

Political Science (POL SCI)

Courses

POL SCI 1 Introduction to American Politics 4 Units

An introductory analysis of the structure and operations of the American political system, primarily at the national level.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 4 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 2 Introduction to Comparative Politics 4 Units

This course deals with the basic problems and processes that all political systems face and examines their particular expression in Western, Communist, and Third World settings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 4.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 3 Introduction to Empirical Analysis and Quantitative Methods 4 Units

Analytical and methodological problems of political inquiry, with an emphasis on quantification and measurement.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 9 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 4 Introduction to Political Theory 4 Units

An approach to the understanding of politics through the perspectives and language of the political theorist.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 5 Introduction to International Relations 4 Units

This course is designed to introduce students to the major 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. It is a prerequisite for most upper division international relations courses in Political Science.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5-2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 18AC Race, Culture, and Politics in the Golden State 4 Units

This course will study the historical processes of racial formation and transformation in California. Students will develop an understanding of the dynamic nature of racial and ethnic cultures and identities, and use these tools to better understand their own cultural position. Two periods are studied: 1848-1882 and 1964-1988. The course will consider the experiences of Asian Americans, Chicano/Latinos, African Americans, European Americans, and Native Americans.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 39B Freshman/Sophomore Seminar 2 - 4 Units

Freshman and sophomore seminars offer lower division students the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member and a group of peers in a small-seminar setting. These seminars are offered in all campus departments; topics vary from department to department and from semester to semester.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Priority given to freshmen and sophomores

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

POL SCI 41 Freshman Seminar 4 Units

Topics, experimental in nature, will vary from year to year.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with consent of department. Course may be repeated for credit with consent of department.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam not required.

POL SCI C79 Societal Risks and the Law 3 Units

Defining, perceiving, quantifying and measuring risk; identifying risks and estimating their importance; determining whether laws and regulations can protect us from these risks; examining how well existing laws work and how they could be improved; evaluating costs and benefits. Applications may vary by term. This course cannot be used to complete engineering unit or technical elective requirements for students in the College of Engineering.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Also listed as: COMPSI C79/STAT C79

POL SCI 98 Directed Group Study for Lower Division Students 1 - 3 Units
Lectures and small group discussion focusing on topics of interest that vary from semester to semester.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with consent of department. Course may be repeated for credit with consent of department.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-3 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

POL SCI 99 Supervised Independent Study 1 - 4 Units

Supervised Independent Study and Research for lower division students, pursuant to the Regulations of the Berkeley Division, Section A230.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Completion of two Political Science courses and a 3.3 GPA

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 10 weeks - 1.5-6 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

POL SCI 102 The American Presidency 4 Units

Analysis of principal institutions, functions, and problems of the Presidency and the federal executive branch. Special attention will be given to topics of presidential leadership, staffing, executive-legislative relations, and policy formation. Comparative reference to executive processes in other political systems.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 103 Congress 4 Units

Nomination and election, constituent relations, the formal and informal structures of both houses, relations with the executive branch, policy formation, and lobbying.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 1 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-3 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 103W The Congress 4 Units

This course will explore the Congress--the first branch under the Constitution--and its role in our political system. It will leverage our environment in Washington by featuring frequent guest speakers and seeking connections to current policy and political debate. In addition to surveying the pathways of lawmaking, we will ask how Congress and its members relate to the other branches of government, to the press, and to the public.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Admittance to UC Berkeley-Washington Program. For details see <http://ucdc.berkeley.edu>

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 104 Political Parties 4 Units

The institutional environment within which American politics takes place. Concept and history of parties in the American context: their nature and function, origin and development. Party organization and structure. State, national, and local party systems and their variations. Nominations and elections.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 105 The Politician 4 Units

The nature of politics, the education of politicians, the structure of ambition, and the ethical values of social behavior in the political world. Sessions with elected officials and party workers on their vocation.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 106A American Politics: Campaign Strategy - Media 4 Units

An inside look at how political campaigns operate from the viewpoint of the media, taught by the people who run them. Class material will be directed towards students who are interested in direct involvement in campaign politics or who are looking for a greater understanding of the political process. Students will be required to develop a complete written campaign strategy document in order to fulfill class requirements. Students will be expected to follow political and campaign news via the media and be prepared to discuss those developments in class.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Junior or senior standing

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 109A Special Topics in American Politics 4 Units

See department web site for specific course details.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 109B Special Topics in American Politics 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 109G Special Topics in American Politics 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 109H Special Topics in American Politics 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 109L Special Topics in American Politics 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 109M Special Topics in American Politics 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 109R Special Topics in American Politics 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 109W Selected Topics in American Politics-UCDC 4 Units
Topics will vary.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Admission to UC Berkeley-Washington Program. For details see <http://learning.berkeley.edu/ucdc>

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 108W

POL SCI 110B Cal-in-Sacramento 2 Units

The purpose of this course is to provide Cal-in-Sacramento interns and other interested UC Berkeley students with a rudimentary understanding of our state government. We will focus on the state legislature and executive branch, exploring both the policy-making process and the politics in Sacramento, which we will learn are quite closely related to one another.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Limited to summer Cal-in-Sacramento interns

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with consent of department. Course may be repeated for credit with consent of department.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 111AC The Politics of Displacement 4 Units

Antebellum American political history generally follows a routine script in which the purpose of the Revolution was to liberate Americans for self-government and economic and social development. Slavery is viewed as an anomaly still needing explanation, and Native American relocation as the consequence of natural forces of immigration and pre-modern social values. In this class, the revolution against traditional political authority embodied in Jefferson's and Thomas Paine's attack on the British crown, the rise of slavery, and the conflict with Native America are seen as coherent parts of a cultural and social development that emerges in the 18th- and 19th-century America. Using both original antebellum materials, including biographies, history, and literature, and contemporary images from American popular culture such as film, news and magazine articles, and music, we will compare and contrast the experiences of antebellum Native Americans, European immigrants, and African slaves as a connection between the past and the present emerges.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 112A History of Political Theory 4 Units

Major theories from the ancient Greeks to the modern period. Ancient and medieval political thought, including Plato, Aristotle, and St. Augustine.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 112B History of Political Theory 4 Units

Early modern political thought up to the French Revolution, including Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

POL SCI 112C History of Political Theory 4 Units

Nineteenth and twentieth century political thought, including Burke, Utilitarianism, Marx, and contemporary theory.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

POL SCI 112D History of European Political Theory: The 20th Century 4 Units

This is a survey course that will examine developments in 20th-century European Political Theory. It will focus on theorists' contributions and reactions to various major political and intellectual shifts, including Marxism (as "Western Marxism" and Critical Theory, as well as institutionalized Soviet communism in its heyday); psychoanalysis; and fascism.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

POL SCI N113A American Political Theory 4 Units

Basic problems of political theory as viewed within the context of American history and institutions.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 114A Theories of Governance: Late 20th Century 4 Units
What is governance? How should we explain its emergence? What are its implications for public policy and democracy? This course uses debates about contemporary governance to examine four approaches to political science and political theory. The approaches are rational choice theory, institutionalism, Marxism, and poststructuralism. The course looks at the narrative that each approach provides of the origins and workings of governance since 1979, and at the way these narratives embody theoretical commitments about rationality and power, structure and agency, and democracy. It thus promotes an awareness of the way questions about contemporary governance are inextricably linked to philosophical and normative commitments. This course has a required discussion section.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

POL SCI 116A Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units

Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116B Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units

Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116C Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units

Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116D Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units

Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116E Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units
Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116F Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units
Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116G Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units
Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116H Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units
Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116I Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units
Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116J Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units
Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116K Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units
Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116L Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units
Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116M Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units

Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116N Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units

Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116O Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units

Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116P Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units

Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116Q Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units

Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116R Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units

Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116S Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units

Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116T Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units

Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116U Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units

Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116V Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units

Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116W Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units

Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116X Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units

Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116Y Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units

Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 116Z Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units

Intensive study of one topic, problem, or intellectual movement in political theory. See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 118AC Three American Cultures 4 Units

The course will examine three American cultural forms. The focus of the course is to be comparative; readings will center around first-person accounts, written by members of the ethnic groups most immediately involved in each of the cultural forms. The theme is that of identity, seen politically as well as culturally: examining how the various ethnic groups involved came to forge a collective identity for themselves. The three groups studied will vary by instructor. See departmental listings for more specific information.

