

POLS - POLITICAL SCIENCE

POLS 601 Components of Political Inquiry

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Elements of empirical research design, techniques of data collection and data analysis. The evolution of political science as a scientific discipline. Required for political science majors.

Prerequisite: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in STAT 303 or equivalent.

POLS 602 Quantitative Political Analysis

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Theory, techniques and applications of quantitative analysis in political science. Required for political science majors.

Prerequisite: POLS 601 or equivalent.

POLS 603 Quantitative Political Analysis II

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Introduction to advanced applications of quantitative analysis in political science; critical evaluation of the use of several advanced statistical techniques in political analysis.

Prerequisite: POLS 602 or equivalent.

POLS 604 Conceptualization and Theory in Political Analysis

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Exploration of the function of general theoretical assumptions in social scientific research and a critical analysis of some of the most influential general conceptualizations of political phenomena.

Prerequisite: POLS 601 or equivalent.

POLS 606 Advanced Research Methods for Political Scientists

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Advanced techniques for specialized problems in empirical political analysis, including voter choice models, longitudinal data, elite interviewing, problems of formal theory and others. May be taken three times.

Prerequisites: POLS 601 and POLS 602 or equivalents.

POLS 607 Advanced Research Methods for Political Scientists II

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Advanced techniques for specialized problems in empirical political analysis, including voter choice models, longitudinal data, elite interviewing, problems of formal theory and others. May be taken up to three times as content varies.

Prerequisites: POLS 601 and POLS 602.

POLS 611 Seminar in Political Behavior

Credits 3. 3 Other Hours.

Examination of forms of mass political behavior and the analytical frameworks used to understand them relevant to all subfields of political science; includes public opinion, vote choice, turnout, campaign contributions and participation in social movements and/or insurgencies.

POLS 612 Seminar in Political Institutions

Credits 3. 3 Other Hours.

Examination of the design and consequences of political institutions; preference aggregation; externalities; collective action; principal-agent problems; commitment problems.

POLS 620 Comparative Political Systems

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Comparative study of national political systems; cross-national relationships and comparative analysis.

POLS 621 Theory and Method in Comparative Politics

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Introduction to methods for conducting research in comparative politics, including approaches to theory development and overcoming obstacles to comparative politics research.

Prerequisites: Graduate classification or approval of instructor.

POLS 623 Seminar in Cross-National Topics

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Cross-cultural investigation of the manner in which selected political processes manifest themselves in various political systems. May be taken for credit up to three times as content varies.

POLS 624 Seminar in Regional Studies

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Political behavior or institutions within a specified country, region or cultural area. May be taken for credit up to three times as content varies.

POLS 625 Seminar in Comparative Race and Ethnic Politics

Credits 3. 3 Other Hours.

Significant themes in comparative study of race and ethnic politics; includes racial and ethnic identities, government and diversity, racial and ethnic violence, managing conflict. May be taken three times for credit.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

POLS 630 International Politics

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Survey of international politics; security politics, the development of nations, international law, organization and integration.

POLS 631 Conflict Studies

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

The study of international conflict, especially factors pertaining to the causes of war.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification or approval of instructor.

POLS 632 Theory and Method in International Relations

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Theory, techniques and applications of quantitative analysis in international relations.

Prerequisites: POLS 602 and POLS 630 or approval of instructor.

POLS 633 Seminar in Foreign and Security Policy

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Selected aspects of the formation and conduct of foreign and defense policy. May be taken for credit up to three times as content varies.

POLS 634 International Institutions

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Current theoretical and empirical debates in the field of international institutions; includes the value and limitations for understanding the creation, design, behavior, change and impact of international institutions in world politics.

Prerequisite: POLS 630.

POLS 635 International Political Economy

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

The study of international political economy, focusing on the economic and political causes and consequences of international trade, foreign direct investment, capital mobility, exchange rate, monetary policy, migration, and development.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification or approval of instructor.

