POLITICAL SCIENCE  PLS

Department of Political Science
College of Social Science

100 Introduction to American National Government
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0)
The policymaking process in national government, with emphasis on political participation, the presidency, Congress, Supreme Court, bureaucracy, and civil rights and civil liberties.

140 Government and Politics of the World
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0)
Comparative analysis of political systems in first, second, and third-world countries. Alternative methods for comparative cross-cultural analyses of political systems.

160 Introduction to International Relations
Fall, Spring. Summer. 3(3-0) Not open to students with credit in MC 220 or MC 221.

170 Introduction to Political Philosophy
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0)
Basic questions of political philosophy as considered from ancient to modern times. Primary focus on the origins, defense, and radical critiques of modern liberal democracy.

200 Introduction to Political Science
Fall, Spring. 4(4-0)
The science of politics. Theory construction, model building, empirical testing, and inductive inference. Examples from American, international and comparative politics.

201 Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis
Fall, Spring. 4(4-0) P.M.: PLS 200 or MC 201.
Philosophy of social science. Principles of research design, measurement, hypothesis testing, measures of association, cross tabulations, and regression analysis.

301 American State Government
Spring. 3(3-0)

302 Urban Politics
Fall. 3(3-0)

304 Minority Politics
Fall. 3(3-0)
Minority groups and the political process in the United States. Civil rights movements, political organizations, legal decisions, political participation, and legislative politics.

310 Public Bureaucracy in the Policy Process
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0)
Role of public bureaucracy in the U.S. Theories of administrative behavior and the impact of hierarchy on policymaking. Relations with the president, Congress, interest groups, and the public. Administrative functions, responsiveness, and ethics.

313 Public Policy Analysis
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0) Not open to students with credit in MC 444.
Political and economic concepts for evaluating the consequences of government decision making. Issues of problem identification, policy adoption, and implementation affecting program evaluation.

320 The American Judicial Process
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores.
Analysis of the structure and functions of judicial systems. Organization, administration, and politics of judicial bureaucracies. Roles of judges, juries, counsel, litigants, and interest groups in the adjudication process.

321 American Constitutional Law
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores.
U.S. Supreme Court policy making and its effect on issues of current importance, including First Amendment freedoms, due process, race relations, sex discrimination, and privacy.

322 Comparative Legal Systems
Spring, Summer. 3(3-0)

324 American Legislative Process
Spring. 3(3-0)
The design of Congress. Rules, structures, and procedures affecting policy making. Impact of regular elections on legislative behavior.

325 American Executive Process
Fall. 3(3-0) P.M.: PLS 100
Role of the president in the U.S. political system. Constitutional questions, presidential selection, presidential power, interbranch relations, and presidential policy making.

331 Political Parties and Interest Groups
Spring of even years. 3(3-0)
Origins, structure, and activities of political parties. Role of parties and interest groups in elections and in government. Internal politics of parties and of private associations.

332 Political Socialization and Public Opinion
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0)
Role of public opinion in political systems and its impact on the political process. Group differences, political socialization, development and change of political attitudes and behavior patterns. Methods of studying public opinion.

334 Campaigns and Elections
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0)

342 Comparative Political Economy
Spring. 3(3-0) P.M.: EC 201 or EC 202
Democratic politics and the linkages among political, social, and economic conceptions of equality in developed and developing countries.

344 Politics in the Third World
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0)
Politics of modernization, democratic and authoritarian regimes, and class and ethnicity in developing countries.

351 African Politics
Fall. 3(3-0)
Political institutions and governmental processes in Sub-Saharan Africa.

352 Latin American Politics
Spring. 3(3-0)
The political process in Latin America from a comparative perspective. Development, democratization and the role of democratic institutions in the political life.

353 Politics of Japan
Spring. 3(3-0)
Political institutions and policy processes in Japan. Principal schools of thought on Japanese politics. Parties and elections, bureaucratic power, judicial politics, and industrial policy.

354 Politics of Asia
Fall of even years, Spring of even years. 3(3-0)
Political institutions, political actors, and policy-making processes in selected Asian countries.

356 West European Politics
Fall, Summer. 3(3-0)
Governmental institutions and processes, political socialization, and political culture in Western Europe, including Great Britain.

357 Politics of English Speaking Democracies
Summer. 3(3-0)
Political institutions, political actors, and political culture in Britain, Australia, or Canada.