Rules & Requirements

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with department approval. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 122A Politics of European Integration 4 Units

The European Union is the world's most advanced experiment in governance beyond the level of the traditional nation-state. Through the European Union, the main members countries have pooled their national sovereignty and created new ways political authority, economic competition, social cohesion, and cultural identity. While specialists in comparative politics focus on the separate countries, scholars in international relations emphasize the construction of supranational institutions and transnational identities. This course seeks to synthesize the comparative and international approaches by examining the economic, political, and cultural aspects of integration. Readings are drawn from international relations, comparative politics, public policy, sociology, and some anthropological debates. Course requirements include careful preparation of the readings, discussion sections, participation in a group report on one of the major domains mentioned above, and a closed-book final.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 123A Special Topics in International Relations 4 Units
See department web site for specific course details.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Political Science 5 highly recommended

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 123G Special Topics in International Relations 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 120A highly recommended

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 123H Special Topics in International Relations 4 Units

See department web site for specific course offerings.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 120A highly recommended

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 123M Conflict Management 4 Units

The goal of this class is to familiarize students with the various ways in which actors can manage and resolve their conflicts. Conflict management in both international and civil conflicts will be discussed. Students will learn about negotiation, mediation, arbitration and adjudication, sanctions, military intervention, peacekeeping, nation-building, and the design of peace agreements. We will also talk about the role of the United Nations, regional organizations, and major powers like the U.S. in conflict management. While the main goal of the class is to familiarize students with central concepts and theories of conflict management, we will also take a look at cases that illustrate when, how and why different strategies work.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 120A highly recommended

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

POL SCI 123S Special Topics in International Relations 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 120A highly recommended

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 124A War! 4 Units

War, what is it good for? Absolutely nothing! Is this necessarily true? Wars are brutal and horrific events, but are they all necessarily the result of miscalculation, accident, or fanaticism? Can war serve a rational purpose? Are wars governed by rules and do states care about these rules? This course is designed for upper-level undergraduate students.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Political Science 5

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 124C Ethics and Justice in International Affairs 4 Units
Should nations intervene in other countries to prevent human rights abuses or famine? On what principles should immigration be based? Should wealthy states aid poorer states, and if so, how much? Who should pay for global environmental damage? Answers to these moral questions depend to a great degree on who we believe we have an obligation to: Ourselves? Nationals of our country? Residents of our country? Everyone in the world equally? We will examine different traditions of moral thought including skeptics, communitarians, cosmopolitans, and use these traditions as tools to make reasoned judgments about difficult moral problems in world politics.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 124M The Scientific Study of International Conflict 4 Units
The goal of this upper-level seminar is to familiarize students with the scientific approach to studying international conflict, provide them with a deep understanding of the basic factors that exacerbate or mitigate international conflict, and sharpen students' analytical and research skills.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

POL SCI 126A International Political Economy 4 Units

Economic concepts in the study of international political behavior. Political concepts influencing the choice of economic policies.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 128 Chinese Foreign Policy 4 Units

This course covers the history and analysis of Chinese foreign policy since the inception of the People's Republic of China 1949. Some attention is devoted to pre-1949 Far Eastern international relations, but only as a background to the study of the contemporary period. Emphasis is placed on Sino-American and Sino-Soviet relations, on the domestic determinants of Chinese foreign policy, on the changing nature of China's relations with her Asian neighbors, and on important substantive issues.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 128A Chinese Foreign Policy 4 Units

Chinese foreign policy from the inception of the People's Republic of China in 1949 to the present. This course aims at providing the student with a sufficient factual base, alternative theoretical approaches and some of the methodological tools useful in studying Chinese foreign policy.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 129B Russia after Communism 4 Units

This course presents a broad introduction to contemporary politics and society in Russia. The social movements and political transformations of the Gorbachev period will be explored. Most of the course is devoted to the post-communist period and current problems of political change and upheaval. Topics to be investigated include the movement from a command economy to capitalism, struggles among emerging social interests, the changing role of the military in society, crime and social disintegration, the rise of nationalism and the search for national identity, civil war, and the transformation of political institutions. The course is recommended for juniors and seniors but is open to all students.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8-8 hours of lecture and 2-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI C131A Applied Econometrics and Public Policy 4 Units

This course focuses on the sensible application of econometric methods to empirical problems in economics and public policy analysis. It provides background on issues that arise when analyzing non-experimental social science data and a guide for tools that are useful for empirical research. By the end of the course, students will have an understanding of the types of research designs that can lead to convincing analysis and be comfortable working with large scale data sets.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 140 or 141 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Also listed as: ECON C142/PUB POL C142

POL SCI C135 Game Theory in the Social Sciences 4 Units

A non-technical introduction to game theory. Basic principle, and models of interaction among players, with a strong emphasis on applications to political science, economics, and other social sciences.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for C135 after taking Economics 104.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 135

Also listed as: ECON C110

POL SCI W135 Game Theory in the Social Sciences 4 Units

This course provides an introduction to game theory and its application in social science, especially political science and economics. The purposes of the course are to give students a sense of the field of game theory and how political scientists use it in making arguments about how government and politics work, to develop students' intuition about strategic situations in everyday life, and to develop students' analytical capabilities generally. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to depict social situations as simple game theoretic models, analyze those models to understand how the behaviors of the individuals involved are mutually reinforcing, and apply computer-based tools to evaluate under conditions of uncertainty.

Hours & Format

Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of web-based lecture and 2 hours of web-based discussion per week

Online: This is an online course.