POLS 641 Seminar in Public Administration

Credits 3. 3 Other Hours.

Literature and research problems of a selected aspect of public administration. May be taken three times.

POLS 642 Seminar in Public Policy

Credits 3. 3 Other Hours.

Literature and research problems of a selected aspect of public policy. May be taken three times.

POLS 643 Theory and Practice of Public Administration

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Theory, process and structure of management in the public sector. Internal management and behavior in federal, state or local agencies in a political setting.

POLS 644 Seminar in Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Public Policy

Credits 3. 3 Other Hours.

Examines race, ethnicity, and public policy; emphasizes how policy process considers race and ethnicity, and differential impact of policy on racial groups. May be taken three times for credit.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

POLS 645 Politics, Policy and Administration

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Relationship of politics and administration with reference to the influence of administration and bureaucracy, legislative bodies, parties, interest groups and other forces in the formation and execution of public policy in various levels of, primarily, American government.

POLS 646 Public Policy Theory

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Major theories and classifications of public policies, and general explanations of policy formation and impact; recent research testing major theories.

POLS 650 Normative Political Theory

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Examination of the most influential approaches, concepts and political arguments of classical and contemporary political theory. May be taken for credit up to three times as content varies.

POLS 654 Seminar in Theories of Political Legitimacy, Order and Obligation

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Intensive examination of contending theories of political authority, obligation and justice. May be taken up to three times for credit as content varies.

Prerequisites: Graduate classification and approval of instructor.

POLS 660 Gateway Seminar in the Politics of Race and Ethnicity

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Overview of the race and ethnicity literature in four different subfields: comparative politics, international relations, American politics, and public administration/policy; emphasis on four themes across the subfields: identity participation (including non traditional participation such as violence), representation, and institutions/structure.

POLS 670 American Political Institutions

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Explores the major issues and controversies in the study of American political institutions; topics include executive, legislative and judicial branches of government, as well as formal organizations such as parties and interest groups. May be taken for credit up to three times as content varies.

POLS 671 American Political Behavior

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

An introduction to core theories and controversies about American mass political behavior; topics include public opinion, political culture, political socialization, party identification and political participation. May be taken for credit up to three times as content varies.

POLS 672 Seminar in American Political Institutions

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Relevant literature and research problems of selected aspects of American political institutions at the national level; emphasis on original student research. May be taken for credit up to three times as content varies.

Prerequisite: Approval of instructor.

POLS 673 Seminar in Gender and Politics in Comparative Perspective

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Seminar in political science theories of gender and politics as developed and tested in comparative politics; worldwide topics with an emphasis on representation of women in democratic regimes.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

POLS 674 Seminar in Race, Ethnicity and American Politics

Credits 3. 3 Other Hours.

This seminar examines social science theories of race, ethnicity and politics in the United States; highlights the political behavior of Latinos, African-Americans, and Asian Americans. May be taken three times for credit.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

POLS 675 Seminar in American Political Processes and Behavior

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Relevant literature and research problems of selected aspects of mass political behavior in the United States; emphasis on original student research. May be taken for credit up to three times as content varies.

Prerequisites: Approval of instructor.

POLS 681 Seminar

Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.

Topics of interest to political scientists with emphasis on professional norms, opportunities and teaching strategies.

Prerequisite: Approval of graduate advisor.

POLS 685 Directed Studies

Credits 1 to 6. 1 to 6 Other Hours.

Individual instruction in selected fields of political science.

Prerequisite: Approval of instructor.

POLS 689 Special Topics in...

Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Lecture Hours.

Selected topics in an identified area of political science or public policy. May be repeated for credit.

Prerequisite: Approval of instructor.

POLS 691 Research

Credits 1 to 23. 1 to 23 Other Hours.

Thesis research. Credit will be given only upon acceptance of completed thesis.

Prerequisite: Approval of graduate advisor.