2017
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI 364 – CHRISTIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
3-4 credits.

Exploration of key themes, developments, and figures in Christian political and ethical traditions.
Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 160 or ILS 205) or (POLI SCI 209 taken prior to Fall 2017)
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

POLI SCI/ILS/ITALIAN/LITTRANS 365 – MACHIAVELLI AND HIS WORLD
3 credits.

Introduces students to the major works of Machiavelli through the close reading of his writings in cultural and historical contexts. Discussion and targeted writing assignments will aim at cultivating in students 1) a broad understanding of Machiavelli’s principal intellectual attitudes, 2) a deeper understanding of his literary sensibility, and 3) the ability to articulate controversies and complexities surrounding his thought.
Requisites: Satisfied Communications A requirement
Course Designation: Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req
Level – Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2023

POLI SCI/HISTORY 370 – ISLAM AND POLITICS
3-4 credits.

In the early twentieth century, a series of movements arose in the Middle East and South Asia, calling Muslims to return to Islam. Today, leaders and members of such groups -now known as Islamists -insist that one cannot live a fully Islamic life in the absence of an Islamic state. How and why did these movements come to focus on building an Islamic state? How do they pursue this goal?
Requisites: Sophomore standing or 3 Credits in HISTORY or POLI SCI
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI/JOURN/URB R PL 373 – INTRODUCTION TO SURVEY RESEARCH
3 credits.

Theory and practice of survey research; planning, sampling, questionnaire construction, interviewing, content analysis, machine tabulation, analysis of data; two hours lecture; two hours lab or field work. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 544 prior to fall 2017
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023
POLI SCI 377 — NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND WORLD POLITICS  
3-4 credits.

Covers the origins of nuclear weapons, the reasons states seek them, the strategies developed for their use, the consequences of their development, and efforts to control and reverse their spread.  
**Requisites:** Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 140 or INTL ST 101) or (POLI SCI 103 taken prior to fall 2017) or graduate standing  
**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science  
Level - Intermediate  
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S  
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement  
**Repeatable for Credit:** No  
**Last Taught:** Spring 2022

POLI SCI 390 — STUDY ABROAD TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
1-4 credits.

An umbrella course for variable credit international relations courses taken on study abroad programs.  
**Requisites:** None  
**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science  
Level - Intermediate  
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S  
**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

POLI SCI 400 — TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE  
1-4 credits.

An umbrella course for variable credit topic courses, such as summer forum, intensive summer courses, half-semester courses, etc.  
**Requisites:** Sophomore standing  
**Course Designation:** Level - Intermediate  
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S  
**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions  
**Last Taught:** Summer 2023

POLI SCI 401 — SELECTED TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE  
3-4 credits.

A topics course for the exploration of current issues in Political Science.  
**Requisites:** Sophomore standing  
**Course Designation:** Level - Intermediate  
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S  
**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions  
**Last Taught:** Spring 2023

POLI SCI 402 — WISCONSIN IN WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP COURSE  
4 credits.

This course offers the opportunity to apply many things learned in the classroom to the professional world and to apply things learned in the professional world to a student’s liberal arts education. Interning will introduces students to the professional world of political organizations giving them the chance to enhance professional skills, build a network of contacts, and explore possible career choices. This class stresses active reflection, self-assessment, and the honing of critical thinking and writing. The internship course builds structure with written assignments, activities, reflections, and readings to help students to make the most of their internships. Analytical work in this course will allow students to systematically analyze the workplace in ways that help them recognize prevailing office dynamics, adapt to accepted organizational standards, and to identify opportunities to be a more effective colleague. The course will ask students to analyze their current experiences and to relate them to their past learning and future possibilities.  
**Requisites:** None  
**Course Designation:** Level - Intermediate  
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S  
**Workplace - Workplace Experience Course**  
**Repeatable for Credit:** No

POLI SCI 405 — STATE GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY  
3-4 credits.

The structure of state government and the politics of public policy-making in the fifty states.  
**Requisites:** Sophomore standing  
**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science  
Level - Intermediate  
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S  
**Repeatable for Credit:** No  
**Last Taught:** Fall 2022

POLI SCI 408 — THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY  
3-4 credits.

The President as chief administrative leader, political leader, foreign policy initiator, commander-in-chief, and head of state.  
**Requisites:** Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 104 or 184)  
**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science  
Level - Intermediate  
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S  
**Repeatable for Credit:** No  
**Last Taught:** Spring 2023
POLI SCI 410 – CITIZENSHIP, DEMOCRACY, AND DIFFERENCE
4 credits.

A service-learning course designed to foster enhanced understanding of citizenship and civic engagement. Basic democratic theory, empirical research on political participation, functions and regulation of nonprofit organization. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 425 prior to fall 2017

Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 104, 184, or LEGAL ST/POLI SCI 217)
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2014

POLI SCI 411 – THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION: POWERS AND STRUCTURES OF GOVERNMENT
4 credits.

This course undertakes an historical examination of the development of American constitutional thinking about powers and structures of government from the founding era to the present day. Issue that are considered include separation of powers, executive war powers, the powers of Congress, judicial review and the role of courts, and federalism. The course focuses on the development of constitutional law, constitutional politics, and American political development.

Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 104 or 184)
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2014

POLI SCI 412 – THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION: RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES
4 credits.