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 137A Revolutionary Change 4 Units

Theories of revolutionary violence, rebellion, and revolution. Strategies of revolution, terrorism, sources of revolutionary action.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 138E The Varieties of Capitalism: Political Economic Systems of the World 4 Units

This course examines the interaction between politics and markets, both in theory and in practice, explicitly linking classic works on political economy with current policy debates. We study how political systems and markets are organized in a wide range of different national settings, looking at both history and contemporary issues. Topics include: 1) early industrialization in Britain and the United States, 2) late industrialization in continental Europe and Japan, 3) the varieties of capitalism in contemporary industrialized countries, 4) the newly industrializing economies of Latin America and East Asia, 5) the problems of development, and 6) the transition from communism to a market economy in Eastern Europe and China.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 138G National Success and Failure in the Age of a Global Economy: from Pleats to Cleats 4 Units

In the present era political, economic, and social organization powerfully influence national capacity to assure economic success, real and rising incomes for the population, and political success, basic survival, and the projection of its purposes and values. This course looks at the continual process of international competition and transformation, and examines which factors separate the winners from the losers. We will gain leverage into these questions by examining critical moments in the 20th and 21st centuries and analyze according to national responses. What choices signal success? Can the failures be avoided? The course will discuss whether globalization is shunting aside national political choice, or whether globalization is in fact a sequence of national and regional stories played out on a larger stage. We will consider how economic constraint structures political choice and national response to the global economy. But we will also examine how political developments shape market dynamics and national innovations. We will learn about all sorts of things from the politics of French fashion to why Japanese make good cars.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Zysman

POL SCI 139B Development Politics 4 Units

Politics of economic development in developing countries. Comparative analysis of the theories and practice of development in the light of contemporary experience. Political strategies of agrarian, industrial, educational, and regional development and their impact on autonomy, welfare, justice, and human development.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI C139 Urban and Sub-national Politics in Developing Countries 4 Units

Over half of the world's population is now urban. As urban populations swell, metropolitan areas in both the developed and the developing world struggle to provide basic services and address the negative externalities associated with rapid growth. Sanitation, transportation, pollution, energy services, and public safety typically fall to sub-national governments. Yet local sub-national institutions face difficulties as they tackle these challenges because development tends to spill over political boundaries and resources are limited. Such difficulties are particularly acute in the developing world due to tighter resource constraints, weak institutions, and the comparative severity of the underlying problems. Moreover, democratization and decentralization suggest that urban governance and service delivery may have become more democratic, but present challenges with respect to priority setting, coordination, and corruption.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Post

Also listed as: CY PLAN C139

POL SCI 139D Urban and Sub-national Politics in Developing Countries 4 Units

Over half of the world's population is now urban. As urban populations swell, metropolitan areas in both the developed and the developing world struggle to provide basic services and address the negative externalities associated with rapid growth. Sanitation, transportation, pollution, energy services, and public safety typically fall to sub-national governments. Yet local sub-national institutions face difficulties as they tackle these challenges because development tends to spill over political boundaries and resources are limited. Such difficulties are particularly acute in the developing world due to tighter resource constraints, weak institutions, and the comparative severity of the underlying problems. Moreover, democratization and decentralization suggest that urban governance and service delivery may have become more democratic, but present challenges with respect to priority setting, coordination, and corruption.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 140E Selected Topics in Comparative Politics 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 140F Selected Topics in Comparative Politics 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 140R Selected Topics in Comparative Politics 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 140S Selected Topics in Comparative Politics 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 141C Politics and Government in Eastern Europe 4 Units
Modern politics and government in the states of Eastern Europe presented within a broader cultural, historical, and sociological framework. Problems of economic underdevelopment and national fragmentation. Comparisons of the pre-Communist, Communist, and post-Communist periods.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 9 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 142A Middle East Politics 4 Units

The Middle East in world affairs, international relations and domestic policies of contemporary states in the Middle East; policies and strategy of major powers; supranational movements, regional political and security organizations. The area comprises Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Israel, and the Arab countries.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 143A Northeast Asian Politics 4 Units

The structure and evolution of political institutions in China, Japan, and Korea. Emphasis upon such topics as nationalism, political modernization, and ideology.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 143B Japanese Politics 4 Units

The structure and evolution of political institutions in Japan. Emphasis upon such topics as political parties, the bureaucracy, social change, and contemporary policy issues.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 143C Chinese Politics 4 Units

An overview of Chinese politics since the fall of the Qing Dynasty. Emphasis on the People's Republic of China and post-Mao reforms.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: O'Brien

POL SCI 143T Chinese Politics and Society 4 Units

This course offers the opportunity to learn about contemporary Chinese politics and society while visiting both famous and ordinary places to see and hear first hand how the Chinese people have experienced over five decades of dramatic change. The course has two components. The first week will be spent on the Berkeley campus and will involve an intensive introduction to the major strands of scholarly work on Chinese politics since the Communist revolution. During this time, students will also have a chance to become familiar with the basic outlines of recent Chinese history. The remaining 3 weeks of the course will be held in the Peoples Republic of China with an emphasis on experiential learning. Lecture and discussions will be on-going during and following field work and tours. In addition to lecture and discussions, two essays will be required.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with departmental approval. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 15-20 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 144 American Foreign Policy Toward Asia 4 Units

This course is designed primarily for students interested in exploring in depth the relationship between U.S. foreign policy and developments in East Asia. This course will explore the historical and contemporary foreign policies of the United States toward Asia with an eye toward analyzing the ways in which Asia has been shaped by American, and in turn American policies have been shaped by events in Asia.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 144B Politics of Divided Korea 4 Units

An overview of modern Korea divided into the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The course will compare the two Koreas in terms of political, social and economic institutions, culture, political elites and modernization strategy.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 145A South Asian Politics 4 Units

A comparative analysis of development and change in the political systems of contemporary South Asia.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 145B South Asian Politics 4 Units

A comparative analysis of development and change in the political systems of contemporary South Asia.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI W145A Understanding Political Developments in India 4 Units

This class focuses mostly on the "domestic" politics of India. In addition to providing an overview of political developments in India since independence, this online course assesses the nature of democratic participation and representation in contemporary India - the world's largest democracy.

Hours & Format**Summer:**

6 weeks - 8 hours of web-based lecture and 2 hours of web-based discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of web-based lecture and 2 hours of web-based discussion per week

Online: This is an online course.

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 146A African Politics 4 Units

Introduction to politics in the states of contemporary sub-Saharan Africa. Comparative study of political institutions and regime transitions; economic crisis and development; political violence and civil conflict.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 146D Environment, Culture, and Peacebuilding 6 Units

The course begins at the global level and moves to the local level in examining the nexus of politics, environment, and culture where conflicts ensue. These conflicts can lead to violence and hardship. They can also result in creative adaptations and solutions based in political and administrative institutions and processes that build peace. The first three weeks of the course examine global trends and institutions; the last three weeks examine the specific dynamics involving land and resource conflict in Kenya. Throughout the course, students will be introduced to social science and environmental science perspectives. Students will be exposed to the analytical tools of political economy, history, and political ecology. The class will consist of students from the University of California, Berkeley and Kenyatta University. It will be led by faculty from both institutions.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 15 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructors: Arriola, Kanogo, Olukoye

POL SCI N146C Conflict and Change in Southern Africa 4 Units

Combining classroom lectures and discussion with visits to interesting and relevant places in the Cape Town area, this course will be concerned with the dynamics of political change in South Africa. We will sketch the historical evolution of the system of minority racial rule that characterized South Africa until 1994; analyze the process of political upheaval and the transformation that culminated in the transitional election of 1994; examine the process of negotiations and constitution making that began in 1990, and its implications for the nature of politics and governance in a new government to overcome the legacies of South Africa's past.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 3 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Instructor: Price

POL SCI 147F Contemporary French Politics: The Republican Model in Transition 4 Units