358 Politics of the U.S.S.R. and Its Successor States
Spring. 3(3-0)
Political history, communist ideology, state institutions, and political processes in the Soviet Union and its successor states.

362 Foreign Policy
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) P.M.: (PLS 160 or concurrently) or (MC 220 or concurrently) or (MC 221 or concurrently)
RB: PLS 160 or MC 220 or MC 221
Theories of foreign policy making. Factors shaping foreign policy in various countries. Current and recurrent problems in foreign policy making.

363 International Political Conflict
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) P.M.: (PLS 160 or concurrently) or (MC 221 or concurrently)
Conflict, war, and conflict resolution in the international system.

364 International Organization and Cooperation
Spring. 3(3-0) Not open to students with credit in MC 322.

371 Classical Political Philosophy
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0)
Examination of major themes in classical political philosophy as represented by such Greek and Roman philosophers as Plato, Aristotle, or Cicero.
372 Modern Political Philosophy
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0)
Major themes of modern political philosophy as represented by such thinkers as Machiavelli, Hobbes, Rousseau, Marx, and Nietzsche.

377 American Political Thought
Fall of even years. 3(3-0)
Major themes of American political thought. Topics may include the founding of the U.S., naturalism, race relations, or progressivism.

381 Collective Decision Making in Politics
Fall. 3(2-1) P.M. PLS 200
Formal models of collective decision making in politics. Empirical and experimental tests of formal models. Topics may include game theory, social choice theory, principal-agent models, or dynamic models.

392 Special Topics in Political Science
Fall. Spring. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in the Department of Political Science or Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science major or approval of department.

Issues and problems in contemporary political science.

420 American Politics and Public Administration (W)
Fall, Spring. 4(4-0) P.M.: (PLS 301 or PLS 302 or PLS 305 or PLS 310 or PLS 313 or PLS 320) and completion of Tier I writing requirement) or (PLS 321 or PLS 322 or PLS 324 or PLS 325 or PLS 331 or PLS 333 or PLS 334) RB: Enrollment in the political science cognate. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in the Department of Political Science or Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science major or approval of department.

Capstone course in one subfield of either American politics or public administration. Potential topics include legislative behavior, policy analysis, bureaucratic politics, electoral politics, and the determinants of voting behavior.

421 Moot Court and Legal Research in Federal Law (W)
Spring. 4(4-0) P.M.: (PLS 320 and completion of Tier I writing requirement) or (PLS 321 or MC 373) R: Open only to juniors or seniors in the Department of Political Science. Open to juniors or seniors in the Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science major with political science as the disciplinary cognate or approval of department.

U.S. Supreme Court decisions in federal law. Legal research techniques, and participation in moot court exercise. Possible topics include civil rights and civil liberties.

440 Comparative Politics (W)
Spring. 4(4-0) P.M.: (PLS 322 or PLS 342 or PLS 344 or PLS 351 or PLS 352 or PLS 353 or PLS 354 or PLS 356 or PLS 357 or PLS 358) and completion of Tier I writing requirement RB: Enrollment in the political science cognate. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in the Department of Political Science or Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science major or approval of department.

Capstone course in one subfield of comparative politics. Potential topics include political development, urbanization, role of public opinion, human rights, and women in development.

441 Islam and World Politics
Spring of even years. 4(4-0) Interdepartmental with James Madison College. Administered by James Madison College. P.M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. SA: MC 420
Manifestations of political Islam within key Muslim countries such as Turkey, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Pakistan. Use of political Islam by states and groups as an instrument to advance their international goals.

460 International Relations (W)
Fall, Spring. 4(4-0) P.M.: (PLS 361 or PLS 362 or PLS 363 or PLS 364) and completion of Tier I writing requirement R: Open only to juniors or seniors in the Department of Political Science or Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science major with political science as the disciplinary cognate or approval of department.

Capstone course in one subfield of international relations. Potential topics include international conflict, foreign policy, dispute resolutions, and international political economy.

461 Refugees, Displaced Persons, Exiles (W)
Spring. 4(4-0) P.M.: (PLS 322 or PLS 342 or PLS 344 or PLS 351 or PLS 352 or PLS 353 or PLS 354) and completion of Tier I writing requirement) or (PLS 356 or PLS 357 or PLS 358 or PLS 361 or PLS 362 or PLS 363 or PLS 364)
Political refugees caused by nationalism, social change, persecution, war, and tyranny. Definition, analysis, history, causes, and consequences. Political, legal, sociological, psychological, economic, and historical problems. International aid.