This course undertakes an historical examination of the development of American constitutional thinking about individual rights and civil liberties from the founding era to the present day. Issue that are considered include freedoms guaranteed by the original Articles, the Bill of Rights, and the Civil War Amendments (XIII, XIV, and XV) as these issues appear in constitutional law, constitutional politics, and social and economic developments. The role of the federal courts, the nature and operation of principles of federalism, and the authority of Congress to protect constitutionally guaranteed rights are also major topics of consideration.

Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 104 or 184)
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI 414 – THE SUPREME COURT AS A POLITICAL INSTITUTION
3 credits.

This course uses a social science approach to analyze theories of judicial decision making and to learn how law is made in a political context. Students will understand how the Supreme Court and justices operate in an interdependent political environment.

Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 104, 184, or LEGAL ST/POLI SCI 217)
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2017

POLI SCI 416 – COMMUNITY POWER AND GRASS ROOTS POLITICS
3 credits.

Introduces students involved in volunteer or community activism in the Madison area to the literature on political power and community organizing. Conduct field research and write an analysis of activities.

Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI 417 – THE AMERICAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM
3-4 credits.

Structure, process, and personnel of American courts; emphasis on the governmental and political consequences of court decisions for public policy-making.

Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 104, 184, or LEGAL ST/POLI SCI 217)
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

POLI SCI/PUB AFFR 419 – ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
3-4 credits.

Delegation of powers, elements of fair administrative procedure, judicial control over administrative determination. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 420 prior to fall 2017

Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 104, 184, or LEGAL ST/POLI SCI 217)
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021
POLI SCI 421 – THE CHALLENGE OF DEMOCRATIZATION
3-4 credits.

Focusing on political philosophy and/or comparative institutions, cultures, economic systems and behavior, the course explores debates over what democracy is, the dynamics of breakthroughs from authoritarianism to democracy and the difficulties in consolidating fledgling democracies. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 505 prior to fall 2017
Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 160 or ILS 205) or (POLI SCI 209 taken prior to Fall 2017)
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2015

POLI SCI/CHICLA/HISTORY 422 – LATINO HISTORY AND POLITICS
3 credits.

Students will examine the historical, social, political, economic, and cultural experiences and conditions of Latinos, one of the largest US racial/ethnic minority groups. Course focus is on people who trace their origins to Mexico, the Caribbean, and countries of Latin America.
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2015

POLI SCI/INTL ST 423 – SOCIAL MOBILIZATION IN LATIN AMERICA
3 credits.

Introduction to the major empirical and theoretical themes in the study of mobilization in Latin America.
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

POLI SCI/GEN&WS 429 – GENDER AND POLITICS IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE
3-4 credits.

Examines the gendered nature of political institutions around the world, including implications of women’s exclusions from public life in a global context; the obstacles to women’s greater participation; how women have gained greater voice in political leadership in some countries; and the differences women make in the political arena. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 643 prior to fall 2017
Requisites: Sophomore standing; not open to special students
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI/INTL ST 431 – CONTENTIOUS POLITICS
3-4 credits.

Social movements, revolutions, and riots continually shape and reshape the world around us. The course will evaluate and apply dominant theoretical approaches to understanding contention through careful attention to empirical cases throughout the world.
Requisites: Sophomore standing and POLI SCI 140 or INTL ST 101 (or POLI SCI 103 taken prior to fall 2017) or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level – Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021

POLI SCI 432 – COMPARATIVE LEGAL INSTITUTIONS
3-4 credits.

A comparison of the role of law and legal institutions in the U.S. and other countries, with a focus on the state’s use of law to achieve its political goals. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 617 prior to fall 2017
Requisites: POLI SCI 120, 182, or LEGAL ST/POLI SCI 217 or (POLI SCI 106 or 186 taken prior to fall 2017) or graduate standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level – Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2015

POLI SCI/RELIG ST 433 – RELIGION AND POLITICS
3-4 credits.

Explores the relationships and interactions between religion and politics from a comparative perspective. Discuss the appropriate relationship between religion and state. Investigate the implications of the various ways in which the religion-state relationship have been involved in political conflict. Building on this, turn to several of the current issues in religion and politics asking: Why is religion apparently more important than ever despite an increasingly secular world? What is religious nationalism? What is fundamentalism? How can we explain the similarities and differences between religious fundamentalist movements across the globe? How should democratic states cope with the emergence of fundamentalist movements? In order to begin answering these questions, integrate the theoretical frameworks we develop with explorations of the historical and local context of relevant case-studies from around the world.
Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 140, 120, RELIG ST 101, 102, 103, or INTL ST 101) or (POLI SCI 103 or 106 prior to fall 2017)
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level – Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
**POLI SCI/INTL ST 434 – THE POLITICS OF HUMAN RIGHTS**
3-4 credits.

Examines the origins and development of human rights in international politics. The course discusses what human rights are, international human rights movements, the international search for justice after mass crimes, and international humanitarian intervention. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 317 prior to fall 2017.

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science

**Level:** Intermediate

**L&S Credit:** Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Grad 50%:** Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Summer 2023

**POLI SCI/GEN&WS 435 – POLITICS OF GENDER AND WOMEN’S RIGHTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST**
3 credits.