French political life has long gravitated around a "Republican model" marked by an unmediated relationship between the citizen and the state, socialization into French values through secular public education, a special vocation for France on the international stage, and an activist state. Recent developments have called the Republican model into question. This course will examine the transformation of France's Republican model - its origins, operations, and responses to contemporary challenges.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 147G The Welfare State in Comparative Perspective 4 Units
Comparison of welfare states in Western Europe and North America. Origins of welfare states. Varieties of welfare states. Relationship between welfare states and the economy. Impact of changing social, economic, and family structure states. Contemporary welfare reform.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 147T German History and Politics 4 Units

This course provides an introduction to German history, from ancient times to the post-reunification period. Special emphasis will be placed on the history of the city of Berlin. Except for a few preparatory activities in Berkeley, the course will be conducted in Berlin, offering lectures as well as hands-on visits to important places of German history. This is a four-week travel-study course.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Sperlich

POL SCI 148A Latin American Politics 4 Units

Political institutions, groups and parties in Latin American countries. Basic characteristics of political processes in Latin America; problems of political development and modernization and political change. Comparative study of political systems, institutions, groups and political culture.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-3 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 149B Special Topics in Area Studies 4 Units

See department web site for specific course details.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 149C Special Topics in Area Studies 4 Units

See department web site for specific course details.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 149E Special Topics in Area Studies 4 Units

See department web site for specific course details.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 149F Special Topics in Area Studies 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 149I Special Topics in Area Studies 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 149J Special Topics in Area Studies 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 149P Special Topics in Area Studies 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 149W Special Topics in Area Studies 4 Units
See department web site for specific course details.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 9 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 149Y Special Topics in Area Studies 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 149Z Special Topics in Area Studies 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 150 The American Legal System 4 Units
The nature of the American legal system; the interrelationships of judges, lawyers, police, political officials, bureaucrats, press, and general public; the political and social aspects of the legal process.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:
6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 157A Constitutional Law of the United States 4 Units
Fundamental principles of constitutional law, leading cases, causes, and consequences of legal decisions and their role in influencing, shaping, and constraining the American political system. Judicial Review and the Limits to National Power.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 157B Constitutional Law of the United States 4 Units
Fundamental principles of constitutional law, leading cases, causes, and consequences of legal decisions and their role in influencing, shaping, and constraining the American political system. Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Political Science 157A or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 161 Public Opinion, Voting and Participation 4 Units
The nature of public opinion, attitude formation, electoral turnout and choice; political cleavages; the role of the mass public.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 164A Political Psychology and Involvement 4 Units
Personality factors in political behavior; psychological roots of decision-making; leadership; psychological sources of political belief; conflict theory.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI N164A Psychology of Politics 4 Units
This course explores the sources of political beliefs and actions through the application of psychological theories about personality, learning, cognition, and group dynamics. The course begins by briefly considering a number of alternative analytic approaches to linking human nature and politics and then considers such problems as political ideology, persuasion, compliance, protest, violence, and leadership in terms of these approaches. The course considers both mass and elite political behavior. The readings include both quantitative materials drawn from survey research and experiments and more impressionistic and clinical studies.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

POL SCI 166 Latinos and the U.S. Political System 4 Units
This course provides a critical analysis of the political circumstances, political behavior, and the activities and consequences of Latinos (or Hispanics) within the governmental and political system of the United States. Latinos became the nation's largest minority group in 2005 and are also the largest minority group in U.S. elementary/secondary schools. For these and other reasons the situation of Latinos has broad social and political significance.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 167AC Racial and Ethnic Politics in the New American Century 4 Units

Some of the most enduring and violent conflicts in America center on race. The goal of this course is to explore, discuss, and better understand the relationship between perceptions of racial identity, attributions of racial difference, and politics, broadly defined. We focus on the recent and persistent debates about racism, identity, rights, representation, citizenship, conflict, and coalitions. A repeated theme of this course is the question whether racial order and inequality are essential to, or an exception from, the liberal democracy in the U.S. This is a lecture course with intensive readings, written assignments, and in-class discussion.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 169 Selected Topics in Political Behavior 4 Units
See departmental announcements.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with consent of department. Course may be repeated for credit with consent of department.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 171 California Politics 4 Units
An inquiry into the political environment of the state--historical, economic, geographic, and social; its political institutions--government, parties, interest groups, and citizens; and the policies resulting from the interaction of environment and institutions.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 173S Political Economy of the California Crisis 4 Units

This course examines the emergence and crisis of California's political economy. An analytical framework is developed that encompasses the secular growth and cyclical variability of California's income, expenditure, and revenue levels. California's economic growth and political development since 1875 will be analyzed. Specific topics covered include the Edmund G. (Pat) Brown era; Proposition 13 and the Ronald Reagan governorship; California's demographic transformation; challenges of minority economic development and political representation; the 2003 gubernatorial recall and the 2002-04 fiscal crisis. Course is part of the University of California Center Sacramento Program and is located in Sacramento.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with consent of instructor. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Instructor: Dymski

POL SCI 175A Urban and Metropolitan Government and Politics 4 Units
The roles of various levels of government--local, regional, state, and national--in politics and policy-making in metropolitan regions.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 179 Undergraduate Colloquium on Political Science 1 Unit
Political issues facing the state of California, the United States, or the international community.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

POL SCI 181 Public Organization and Administration 4 Units

The methods used to manage the power of the bureaucracy in the American political system. An introduction to theories of organizational behavior. The effects of administrative structure upon the creation and distribution of public benefits.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI H190A Honors Seminar 4 Units

H190A is the first of a two-semester research seminar designed to provide support and structure to political science seniors writing an honors thesis. To receive department honors, students must maintain the minimum GPA for honors and complete H190B with a B+ or better. For additional details, please consult the Undergraduate Advising Office or <http://www.polisci.berkeley.edu>.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Admission to the Political Science Honors Program. Must be a declared political science senior with a 3.5 GPA in the major and a 3.3 GPA overall. Eligible students must have taken Political Science 3 and at least two letter-graded upper division Political Science courses at Berkeley

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam required.

POL SCI H190B Honors Seminar 4 Units

H190B is the second of a two-semester research seminar designed to provide support and structure to political science seniors writing an honors thesis. To receive department honors, students must maintain the minimum GPA for honors and complete H190B with a B+ or better. For additional details, please consult the Undergraduate Advising Office or <http://www.polisci.berkeley.edu>.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Political Science H190A. Must be a declared political science senior with a 3.5 GPA in the major and a 3.3 GPA overall. Eligible students must have taken Political Science 3 and at least two letter-graded upper division Political Science courses at Berkeley

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 191 Junior Seminar 4 Units

The seminars will be led by ladder-rank faculty members in the subfields of American Politics, International Relations, and Comparative Politics. These intense writing seminars will focus on the research area of the faculty member teaching the course. The seminars will provide an opportunity for students to have direct intellectual interactions with faculty members while also giving the students an understanding of faculty research.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open to Political Science majors only

Credit Restrictions: Students are allowed to take one seminar per semester while in junior status.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 196 Special Research Project 1 - 4 Units

Independent study of an advanced topic resulting in a substantial research paper.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of faculty sponsor and department chairman