470 Political Thought (W)
Fall of odd years, Spring of even years. 4(4-0) P.M.: (PLS 371 or PLS 372 or PLS 377) and completion of Tier I writing requirement R: Open only to juniors or seniors in the Department of Political Science or Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science major with political science as the disciplinary cognate or approval of department.

Capstone course in one area of political thought. Potential topics include liberty, justice, equality, Aristotole, Plato, Locke, Hobbes, and Mill.

481H Honors Seminar in Research Design
Fall, Spring. 4(4-0) R: Approval of department. Research design seminar for honor's students in the political science program.

490H Honors Internship
Fall, Spring. Summer. 3 to 6 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department. Supervised participation in research or teaching.

491H Senior Honors Thesis
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3 to 6 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. P.M: PLS 481H Original research and writing under direction of a faculty member.

494 Field Experience in Political Science
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3 to 6 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department. Supervised field work in several areas of study. It may involve internships with non-profit organizations or public agencies, or participation in survey research, political campaigns, or petition drives.
820 Proseminar in American Politics
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0)
A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. The major subfields of American politics. Political behavior within institutions and mass political behavior.

821 State Government and Politics
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0)
Research literature on state government. Interstate differences. Parties, elections, governors, state legislatures, bureaucracy, interest groups, and policy outcomes.

822 Urban Government and Politics
Spring of even years. 3(3-0)
Research literature on urban government. Structure, process, and policy issues. Intergovernmental relations and fiscal interdependencies.

824 Congress
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. The legislative process in Congress, and the electoral connection to voters. Topics may include committees, parties and leadership, candidate recruitment and elections, and interactions between Congress and other national institutions.

826 International Development and Sustainability
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Anthropology and Forestry and Resource Development and Social Science. Administered by Resource Development. Environmental, economic, political, legal, management, and cultural components of sustainable development.

828 Public Opinion and Political Behavior
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) RB: (PLS 801 and PLS 802) or approval of department. The acquisition and change of political attitudes. The relationship between political attitudes and political behavior. Methods and problems of measuring political attitudes.

850 Proseminar in Comparative Politics
Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. Research literature in a subfield of comparative politics. Methods, approaches, and purposes.

852 Comparative Public Administration
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) Administrative systems in industrialized countries. Historical origins, personnel recruitment, bureaucracy-parliament interactions, planning and market regulation, public spending, and public outcomes.

853 Political Economy of Development Policy
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) Introduction to the political economy of Third World development. Decision making and economic policy.

854 Comparative Political Institutions
Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. Political institutions from a comparative perspective. Topics may include electoral systems, political parties, presidential vs. parliamentary systems, representation, federalism, and constitutional engineering.

857 Parties and Elections
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. Origin, organization, and behavior of political parties in advanced industrial societies. Structure and transformation of party systems. Role of issues and elections in party systems. Parties in developing societies.

860 Proseminar in International Relations
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. Theoretical perspectives and analytical approaches to a subfield of international relations.

870 Proseminar in Political Thought
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. Survey of major issues or themes in political philosophy.

871 Classical Political Philosophy
Fall. 3(3-0) Study of one or more major figures or thinkers in ancient or medieval political philosophy.

872 Modern Political Philosophy
Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. Study of one or more major figures or thinkers in modern political philosophy.

884 Proseminar on Political Institutions and Public Choice
Fall. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. Theories of political institutions, with particular emphasis on the U.S. Possible topics include models of rational action in electoral, legislative, and bureaucratic institutions and problems of majority rule, collective action, and social welfare.

900 Research Seminar in Political Methodology
Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 9 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: PLS 802 Advanced topics in political methodology. Individual research projects.

910 Research Seminar in International Politics
Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 9 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: PLS 860 Intensive study of one subfield of international politics. Critical evaluation of the literature.

915 Research Seminar in Political Thought
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 9 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: PLS 870 Intensive study of one subfield of political philosophy.

920 Research Seminar in American Politics
Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 9 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: PLS 850 Intensive study of one subfield of comparative politics. Critical evaluation of the literature.