Explores the intertwined relationship between gender and politics in contemporary Middle East and North Africa. Situates the region’s historical, socio-political, and cultural context that have particularly contributed to shaping the current discourse on gender in the Arab World. Explores – both theoretically and empirically – the role of Arab women in influencing the political processes across the Middle East. Examines real-world examples of Middle Eastern women from different parts of the region who have succeeded to challenge the status quo and push for genuine change.

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science

**Level:** Intermediate

**L&S Credit:** Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Grad 50%:** Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2022

**POLI SCI/INTL ST 436 – POLITICAL INEQUALITY: MEASURES, CAUSES, EFFECTS AND REMEDIES**
3 credits.

In this course, we will review what political inequality is, and examine how scholars have measured it, and studied its causes, effects and remedies. The course will focus on inequalities in political participation and representation.

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science

**Level:** Intermediate

**L&S Credit:** Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2022

**POLI SCI 437 – NATIONALISM AND ETHNIC CONFLICT**
3-4 credits.

Nationalist conflict and ethnic contestation remain major components of global politics. Drawing on cases from around the world, this course explores why this is the case. In the process, we will address a number of crucial questions: What are nations and ethnic groups? Where do they come from? Why do they pick particular territories? How do they define who can be part of the group? Why are they so successful in mobilizing people to kill and be killed? In the course of answering these questions, the course investigates the interactions between nations and states, religion and nationalism, globalization, citizenship and minority rights, and the causes and solutions for national and ethnic conflict.

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 120 or 182) or (POLI SCI 106 or 186 prior to fall 2017)

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science

**Level:** Intermediate

**L&S Credit:** Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2018

**POLI SCI/INTL ST 438 – COMPARATIVE POLITICAL CULTURE**
3-4 credits.

In addition to political culture as conventionally defined, this course examines alternative political realities and the different understandings of politics that flow from them. It explores in detail the intersections between the realms of politics and culture in various selected regions of the world. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 657 prior to fall 2017.

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 120 or 182) or (POLI SCI 106 or 186 taken prior to fall 2017) or graduate standing

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science

**Level:** Intermediate

**L&S Credit:** Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Grad 50%:** Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2018

**POLI SCI/INTL ST 439 – THE COMPARATIVE STUDY OF GENOCIDE**
3-4 credits.

Examines the phenomenon of genocide in the modern world. The class covers the concept of genocide, theories of why genocide occurs, and particular cases in the 20th and 21st centuries. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 318 prior to fall 2017.

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science

**Level:** Intermediate

**L&S Credit:** Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Grad 50%:** Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Summer 2021
POLI SCI/ECON/ENVIR ST/URB R PL 449 – GOVERNMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

3-4 credits.

Problems of public policy and administration for development and use of natural resources.

Requisites: Junior standing

Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Summer 2023

POLI SCI 455 – AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

3-4 credits.

Inter-state conflict and cooperation in Africa. Topics include Pan-Africanism, African Union, and regional integration; the international dimensions of regional crises; relations with great powers and with international financial institutions; and the role of non-state actors in international politics. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI/CLASSICS/HISTORY 362 prior to fall 2017

Requisites: Sophomore standing

Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2017

POLI SCI 460 – TOPICS IN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

3-4 credits.

Investigation at an advanced level of selected problems in political philosophy.

Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 160 or ILS 205) or (POLI SCI 209 taken prior to fall 2017) or graduate standing

Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI 461 – INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR IN POLITICAL ECONOMY, PHILOSOPHY, & POLITICS

3 credits.

An interdisciplinary seminar focusing on current policy debates designed to incorporate concepts and approaches from philosophy, political science, and economics.

Requisites: Consent of instructor

Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science

Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI 463 – DECEPTION AND POLITICS

4 credits.

This course deals with deception and truth telling as matters of fundamental political concern. Writers ranging from Plato to John Rawls have grappled with the problem of deception and truth-telling in politics. Flattery, hypocrisy, lying as a matter of state, lying as a matter of policy: philosophical explorations of these and related phenomena are at the center of this course.

Requisites: Sophomore standing

Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI/GEN&SWS 469 – WOMEN AND POLITICS

3-4 credits.

Changing political roles, status, attitudes, and behaviors of women in contemporary society and of the political implications of changing female/male relationships.

Requisites: Sophomore standing

Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2021

POLI SCI 470 – THE FIRST AMENDMENT

3-4 credits.

An examination of the basic principles, purposes, and assumptions of First Amendment cases and literature, with attention to both historical and contemporary controversies.

Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 104, 184, or LEGAL ST/POLI SCI 217)

Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2023
POLI SCI 481 — HONORS SEMINAR ON RACE AND POLITICS IN THE UNITED STATES
3 credits.

This course examines the sources and policy implications of racial division in American politics by analyzing a range of issues, such as affirmative action in the workplace and in higher education, the use of black majority districts as a means of enhancing representation of minority interests in Congress, differences in public opinion between whites and blacks, and issues concerning multi-racial and ethnic tensions. We will examine the historical background of race relations and the current policy debates, with a focus on trying to find common-ground solutions. The goal of this seminar is to stimulate critical thinking on this important issue, causing students to think about race and politics in new ways.

**Requisites:** Junior standing and declared in an Honors program

**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI 490 — STUDY ABROAD TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE: AMERICAN GOVERNMENT
1-4 credits.

An umbrella course for variable credit American government courses taken on study abroad programs.