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

POL SCI C196A UCDC Core Seminar 4 Units

This course is the UCDC letter-graded core seminar for 4 units that complements the P/NP credited internship course UGIS C196B. Core seminars are designed to enhance the experience of and provide an intellectual framework for the student's internship. UCDC core seminars are taught in sections that cover various tracks such as the Congress, media, bureaucratic organizations and the Executive Branch, international relations, public policy and general un-themed original research.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: C196B (must be taken concurrently)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 10 weeks - 4.5 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Also listed as: GWS C196A/HISTART C196A/HISTORY C196A/MEDIAST C196A/POLECON C196A/SOCIOL C196A/UGIS C196A

POL SCI C196B UCDC Internship 6.5 Units

This course provides a credited internship for all students enrolled in the UCDC and Cal in the Capital Programs. It must be taken in conjunction with the required academic core course C196A. C196B requires that students work 3-4 days per week as interns in settings selected to provide them with exposure to and experience in government, public policy, international affairs, media, the arts or other areas or relevance to their major fields of study.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: C196A (must be taken concurrently)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 24-30 hours of internship per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Also listed as: GWS C196B/HISTART C196B/HISTORY C196B/MEDIAST C196B/POLECON C196B/SOCIOL C196B/UGIS C196B

POL SCI C196W Special Field Research 10.5 Units

Students work in selected internship programs approved in advance by the faculty coordinator and for which written contracts have been established between the sponsoring organization and the student. Students will be expected to produce two progress reports for their faculty coordinator during the course of the internship, as well as a final paper for the course consisting of at least 35 pages. Other restrictions apply; see faculty adviser.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 12 units. Course may be repeated for a maximum of 12 units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar and 25 hours of internship per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of seminar and 60 hours of internship per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of seminar and 50 hours of internship per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: 196W

Also listed as: GWS C196W/HISTART C196W/HISTORY C196W/MEDIAST C196W/POLECON C196W/SOCIOL C196W/UGIS C196W

POL SCI 196S UC Sacramento Internship and Research Seminar 9 - 13 Units

This seminar will introduce students to the theory and practice of policy analysis and development as it relates to legislative action at the state level to maximize students' internship experience. The internship component of the course will provide students with a challenging opportunity to engage in experiential learning in some aspect of the political, policy-making, or governmental processes in California's state capital. This course will permit students to develop a systematic understanding of the public policy and political process in California and to develop analytical writing skills to produce a 25-30 page research paper developing and reflecting on this understanding. This course is part of the University of California Center Sacramento Program and is located in Sacramento.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Credit Restrictions: Unit credit will be based on the number of hours of the internship.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with consent of instructor. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar and 24-36 hours of internship per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Instructor: Dymski

POL SCI 196W Understanding the Congressional World: A Field Research Seminar 10.5 Units

This research seminar will explore the workings of Congress and its role in making public policy. It combines elective coursework with the original scholarship requirements of a UCDC research seminar and is designed for students in Congressional internships and those considering Congressional staff positions after graduation. In addition to studying the pathways of lawmaking, we will ask how Congress and its Members relate to the other branches of government, the press, and the public.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Admission to UC Berkeley-Washington Program

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar, 1 hour of colloquium, 3 hours of fieldwork, and 18 hours of internship per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POL SCI 197 Field Study in Political Science 1 - 3 Units

Supervised experience relevant to specific aspects of Political Science in off-campus organizations. Regular individual meetings with faculty sponsor and written reports required.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of faculty sponsor and department chair

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of fieldwork per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-7.5 hours of fieldwork per week

8 weeks - 1.5-5.5 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

POL SCI 198 Directed Group Study for Undergraduates 1 - 4 Units

Submission of study proposal by faculty sponsor to the department chairman one month in advance of the semester to be offered. Group studies of selected topics which vary from year to year.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 1-3 hours of directed group study per week

8 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

POL SCI 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research for Undergraduates 1 - 4 Units

Enrollment is restricted by departmental regulation.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open only to juniors and seniors

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1.5-7.5 hours of independent study per week

10 weeks - 1.5-6 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

POL SCI 200A Major Themes in Comparative Analysis 4 Units

Subject and texts to be studied vary with instructor. See departmental announcements.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Political Science 200

POL SCI 200B Major Themes in Comparative Analysis: Research Design 4 Units

This course provides an introduction to research design in comparative politics; it is the second semester of the two-semester introductory graduate sequence for the comparative sub-field. We will focus on various topics relevant to doing research, such as how to formulate research questions; develop concepts and measures; bolster the validity of descriptive and causal inferences; and use various qualitative and quantitative methods in the service of diverse substantive agenda. Developing the ability to critique research is one important objective. However, the primary goal of the course is to provide a first foundation for actually doing research.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 201A Comparative Analysis of Industrial Democracies 4 Units

The comparative study of politics in Western societies. The place of parties, political structures, interest groups, and economic institutions. The relation between domestic political developments and the international system. The effect of economic development on political change. The effect of labor politics on national politics.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 201B Comparative Analysis of Industrial Democracies 4 Units

The comparative study of politics in Western societies. The place of parties, political structures, interest groups, and economic institutions. The relation between domestic political developments and the international system. The effect of economic development on political change. The effect of labor politics on national politics.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 201D Governance of the E-economy 4 Units

New digital technologies, changing market structures, and innovative business organizations are transforming the economic and social landscape of the advanced industrial countries. The policy issues associated with this transformation pose fundamental philosophical and political questions of how to organize our markets, polity, and society. The means of making and implementing these choices is politics. The necessarily global scope of the E-economy extends the political and policy challenges to the international arena. This course will explore the literature on the political economy of the Internet to determine what policy choices -- hence which political debates -- are and will be most important. We also will examine our conceptual understanding of the burgeoning digital economy and its impact on politics, law, and socio-economic relations.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 202A Theories of Development and Political Change 4 Units
Issues of social organization and political change. Theories of progress, development, modernization and dependence.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 203 Urban and Subnational Politics in Developing Countries 4 Units

Metropolitan areas in the developing world face enormous challenges. This course will consider the political and institutional environment in which efforts to address metropolitan problems are developed, the financial and institutional vehicles used to provide services of different types, and the role of political parties and other political organizations in the development and allocation of services. Readings will be drawn from Political Science, Sociology, Geography, and Economics.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate student standing

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI C203 Urban and Subnational Politics in Developing Countries 4 Units

This course will consider the political and institutional environment in which efforts to address metropolitan problems are developed, the financial and institutional vehicles used to provide services of different types, and the role of political parties and other forms of political organization in the development and allocation of services. Emphasis will be placed upon fertile areas for research within the social sciences.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate student standing

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: GMS C203

POL SCI 206 Comparative Party Systems 4 Units

Why are there political parties? The origins of parties in issue cleavages, legislatures, social movements, and personal followings. Types of parties. The political machine, the ideological party, third parties, flash parties. Federalism and political parties. Intra-party competition and selection of leaders. What do parties try to maximize: votes? ideological purity? personal security of party professionals? How parties change: reform movements, issue crises, external social movements.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 207 Political Violence 4 Units

This graduate seminar is designed to introduce students to the comparative study of political violence. The course examines two broad themes through a variety of theoretical and empirical approaches. The first theme focuses on why individuals choose to rebel: When does violence become a strategy for resolving conflict? Why do individuals participate in violence? How is violence organized? The second theme focuses on how states choose to repress citizens: When are human rights violations committed? When does a state use violence over other strategies? What are the effects of state violence?

