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, Summer. 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, Summer. 4(4-0) P:MC: PL 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
Fall, 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:MC: 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.

333  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:MC: 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 political 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, Spring. 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:MC: PLS 160 or concurrently) or (MC 220 or concurrently) or (MC 221 or concurrently) R: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:MC: 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.
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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(3-0) P: MLS 200
Formal models of collective decision making in politics. Empirical and experimental tests of formal models. Topics may include game theory, social choice theory, spatial models, 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:MLS (PLS 301 or PLS 302 or PLS 305 or PLS 310 or PLS 313 or PLS 320) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. 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.

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:MLS (PLS 320) and completion of Tier I writing requirement) and (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 exercises. Possible topics include civil rights and civil liberties.

440 Comparative Politics (W)
Spring. 4(4-0) P:MLS (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: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. RA: 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:MLS (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:MLS (PLS 322 or PLS 342 or PLS 344 or PLS 351 or PLS 352 or PLS 353) 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 or approval of department.

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:MLS (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, Aristotle, Plato, Locke, Hobbes, and Mill.

481H Honors Seminar in Research Design
Fall. 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:MLS 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.

495 Independent Study
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 6 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department.
Individual research and reading supervised by a faculty member.

800 Proseminar: Political Theory and Research Methods
Fall. 3(3-0)
Issues in the accumulation of knowledge about political phenomena. Approaches to the verification of hypotheses. Alternative theoretical conceptions in study of politics.

801 Quantitative Techniques in Public Policy and Political Science I
Fall. 3(3-0) R: Open only to graduate students in the Department of Political Science or approval of department.
Foundations of research methodology. Applications of data in public policy and political science. Individual research projects.

802 Quantitative Techniques in Public Policy and Political Science II
Spring. 3(3-0) R: PLS 801 R: Open only to graduate students in the Department of Political Science or approval of department.
Linear and nonlinear models applied to public policy and political science data. Individualized research projects.

803 Political Thought
Fall. 3(3-0) R: Admission to graduate program in political science.
Major political philosophers. Major themes of political philosophy. Consideration of the relationship between political philosophy and other fields of study in political science.

808 Issues in Urban Policy and Services
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Social Work. Administered by Political Science. R: PLS 811
Issues in urban public policy. Major theoretical approaches. Urban regimes, local autonomy, public and private authority, economic constraints, social welfare, service delivery, neighborhood and community development, and urban educational systems. Race, gender, and ethnicity.

809 Proseminar in Formal Theory
Spring. 3(3-0) R: Approval of department. SA: PLS 880
Formal models in understanding politics. Topics may include game theory, spatial modeling, social choice theory, public choice theory, and dynamic modeling. Theoretical issues and research applications.
993 Readings in Political Science
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 6 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 12 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department.
Supervised reading in a subfield of political science, public administration, or public policy.

999 Doctoral Dissertation Research
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 12 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 99 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open only to doctoral students in the Political Science major or Political Science-Urban Studies major.
Doctoral dissertation research.