**Requisites:** None

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

POLI SCI 510 — POLITICS OF GOVERNMENT REGULATION
3-4 credits.

Analysis of US regulatory policy from a political perspective. Introduction of regulation theories from political science, law and economics. Evaluation of theories in settings of environmental protection, workplace health and safety, financial, communications and other areas of regulation. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 446 prior to fall 2017

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 104, 184, or LEGAL ST/ POLI SCI 217)

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2014

POLI SCI 511 — CAMPAIGN FINANCE
3-4 credits.

Examination of campaign finance, including: the philosophical rationale behind campaign finance regulations, the history of regulatory frameworks, the influence of campaign contributions on decision making, campaign finance laws in other countries, and reform proposals. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 466 prior to fall 2017

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 104, 184, or LEGAL ST/ POLI SCI 217)

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI 515 — PUBLIC OPINION
3-4 credits.

Formation of opinions within and among the political publics; their role in the development and practice of governmental policy. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 473 prior to fall 2017

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI/AFROAMER 519 — AFRICAN AMERICAN POLITICAL THEORY
3-4 credits.

Explores a range of theories that African Americans have drawn upon to cope with and ameliorate their political circumstances in the United States within the specific parameters of political theory.

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 160 or AFROAMER 151) or (POLI SCI 209 taken prior to fall 2017) or graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI 529 — ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT
3-4 credits.

Examines the political, social, and economic aspects of the evolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict over time, and the theoretical and policy issues it raises. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 631 prior to fall 2017

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 120, 140, 182 or INTL ST 101) or (POLI SCI 103, 106, or 186 taken prior to fall 2017) or graduate standing

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2017
POLI SCI 534 — SOCIALISM AND TRANSITIONS TO THE MARKET
3-4 credits.
Course focusing on state socialism as a political and economic system and the transition from that system in Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, China, and elsewhere. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 612 prior to fall 2017.
Requisites: POLI SCI 120 or 182 or (POLI SCI 106 or 186 prior to fall 2017) or graduate standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2017

POLI SCI 537 — ELECTORAL SYSTEMS AND REPRESENTATION
3-4 credits.
The variety of institutions which are used to structure elections and representation around the world; voting rules, the structure of the legislature, cabinet formation, constitutional engineering and the art of political manipulation. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 656 prior to fall 2017.
Requisites: POLI SCI 104, 120, 140, 184, LEGAL ST/POLI SCI 217 or INTL ST 101 or (POLI SCI 103, 106, 186, or 209 prior to fall 2017)
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2014

POLI SCI 538 — POLITICS AND POLICIES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION
3-4 credits.
An advanced undergraduate seminar on the European Union that introduces students to the academic literature on EU politics and current debates in the field of EU studies. Topics covered include political institutions, decision- and policy-making, parties, elections, interest representation, political contestation, public opinion, enlargement, the "democratic deficit," and current events- most importantly the ongoing Euro crisis.
Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 120 or 182) or (POLI SCI 106 or 186 prior to fall 2017)
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

POLI SCI 590 — STUDY ABROAD TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE: POLITICAL THEORY
1-4 credits.
An umbrella course for variable credit political theory courses taken on study abroad programs.
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

POLI SCI 601 — PROSEMINAR: TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
3 credits.
Intensive study and research in selected problems within the constituent fields of political science.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI 602 — WISCONSIN IN WASHINGTON ADVANCED PUBLIC POLICY COURSE
4 credits.
The public policy process is structured argument and decision making within institutional contexts. This class introduces students to analytic frameworks for thinking about various aspects of this process. We do not study a single context or policy, but, rather, seek to understand how policies might succeed (or fail) in one context or another. The principal framework is institutional analysis, or the way in which formal and informal rules shape policies and their outcomes. Students will learn to perform institutional analysis as well as write a memorandum presenting such an analysis to a policymaker. Students will align their final projects to their personal and professional activities and/or their internships. The course will help students understand how policies can achieve durable impact, and how progress made through policies can be defended amid institutional pitfalls.
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

POLI SCI 635 — COMPARATIVE POLITICS OF SPORT
3-4 credits.
Covers the political economy, political culture, and the politics of identity (nationalism, race, ethnicity, social class, religion, and gender) that is usually associated with sport at both the highest and lowest levels of competition. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 616 prior to fall 2017.
Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 120 or 182) or (POLI SCI 106 or 186 taken prior to fall 2017) or graduate standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2018
POLI SCI 652 – THE POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT
3-4 credits.
This course examines the political foundations, political dynamics, and political impact of economic development in the many regions collectively known as the "developing world" or "Third World".
Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 120 or 182) or (POLI SCI 106 or 186 prior to fall 2017)
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2016

POLI SCI 659 – POLITICS AND SOCIETY: CONTEMPORARY EASTERN EUROPE
3-4 credits.
Comparative analysis of the countries of contemporary Eastern Europe, including issues of democratization, economic transition, and social change; political crises and institutional adjustments; interactions between regimes and domestic social forces; prospect for future systemic change.
Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 120 or 182) or (POLI SCI 106 or 186 taken prior to fall 2017) or graduate standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2019

POLI SCI 681 – SENIOR HONORS THESIS
3-4 credits.
Honors in the major in Political Science thesis research and writing.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2019