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 209A Comparative Political Economy 4 Units

This seminar provides an introduction to the major debates in comparative political economy. Although the empirical focus is on the affluent democracies, many of the debates and issues analyzed have implications for other regions. The course is divided into two main parts. The first part examines leading theoretical perspectives on political economy, such as Friedman, Marx, Weber, and Polanyi. The second part of the course is more topical. It probes a number of examples of economic development, crisis, and change, with an eye to assessing alternative theoretical perspectives.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 209B Post Fordism: New Patterns of Production, Time, and Meaning in Contemporary Capitalism 4 Units

With changes in technology, the internationalization of production and the massive increase in trans-border transactions of all kinds, it has been argued that we live and work in an era of substantively different capitalism. Were this true, it has deep implications for politics and for political economy. This graduate seminar explores the validity of this claim of a "new capitalism" through a variety of materials, starting with the question of whether "Fordism" ever existed, moving on to the question of whether "Post-Fordism" exists and ending with a variety of ethnographic studies that show how global production chains shape culture, gender, and hierarchy/power.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Chaundhry

POL SCI 210 Selected Topics in Comparative Politics 4 Units
See departmental announcements. Topic will vary with instructor.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with different topic and consent of instructor. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 211 Special Topics in Political Theory 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 212A History of Political Thought: Ancient and Medieval 4 Units
A weekly seminar on political thought from the ancient Greeks to the Renaissance. Ancient and medieval political theorist, typically including Plato, Aristotle, St. Augustine, and Aquinas.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 212B History of Political Thought: Early Modern (Renaissance to French Revolution) 4 Units

A weekly seminar on political thought from the Renaissance to the French Revolution. Early modern political theorist, typically including Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 212C History of Political Thought: Modern (French Revolution through World War II) 4 Units

A weekly seminar on political thought in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Modern political theorists, typically including Tocqueville, Hegel, Marx, Mill, Nietzsche, and Weber.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 213 Methodological Topics in the History of Political Thought 4 Units

A weekly seminar on approaches to the history of political thought. Theoretical topics, typically including the nature of meaning and textuality, validity, and historical explanation.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 214 Symposium in the History of Political Thought 4 Units

An intensive examination of theorists, theories, or concepts in the history of political thought.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 215A Approaches to Contemporary Political Theory 4 Units

A weekly seminar on contemporary approaches to political theory.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 215B Topics to Contemporary Political Theory 4 Units

A weekly seminar on leading topics in contemporary political theory.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 216 Symposium in Contemporary Political Theory 4 Units

An intensive examination of a contemporary theorist, debate, or issue.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 220A Theories of International Relations 4 Units

Origin, application and utility of major concepts featured in the study of international relations. Relation of various strands of political and social theory to international relations.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Previous work in international relations

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 223 Selected Topics in International Relations 4 Units

See departmental announcements. Topic will vary with instructor.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with different topic and consent of instructor. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 224 Sociological Traditions in International Relations 4 Units

This seminar traces the development of the constructivist program in international relations in order to better understand its elements, assumptions, and methods and apply those to current issues. We start by uncovering the roots of constructivism in sociology and philosophy and examine structuration theory, the English School, world systems theory, regime theory, and sociological institutionalism. The second part of this course focuses on the constructivist agenda in international relations, its boundaries and its critics. In the last part of the course we examine current research in IR that draws on sociological methods, including work on the role of norms, epistemic communities, transnational civil society, and the origins of the state.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Hassner

POL SCI 224A International Security 4 Units

The goal of this course is to introduce advanced political science graduate students to current debates in the field of international security and to prepare these students for conducting dissertation research in their own areas of interest within this field. This course is designed for advanced political science graduate students preparing to commence their dissertation research. Its orientation is theoretical rather than empirical and it is both reading and research.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 225 Constructivism 4 Units

This seminar traces the development of the constructivist program in international relations in order to better understand its elements, assumptions, and methods and apply those to current issues. We start by uncovering the roots of constructivism in sociology and philosophy and examine structuration theory, the English School, world systems theory, regime theory, and sociological institutionalism. The second part of this course focuses on the constructivist agenda in international relations, its boundaries and its critics. In the last part of the course we examine current research in international relations that draws on sociological methods, including work on the role of norms, epistemic communities, transnational civil society, and the origins of the state.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Hassner

Formerly known as: 224B

POL SCI 225A The Empirical Analysis of International Security 4 Units

This course offers an introduction to the empirical analysis of International Security. The primary goals are 1) to acquaint students with the empirical knowledge in the field of International Security that has been produced with quantitative approaches and 2) to help students develop and hone their skills in empirical analysis. Therefore, particular emphasis will be given on how to go beyond being "consumers" of empirical research and how to become "producers" of novel empirical knowledge.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 226 Religion and International Relations 4 Units

How has religion shaped the structure of the international system? How should IR scholars approach the role that religion plays in contemporary affairs? How does religion constrain or motivate international conflict? This seminar seeks to guide students through readings in the social sciences, from psychology and sociology to anthropology and political science, that explore the intersection of religion and international relations. We will examine a variety of theoretical approaches to the topic of religion and global politics, explore religious origins of the modern state system, and analyze the influence of religion on historical and contemporary conflicts, with a particular focus on ethnic conflict, terrorism, and peacemaking.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 226A International Political Economy 4 Units

The creation, maintenance, transformation, and decay of international arrangements designed to manage or regulate interstate activities relating to trade, money, resource use, technology, and physical environment.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Introductory courses (graduate or undergraduate) in international relations, foreign policy, international organizations and political economy

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 228 Civil Conflict and International Intervention 4 Units

Civil conflict, committed primarily by non-state actors, often results in international intervention

in some form. This course, then, focuses on two themes: first, why does civil conflict occur?

What motivates individuals and groups to resort to violence? What tactics do they use? How do

they expect to succeed? Second, why do international actors intervene in civil conflict? What are

their aims in intervening? Are they successful in those goals or in others?

Objectives Outcomes

Course Objectives: Broaden your theoretical framework in international relations more generally

Engage with the existing work in the field and begin high-level research on civil conflict and international intervention

Think about the ways in which international actors intervene

Understand the causes, strategies, and outcomes of civil conflict

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 230 Essential Methodological Tools 4 Units

This course presents essential methodological concepts, ideas, and tools students need to know before beginning their study of the formal and quantitative methods tools used in political science research. Topics covered include functions, limits, continuity, calculus, optimization, probability and statistics, and linear algebra. Entire courses are often devoted to each of these topics (e.g., MATH 1A (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=MATH%201A>)-1B, 53, 54; Stat 101, 134, 135), and this course clearly cannot provide an equally comprehensive treatment. Rather, the class selectively focuses on specific mathematical concepts that are most commonly used in applied formal and quantitative work in political science. The goal of the class is to ensure that students have a sufficiently firm understanding of these critical ideas and facility with them that subsequent methods course can build on the foundation.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open only to graduate students. Consent of instructor and graduate adviser

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of lecture and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2-5 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5-3.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 231A Quantitative Analysis in Political Research 4 Units
Introductory course in the analysis of political data.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 132A-132B or Statistics 130A

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of seminar and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 232A Formal Models of Political Science 4 Units

