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. Dynamics of conflict and cooperation. Processes of foreign policy decision making. Major international economic issues. Basic future trends. Primary analytical approaches for studying world politics.

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: 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.

311  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, Summer. 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)  

323  Religion and Politics  
Fall. 4(4-0)  
Comparative analysis of the role of religion in politics across world regions. Discussion of major theories and topics in relation to religion-state relations.

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 220 or concurrently.  
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: 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.

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.R. and Its Successor States  
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with James Madison College. Administered by Political Science.  
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: (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: (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.
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.

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.

American Politics and Public Administration (W)
Fall, Spring. 4(4-0) P: (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 comparative politics. Potential topics include political development, urbanization, role of public opinion, human rights, and women in development.

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. 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.

International Relations (W)
Fall, Spring. 4(4-0) P: (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 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.

Refugees, Displaced Persons, Exiles (W)
Spring. 4(4-0) P: (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.

Political Thought (W)
Fall of odd years. Spring of even years. 4(4-0) P: (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.

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.

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.
820 Proseminar in American Politics  
Fall. 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. RB: (PLS 801 and PLS 802 and PLS 820) and or approval of department.  
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 Theory and Practice  
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies and Anthropology and Forestry and Social Science. Administered by Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies. SA: RD 826  

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.  

831 Courts as Organizations  
Summer. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Criminal Justice. Administered by Political Science. RB: Experience in Court Administration or enrollment in Judicial Administration Major. R: Approval of department.  
Role of “new institutionalism” in organization theory to the study of court culture.  

832 Managing the Courts  
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Criminal Justice. Administered by Political Science. P: CJ 812 RB: Experience in Court Administration. Enrollment in Judicial Administration R: Approval of department.  
Application of casework management in courts.  

833 Organizing, Workload, and Performance in the Courts  
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Criminal Justice. Administered by Political Science. P: CJ 809 RB: Experience in Court Administration. R: Approval of department.  
Techniques for the assessment of needs and performance of judges and judicial staff.  

834 Analyzing the Courts  
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Criminal Justice. Administered by Political Science. P: PLS 833 or CJ 814 RB: Experience in Court Administration. Enrollment in Judicial Administration  
Evaluating critical court programs using basic statistical analysis and graphical design. Descriptive statistics and graphical presentation.  

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.  

886 Global Urban Research Practicum  
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Social Science. Administered by Social Science. P: SSC 800 R: Approval of department.  
Demonstration of student competence in urban theory, by writing, analysis, research, and evaluation.  

900 Research Seminar in Political Methodology  
Fall. Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 15 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: PLS 802  
Advanced topics in political methodology. Individual research projects.  

910 Research Seminar in Public Policy and Public Administration  
Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 9 credits in all enrollments for this course.  

950 Research Seminar in Comparative Politics  
Fall of odd years. 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.  

960 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.  

970 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.  

980 Research Seminar in Formal Theory  
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 9 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: PLS 880  
Intensive study of one formal modeling technique used in political science research.
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.

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.