POLI SCI 682 – SENIOR HONORS THESIS
3-4 credits.
Honors in the Major in Political Science thesis research and writing (continuation of POLI SCI 681).
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2019

POLI SCI 683 – SENIOR HONORS THESIS SEMINAR
3 credits.
A class for honors students writing their senior honors thesis within a seminar format. Focus is on conceptualization, research design, writing of the thesis, and relevant issues of political science. Only senior majors writing honor thesis.
Requisites: Junior standing and declared in an Honors program
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI 684 – SENIOR HONORS THESIS SEMINAR
3 credits.
A class for honors students writing their senior honors thesis within a seminar format. Focus is on conceptualization, research design, writing of the thesis, and relevant issues of political science. Continuation of 683. Seniors only.
Requisites: POLI SCI 683, senior standing only, and declared in an Honors program
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI 690 – STUDY ABROAD TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE: COMPARATIVE POLITICS
1-4 credits.
An umbrella course for variable credit comparative politics courses taken on study abroad programs.
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2001

POLI SCI 691 – SENIOR THESIS
3 credits.
For students writing a thesis in consultation with a faculty member.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI 692 – SENIOR THESIS
3 credits.
For students writing a thesis in consultation with a faculty member.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021
POLI SCI 698 — DIRECTED STUDY
1-4 credits.

Directed study projects for juniors and seniors as arranged with a faculty member.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI 699 — DIRECTED STUDY
1-4 credits.

Directed study projects for juniors and seniors as arranged with a faculty member.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI 700 — INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL POLITICS
1 credit.

This course is designed to introduce students to the essential theoretical approaches to international politics, to explore important historical and contemporary questions and debates in international affairs, and to teach students to think critically about international relations. The course also introduces students to the skills and methods necessary for successful online learning.
Requisites: Declared in the International Politics and Practice Capstone Certificate
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2017

POLI SCI 701 — AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY
3 credits.

The course is provides a historical and analytical examination of U.S. Foreign Policy since World War II. The course is divided into three main topics: (1) the history of U.S. Foreign Policy since World War II, (2) an examination of the institutions and processes that guide foreign policy formation and implementation, and (3) a review and analysis of salient foreign policy challenges facing the U.S. today.
Requisites: POLI SCI 700 or concurrent enrollment
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2018

POLI SCI 702 — INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY
3 credits.

Analyzes the interaction of politics and economics in the international arena, both historically and in the contemporary era of globalization. Focuses on international trade, monetary, and financial relations in both developed and developing economies.
Requisites: POLI SCI 700 or concurrent enrollment
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2018

POLI SCI 703 — INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND LAW
3 credits.

This course is intended to familiarize students with some of the major international organizations (IOs) and regimes of international law that have a profound effect on patterns of international cooperation and conflict.
Requisites: POLI SCI 700 or concurrent enrollment
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2015

POLI SCI 704 — INTERNATIONAL SECURITY
3 credits.

The course is a survey of security studies in international relations. The course is organized by empirical topic, with a mix of theoretical and empirical readings for most weeks. Topics include arms competition, the causes of war, war termination, third party intervention and conflict resolution, alliances, crisis bargaining, cooperation, deterrence, proliferation and terrorism. The emphasis will be on recent work.
Requisites: POLI SCI 700 or concurrent enrollment
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2015
1-3 credits.

How powerful is non-military power? What are its vectors and its limits? International relations theorists have defined soft power as "the ability to get what you want through attraction rather than coercion." This graduate seminar will put this notion to the test. We will investigate how elites, interest groups, religious bodies, and nation-states seek to exercise hegemony in the international order through non-violent means. How was "soft power" implemented on the ground in the 20th century- and how did its use transform international relations? To probe these questions, we will focus on a series of case studies in European and U.S. international history. Topics covered include the expansion of capitalism and consumer culture; the globalization of international legal instruments and human rights claims; and de-secularization, religious radicalism, and counter-insurgency. In the process of analyzing our case studies, we will refine our analytical vocabulary. Drawing on recent work in international relations, political theory, and international history, we will probe the meaning and utility of concepts like normative power, hegemony, cultural capital, and public diplomacy.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2016

POLI SCI 799 – DIRECTED STUDY
1-4 credits.

Directed Study restricted to graduate students. Intended for master’s level students.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2021

POLI SCI 800 – POLITICAL SCIENCE AS A DISCIPLINE AND PROFESSION
1 credit.

Describes and evaluates major approaches used in political science. Explores issues related to professional development and political science careers.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI 801 – DISSERTATION PROPOSAL RESEARCH AND WRITING SEMINAR
3 credits.

Provides structured support and mentorship for political science dissertation proposal writing. Includes topics such as defining relevant research questions, incorporating existing scholarship, developing a theory and research design and drafting a full prospectus.
Requisites: Declared in Political Science doctoral program
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI/FRENCH/GERMAN/HISTORY/SOC 804 – INTERDISCIPLINARY WESTERN EUROPEAN AREA STUDIES SEMINAR
3 credits.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI 811 – INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICAL COMPUTING IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
1-3 credits.

Introduction to the issues of statistical computing in political science using statistical packages such as STATA and R with emphasis on developing sound practices for organizing data, protocols, and results in empirical research. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 553 prior to fall 2017
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI 812 – INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICAL METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
3 credits.