Mathematical models of politics with applications to political learning, bargaining, and democratic theory. Topics from game theory, collective choice theory, and mathematical psychology.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Powell

Formerly known as: 232

POL SCI 232B Formal Models of Political Science 4 Units

This course emphasizes the application of the formal analytic tools to current or significant research in political science.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 232A or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Powell

POL SCI 232H Public Policy and Business 4 Units

The course will study public policy in its connection with business. Policy is seen as an endogenous outcome of a game where diverse political forces try to shape public decisions to their advantage. The focus is broad, covering both theory and evidence. The aim is to analyze how a wide range of political institutions and processes affect public policy and economic performance. The ultimate goal of the course is to acquaint students with the topics at hand, and to consolidate their control of formal theory and quantitative techniques by discussing their application to the subject.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate student

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 234A Qualitative and Multi-Method Research 4 Units

This course introduces diverse methodological tools, following the premise that all methods are strengthened if linked to qualitative analysis. Explores alternative approaches to concept formation, measurement, and causal inference, based on large- and small-N analysis and case studies. Analytic tensions that motivate the course derive from, among other sources, the pressure on case-study and small-N researchers to strive for analytic rigor and generality; and the skepticism of some statisticians about quantitative inference - both descriptive and casual - in social science.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 235 Introduction to Research Methods 4 Units

Overview of methods of political research. Theories, concepts, variables, hypotheses. Research design, quantitative and qualitative methodology. Basic data collection techniques. Approaches to data analysis. Provides an overview of different statistical techniques, but does not teach statistics .

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 236A The Statistics of Causal Inference in the Social Sciences 4 Units

Approaches to causal inference using the potential outcomes framework. Covers observational studies with and without ignorable treatment assignment, randomized experiments with and without noncompliance, instrumental variables, regression discontinuity, sensitivity analysis, and random inference. Applications are drawn from a variety of fields including political science, economics, sociology, public health, and medicine.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: One multivariate regression course

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade. This is part one of a year long series course. A provisional grade of IP (in progress) will be applied and later replaced with the final grade after completing part two of the series.

Instructor: Sekhon

Formerly known as: Political Science 236

POL SCI 236B Quantitative Methodology in the Social Sciences Seminar 4 Units

A seminar on successful research designs and a forum for students to discuss the research methods needed in their own work, supplemented by lectures on relevant statistical and computational topics such as matching methods, instrumental variables, regression discontinuity, and Bayesian, maximum likelihood and robust estimation. Applications are drawn from political science, economics, sociology, and public health. Experience with R is assumed.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Political Science 236A or STAT 215A or equivalent

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade. This is part two of a year long series course. Upon completion, the final grade will be applied to both parts of the series.

POL SCI C236A The Statistics of Causal Inference in the Social Science
4 Units

Approaches to causal inference using the potential outcomes framework. Covers observational studies with and without ignorable treatment assignment, randomized experiments with and without noncompliance, instrumental variables, regression discontinuity, sensitivity analysis and randomization inference. Applications are drawn from a variety of fields including political science, economics, sociology, public health and medicine.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: STAT C239A

POL SCI C237A Political Economics 3 Units

Tools of political economics: preferences and institutions, electoral competition, agency, partisan politics. Redistributive politics: general interest politics, special interest politics. Comparative politics: electoral rules, separation of powers, political regimes. Dynamic politics: fiscal policy, growth.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: ECON C215A

POL SCI C237B Political Economics 3 Units

Tools of political economics: preferences and institutions, electoral competition, agency, partisan politics. Redistributive politics: general interest politics, special interest politics. Comparative politics: electoral rules, separation of powers, political regimes. Dynamic politics: fiscal policy, growth.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ECON C215A (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=ECON%20C215A>) is a prerequisite to ECON C215B, and POL SCI C237A is a prerequisite to POL SCI C237B

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: ECON C215B

POL SCI 239 Selected Topics in Methodology 4 Units

See departmental announcements. Topic will vary with instructor.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 239T An Introduction to Computational Tools and Techniques for Social Science Research 2 Units

This course will provide students with necessary technology skills for the Political Science methods curriculum. It will introduce students to both the software programs and the basic computational and programming skills that students will need to be successful in further methods work. This course is not an introduction to statistics. Some familiarity with basic statistics or linear regression may be helpful, but is neither expected nor required.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate student standing

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

POL SCI 243B Political Authority and Economic Exchange in East Asia 4 Units

This course will compare how authority and exchange relations are combined to regulate political and economic activities in China, Taiwan, South Korea, North Korea, and Japan. The course will examine theoretical literature on state-society relations, market, world system, late development, as well as empirical case studies dealing with each nation covered.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 243C Japanese Politics 4 Units

Japanese domestic politics--issues in historical development; political bureaucratic and legal structures; studies in economic policymaking.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 244A Analysis of Contemporary China 4 Units

This is the first in a two-semester sequence designed to provide the incoming graduate student with a basic grounding in the politics of contemporary China. The focus will be on wide reading and comprehension of the available analytical literature; its sequel will be devoted to integrating that reading with primary source research materials. There are no prerequisites, though undergraduate course work in Chinese politics and/or some acquaintance with the Chinese language would be useful.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 244C Approaches to Chinese Politics 4 Units

This course has three main objectives: to expose students to debates in the study of post-1949 Chinese politics; to consider how research on contemporary China both draws from and informs political science; and to explore characterizations of the Chinese state and state-society relations. Emphasis on questions such as: What can we learn by examining Chinese culture and institutions? Do concepts such as fragmented authoritarianism, neotraditionalism, state "reach," civil society, and corporatism produce insights into the structure and dynamics of Chinese politics?

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 244D Collective Action in China 4 Units

This course will explore contentious politics in the People's Republic of China. Special attention to the current era and dissent by peasants, migrants, workers, religious groups, women, students, artists, and dissidents. How do concepts drawn from social movement theory help us understand popular activism? What are the consequences of protest for regime stability and the development of a more complete citizenship?

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 245A South Asian Politics 4 Units

Major themes of politics and international relations in India, Pakistan, Burma and the mountain kingdoms.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 245B International Relations in East Asia 4 Units

This seminar will focus on postwar relations among the countries in East Asia. Asia was long divided by colonialism, the Cold War, and America's "hub and spoke" alliance system. Nationalist sentiments and suspicions remain strong; one scholar characterized the region as "the cockpit of great power rivalries." Northeast Asia has seen no shooting wars between states since the Korean armistice in 1953; Southeast Asia has been at peace since the pullback of Vietnam from Cambodia in 1979.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 246B Ethnic Politics 4 Units

This graduate seminar is designed to introduce students to the comparative study of ethnic politics. It provides an overview of theoretical questions and methodological innovations across five topics: the conceptualization and measurement of ethnicity; the sources of ethnic mobilization and cleavage choice; the consequences of ethnic mobilization for democratization and democracy; the impact of ethnicity on redistributive politics; and the relationship between ethnicity and patterns of violence ranging from urban riots to civil wars. Readings for each topic are drawn from various political science subfields as well as from other disciplines. They also reflect a range of regional contexts, including Eastern Europe, South Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa. The purpose of the course is to provide graduate students with a basis for undertaking their own original research on questions relating to ethnic politics. It should enable them to critically engage recent scholarship, understanding which theories have yet to be adequately tested and which theoretically interesting questions have yet to be asked.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 247A Western European Politics 4 Units

Major themes of politics and international relations of Western Europe.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 247G The Comparative Politics of the Welfare State 4 Units

This course analyzes the politics of social protection in Western Europe and the United States. After describing different national welfare regimes, we turn to contemporary challenges, notably globalization, persistent poverty, and changes in family forms and gender roles. We also look at the politics of welfare retrenchment and adjustment, paying particular attention to the prospects for progressive social policy. Must reform inevitably scale back protections for the weak and vulnerable, or can equity be safeguarded while promoting efficiency?