Introductory statistics course for Ph.D. students. Emphasis on probability theory, inference, and the foundations of multivariate least squares and maximum likelihood.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI 813 – MULTIVARIABLE STATISTICAL INFERENCE FOR POLITICAL RESEARCH
3 credits.

Extensive treatment of multiple regression and its variants.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023
POLI SCI 814 — SOCIAL IDENTITIES: DEFINITION AND MEASUREMENT
3 credits.

Analyses the concept of social identities with a focus on definition, comparison, and measurement. Explores a range of theories as well as methodological techniques for measurement. Examines classic works on race, ethnic, national, class, gender, and religious identities.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020

POLI SCI 817 — EMPIRICAL METHODS OF POLITICAL INQUIRY
3 credits.

Acquaints students with a wide variety of research methods used to analyze political phenomena, emphasizing both quantitative and qualitative approaches.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020

POLI SCI 818 — MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD ESTIMATION
3 credits.

Develops the theory of maximum likelihood estimation and applies it to models for discrete and limited dependent variables common to political and social science data.

Requisites: POLI SCI 812 and 813
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI 821 — MASS POLITICAL BEHAVIOR
3 credits.

An empirical analysis of the role of mass publics in political life and the factors which determine the formation and expression of political beliefs and attitudes.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021

POLI SCI 825 — RACE AND POLITICS IN THE UNITED STATES
3 credits.

Analysis of the role of race, class and ethnicity in the political process. Evaluation of theories from political science, economics and sociology. Topics may include policy analysis, political organizations, immigration, political behavior and culture.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2020

POLI SCI 826 — THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS
3 credits.

Analysis of legislative process and the role of the legislature in the political system, emphasizing current research.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021

POLI SCI 828 — THE CONTEMPORARY PRESIDENCY: ISSUES AND APPROACHES
3 credits.

Current topics of research interest on the American presidency. Alternative approaches and methods for the study of the presidency.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022

POLI SCI/JOURN 829 — POLITICAL COMMUNICATION
3 credits.

This course examines the role of communication in American politics. Topics covered include the communication of politics (e.g., communication by politics elites, effects of mass media and interpersonal communication on political attitudes) as well as the politics of communications (regulation of political communication, policy issues, etc.).

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI/CLASSICS 834 — ROMAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
3 credits.

In depth study of key works of Roman political thought, along with recent and classic scholarship in political theory, history, philosophy, classics, and literature.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020

POLI SCI/A A E 835 — GAME THEORY AND POLITICAL ANALYSIS
3 credits.

An introduction to the tools of game theoretic analysis, with reference to the use of game theory in political science. Intended for those desiring a basic familiarity with the theory, and for those planning further work in formal modeling.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023
POLI SCI 836 – FORMAL MODELS OF DOMESTIC POLITICS
3 credits.
Provides an overview of formal, i.e., game-theoretic, models of domestic politics. This course builds directly upon the material presented in Political Science 835.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI 837 – FORMAL MODELS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
3 credits.
Provides an overview of the formal theory literature in international relations, including international security and international political economy.
Requisites: POLI SCI/A AE 835
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

POLI SCI 839 – FIELD SEMINAR IN POLITICAL THEORY
3 credits.
An overview of approaches to interpreting, teaching, and writing about political theory.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021

POLI SCI 840 – COMPARATIVE POLITICAL ECONOMY
3 credits.
Survey of field of comparative political economy and in-depth study of political economy of democratic and non-democratic capitalist systems. Key themes include: business and labor relations, globalization and its impact on domestic political economies, rise of emergent powers.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021

POLI SCI 843 – THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF DEVELOPMENT
3 credits.
We examine why some countries are rich, and others are poor. Selected topics include the role of institutions, regime type, corruption, the resource curse, ethnic differences and state capacity. We focus on the cutting edge of the empirical literature on development, and pay close attention to measurement and causal inference.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020

POLI SCI 844 – DEMOCRATIC IMPERFECTIONS
3 credits.
Democracies frequently depart from their ideal type. We focus on select problems with democracy, and examine their causes and effects, and remedies for them. Topics vary from year-to-year, and include inequalities in political representation and participation, a lack of accountability and ethnic voting.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No

POLI SCI 846 – RACIAL AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY: CAUSES AND EFFECTS
3 credits.
Focuses on the causes and effects of racial and ethnic diversity in a range of contexts across different countries. Includes the following topics: 1) definitions of diversity and how ethnic and racial diversity is measured; 2) the causes of diversity including migrations and state actions such as ethnic cleansing and colonialism, and later processes of immigration and segregation; 3) the effects of diversity or segregation, including on social relations, conflict, public good provision, and political behavior; and the effects of ethnic and racial diversity in organizations; and 4) considers ways of increasing diversity including affirmative action and quotas, and the effectiveness of diversity training. Readings will include cases studies from different countries and different time periods and will include a range of different racial and ethnic groups around the world.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI 850 – RELIGION AND POLITICS
3 credits.
Examines the meanings of, and interactions between, religion and politics in comparative politics, international relations, and American politics. Explores the impact religion has on wide range of politically relevant outcomes and the mechanisms through which religion shapes those outcomes. Provides an overview of the main theoretical, conceptual, and empirical studies of religion and politics.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022
POLI SCI 851 – CONTENTIOUS POLITICS
3 credits.
Why do people mobilize outside of routine political channels or institutions to pursue political change? How do we explain moments when people take to the streets or take up arms to accomplish their political goals? At the heart of these questions is one that has long formed a core of social science inquiry: how do scholars explain collective action, particularly in the face of often serious risks. Examine these questions through exploring leading theoretical themes in the study of social movements, revolutions, and riots. Explore how a variety of factors affect the where’s, why’s and how’s of movement dynamics.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No

POLI SCI 853 – COMPARATIVE POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS
3 credits.
Comparative theoretical and empirical analysis of political institutions, including electoral systems, legislatures, executives, executive-legislative relationships, political parties, party systems, federalism, economic governance, and link between institutions and internationalization.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2019

POLI SCI 854 – NATIONALISM AND ETHNIC CONFLICT
3 credits.
Comparative analysis of nationalism, national identity, and ethnicity and their impact on domestic and international conflict. Examines relationship between nationality, citizenship, and minority rights; territoriality and identity, contemporary religious nationalism; relationship between globalization and nationalism.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022

POLI SCI 855 – POLITICS AND CULTURE IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE
3 credits.
Scholarly approaches linking cultural phenomena. Both theoretical and empirical patterns of politics and culture in several regions. The course also explores systematic linkages between politics and culture, evaluates common ways of studying them, and assesses their contemporary importance.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2015

POLI SCI 856 – FIELD SEMINAR IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS
3 credits.
Introduction to leading concepts and theories in the field of comparative politics, including those relating to states, nations, regimes and development. Includes work on many different regions and countries employing a range of research strategies and methodologies.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI 857 – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORIES
3 credits.
Analysis of the major theories on the functioning of the international political system and the behavior of nations within it.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI 862 – STATE AND SOCIETY IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE
3 credits.
Reviews a range of approaches that focus on civil society, social movements, ethnic and religious based mobilization, as well as gender and class based approaches to state-society relations.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI 864 – INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY
3 credits.
Analysis of key classical and contemporary theories in international political economy.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022

POLI SCI 865 – THE SUPREME COURT AND THE CONSTITUTION IN AMERICAN POLITICS
3 credits.
Analysis of the development of major constitutional doctrines and their impact on politics and public policy in the United States.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2014
POLI SCI/ENVIR ST/PUB AFFR 866 – GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE
3 credits.

In-depth examination of the political and policy challenges posed by global environmental degradation. Analysis of international institutions for managing the global environment.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

POLI SCI/PUB AFFR 871 – PUBLIC PROGRAM EVALUATION
3 credits.

Compares the conceptual, statistical, and ethical issues of experimental, quasi-experimental and non-experimental designs for program evaluation. Definitions of outcomes, sample size issues, statistical biases in measuring causal effects of programs, and the reliability of findings will be emphasized using case studies selected from current public programs.

Requisites: PUB AFFR 818
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI 873 – AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTIES
3 credits.

Reviews major approaches to analyzing political parties and understanding their developmental changes. Examines the parties in operation and the relationship of parties to the state and society.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI/PUB AFFR/URB R PL 874 – POLICY-MAKING PROCESS
3 credits.

Examines the political, social, and economic contexts that shape and are shaped by policy making processes. Though the focus is on the US, international comparisons will be made, and students are encouraged to think about the American context through comparative and international perspectives. Familiarizes students with dominant theories and models of policymaking process and policy change, starting with the model of the policy cycle. Focuses in on key topics and issues in policy making, specifically, agenda setting, implementation, and the relationships between policymaking and democracy. Reflects on contemporary and emerging issues and dilemmas of the politics of policy making.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI/PUB AFFR 875 – PUBLIC PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION
3 credits.

Analysis of personnel policies and practices in the public sector and examination of patterns of interaction between political executives, personnel professionals, public employees, and interest groups in the development of personnel policies. Compares problems and approaches of different countries as well as those of the various levels of government in the United States.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2015

POLI SCI/PUB AFFR/URB R PL 878 – PUBLIC MANAGEMENT
3 credits.

Role of administration in American government; problems of organization, bureaucracy and control; public policy as the output of the administrative process.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI/PUB AFFR 885 – ADVANCED PUBLIC MANAGEMENT: CRAFT, CONSTRAINTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY
3 credits.

Examines how managers in public and not-for-profit agencies can secure and utilize legal authority, human resources, and funds to accomplish organizational goals. Includes strategies for establishing and maintaining effective external relations and for working through other organizations to accomplish objectives.

Requisites: URB R PL/POLI SCI/PUB AFFR 878
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI/PUB AFFR/URB R PL 890 – FEDERAL BUDGET AND TAX POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION
3 credits.

Focuses on national budget and tax policy and administration, and the parallel processes at the state and local levels. Included are discussions of: decision-making theories; budget and tax policy; and analysis of normative and empirical criteria and analytical techniques for assessing alternative policy proposals.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2018
POLI SCI 900 – TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
1-3 credits.

An umbrella course for variable credit topic courses, such as colloquia series, workshops, intensive summer courses, half-semester courses, etc.

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2023

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POLI SCI 904 – SEMINAR-AMERICAN POLITICS
3 credits.

In-depth examination of selected topics on American politics and governmental institutions.

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2023

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POLI SCI 917 – TIME SERIES ANALYSIS
3 credits.

This course introduces students to time series methods and applications, including ARMA models, error corrections models and reduced form specifications. Course also discusses co-integration and fractional integration.

**Requisites:** POLI SCI 812 and 813

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2023

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POLI SCI 919 – SEMINAR-ADVANCED METHODOLOGY
3 credits.

Design of research and adaptation of advanced methods to solve particular methodological problems in original analyses of political data.

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2023

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POLI SCI 930 – SEMINAR IN MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT
3 credits.

Exploration of themes from modern political thought.

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

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POLI SCI 931 – SEMINAR-POLITICAL THEORY
3 credits.

Analysis of and research on problems of theorizing in and about political life.

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2023

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POLI SCI 932 – SEMINAR IN EARLY MODERN POLITICAL THEORY
3 credits.

Study of selected topics or themes in early modern (c. 1500-1750 CE) political thought.

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Fall 2022

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POLI SCI/GEN&WS 933 – FEMINIST POLITICAL THEORY
3 credits.

Focuses on how specific schools of feminist thought redefine the political, spanning historical and contemporary feminist political theory.

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2021

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POLI SCI 935 – SEMINAR IN CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THEORY
3 credits.

Exploration of themes in contemporary political theory.

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

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POLI SCI 936 – SEMINAR IN CONTINENTAL POLITICAL THOUGHT
3 credits.

Exploration of themes central to study of continental political thought.

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

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POLI SCI 937 – SEMINAR IN LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL THEORY
3 credits.

Exploration of themes in legal and/or constitutional theory.

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions
POLI SCI 940 – DOMESTIC POLITICS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
3 credits.

Examines how domestic institutions and processes influence the international system. Also examines how international forces influence domestic politics in the areas of foreign policy, international political economy and security.

Requisites: POLI SCI 857
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

POLI SCI 945 – SEMINAR-NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS
3 credits.

Contemporary military strategy, the interaction of military and political factors in international politics, and the processes and content of defense policies, with emphasis on the United States.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2020

POLI SCI 948 – SEMINAR: TOPICS IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS
3 credits.

Research seminar on specific topics in comparative politics.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI 949 – SEMINAR-POST COMMUNIST POLITICS
3 credits.

Comparative study of political processes in the former Soviet Union and communist Eastern Europe states, focusing on the transition from and the continuing legacies of the communist experience; methodological issues in the study of post-communist politics.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2016

POLI SCI 950 – PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
3 credits.

Designed around substantive topic areas, including reputation, personality, and emotions. Covers the broad patterns of scholarship in political psychology over the last 50 years. The larger methodological issues around political psychology and International Relations (IR) (how do you study this? what tradeoffs do the various approaches entail?) will form a backdrop to most of our discussions.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No

POLI SCI 959 – SEMINAR-INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
3 credits.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2023

POLI SCI 960 – SEMINAR-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
3 credits.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2021

POLI SCI 962 – SEMINAR: LATIN-AMERICAN POLITICS
3 credits.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2014

POLI SCI/URB R PL 969 – SEMINAR-TRENDS AND ISSUES IN PUBLIC PLANNING
3 credits.

Critical review of recent and current thought on the nature and role of planning in governmental and quasi-governmental agencies with particular attention to the adverse critics of planning and the issues they raise about the policy formulation process in public affairs.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2014

POLI SCI/A A E/ANTHRO/C&E SOC/GEOG/HISTORY/LACIS/ PORTUG/SOC/SPANISH 982 – INTERDEPARTMENTAL SEMINAR IN THE LATIN-AMERICAN AREA
1-3 credits.

Interdisciplinary inquiry in Latin American society and culture.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2022

POLI SCI/AFRICAN/ANTHRO/ECON/GEOG/HISTORY 983 – INTERDEPARTMENTAL SEMINAR IN AFRICAN STUDIES TOPICS
3 credits.

Interdisciplinary inquiry in African societies and cultures.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2021
POLI SCI 986 – POLITICAL THEORY WORKSHOP
1-3 credits.

Presentation and evaluation of political theory research in progress by members of the workshop and invited speakers.
**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing  
**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement  
**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions  
**Last Taught:** Spring 2023

POLI SCI 987 – COMPARATIVE POLITICS COLLOQUIUM
1-3 credits.

Presentation and evaluation of comparative politics research in progress by members of the workshop and invited speakers.
**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing  
**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement  
**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions  
**Last Taught:** Spring 2023

POLI SCI 988 – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COLLOQUIUM
1-3 credits.

Presentation and evaluation of International Relations research in progress by members of the workshop and invited speakers.
**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing  
**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement  
**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions  
**Last Taught:** Spring 2023

POLI SCI 989 – AMERICAN POLITICS WORKSHOP
1 credit.

Presentation and evaluation of American politics research in progress by members of the workshop and invited speakers.
**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing  
**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement  
**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions  
**Last Taught:** Spring 2023

POLI SCI 990 – RESEARCH AND THESIS
1-3 credits.

Under the direction of faculty.
**Requisites:** Consent of instructor  
**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement  
**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions  
**Last Taught:** Summer 2023

POLI SCI 999 – INDEPENDENT WORK
2-3 credits.

Under the direction of a staff member.
**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing  
**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement  
**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions  
**Last Taught:** Summer 2023