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Levy

POL SCI 248A Latin American Politics 4 Units

Explores different analytical approaches to Latin American politics, focusing both on major concepts (clientelism, corporatism, the state, legitimacy, nationalism) and different explanatory approaches (focusing on factors such as dependency and imperialism, internal social order and economic change, political structure and institutions and political culture).

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Either part of the 248A-248B sequence may be taken separately for credit.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 249A Special Topics in Area Studies 4 Units

See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 249B Special Topics in Area Studies 4 Units

See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 249C Special Topics in Area Studies 4 Units

See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 249L Special Topics in Area Studies 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 249O Special Topics in Area Studies 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 249P Special Topics in Area Studies 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 249R Special Topics in Area Studies 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 249S Special Topics in Area Studies 4 Units
See department web site for specific course offerings.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 250 Courts and the State 4 Units

The course is a political science graduate seminar that will focus on courts' relationship to other political institutions, particularly but not exclusively in the American separation of powers context, with an emphasis on readings from institutionalist (both historical and rational choice) perspectives.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 252 Legal Theory and Institutions 4 Units

The organization and behavior of legal institutions, with particular reference to American courts and administrative agencies. Institutional responses to problems of legality, authority, policy choice, and the organization of enforcement and decision-making processes. Readings include empirical studies, judicial opinions, jurisprudential writings and organization theory.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 257 Constitutional Law 4 Units

Fundamental principles of constitutional law, leading cases, judicial decisions affecting the liabilities, rights, duties and procedures of governmental officers and agencies, causes and consequences of legal decision, judicial behavior.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 259 Selected Topics in Public Law 4 Units

See departmental announcements. Topic will vary with instructor.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 261 Political Behavior 4 Units

A comprehensive review of the major topics in political behavior through intensive examination of the theories, findings, and proceedings of the most significant studies in the field.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 262 Voting Behavior and Public Opinion 4 Units

Examination of the basic literature on American voting behavior, public opinion and student research on individually selected topics in this field.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 263 Mass Politics in Advanced Industrial Democracies 4 Units

Theories and evidence concerning political conflict in advanced industrial societies. The empirical focus is on mass politics: the beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of ordinary citizens rather than of activists or elites. The principal theoretical focus is on how changes in social structure, culture, and political institutions influence patterns of political cleavages. The analysis is largely comparative, with attention to the issue of American exceptionalism versus cultural and policy convergence.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 269 Selected Topics in Political Behavior 4 Units

See departmental announcements. Topic will vary with instructor.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 271 American Government and Political Field Seminar 4 Units

This seminar is designed to acquaint students with current research approaches in various subfields of American Politics. Particular attention will be given to debates over theory, methodology, and substance.

The seminar is not designed to provide a complete survey of the field. Students planning to be examined in American Politics are expected to master recommended readings on their own and should review additional readings included in versions of this seminar offered in the past years.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 273 Urban Politics 4 Units

Politics and policy-making in American cities. Historical, economic and social context of cities. Major urban political institutions, other levels of government in urban affairs.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 274 American Political Development 4 Units

This course will consider several broad themes in American political development. The objective is to extract the central conditions, processes, and controversies that scholars have found running through American political development and try to come to terms with possible relations among them.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 279 Selected Topics in American Government 4 Units
See departmental announcements. Topic will vary with instructor.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 280A Public Organization Theory 4 Units
A survey of the literature of organization and management theory, emphasizing the major writers and distinctive contributions of various disciplines.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 284 Strategies of Contemporary Governance 4 Units
This course explores the implications of new strategies for coping with social problems and managing public programs. In response to growing criticism of government bureaucracy, public skepticism of expert authority, and an explosion of advocacy groups, a variety of new governance strategies have been developed. These new strategies are characterized by five broad themes: the use of markets or market mechanisms to increase efficiency; an emphasis on holding public agencies accountable and making them more transparent; the development of coordinating networks to link public agencies with each other and with stakeholders; the extensive involvement of non-state organizations in all aspects of governing; and renewed attention to the civic role of individuals and communities. The course investigates the extent to which these new strategies succeed in making the governance process more efficient, accountable, effective, representative, and civic.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Ansell

POL SCI 289 Research Topics in Public Organization 4 Units
See departmental announcements.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 290 Dissertation Research 4 Units
Seminar to aid students in initiating, carrying out, and completing dissertation research. Problems of planning dissertation research, the preparation of research designs and proposals for outside funding, field work, and writing and presenting the results of completed research. Presentations by graduate students working on their dissertations.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

POL SCI 290A Research and Writing 4 Units

The goal of this yearlong course is to provide a forum in which students propose, develop, and complete a research project that produces a journal-length paper of publishable quality. It is primarily oriented towards second-year Ph.D. students in any subfield (students in other years may participate with the professors' consent). The course meets regularly during parts of the fall semester and irregularly during the spring semester. In the first few weeks of the course, we discuss the process of moving from research topic to research question; and we survey published articles by recent Ph.D. students/assistant professors, focusing on the structure and nature of the writing and presentation as well the quality of the argument and evidence.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Course is primarily oriented towards second-year Political Science Ph.D. students in any subfield (students in other years may participate with the professors' consent)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade. This is part one of a year long series course. A provisional grade of IP (in progress) will be applied and later replaced with the final grade after completing part two of the series.

POL SCI 290B Research and Writing 4 Units

The goal of this yearlong course is to provide a forum in which students propose, develop, and complete a research project that produces a journal-length paper of publishable quality. It is primarily oriented towards second-year Ph.D. students in any subfield (students in other years may participate with the professors' consent). During the spring semester, students meet individually with the course instructors and their advisors, develop and revise drafts of their papers, and present their work at a department "APSA-style" conference.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Students must take POL SCI 290A. In order to complete the course and receive credit, students must complete the requirements for both semesters

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade. This is part two of a year long series course. Upon completion, the final grade will be applied to both parts of the series.

POL SCI 291 Research Workshop in American Politics 1 or 2 Units

A forum for the presentation and discussion of research in progress by graduate students. To receive two units of credit, a student must make at least one presentation of work in progress and serve as a discussant for another student's presentation. To receive one unit of credit a student must regularly attend class and participate in discussion, but will not be required to make a presentation. Appropriate works in progress include (but are not limited to) a paper in preparation for submission to a journal, a dissertation prospectus (including early drafts), a dissertation chapter, or a job market paper. Anyone working on American politics, political behavior, public law, or public administration is welcome.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate student standing (second year or above)

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Instructor: Schickler

POL SCI 291AS Research Workshop in Area Studies 2 Units

A forum for the presentation and discussion of research in progress by graduate students (second year and above). To receive credit for the course, the student will make at least one presentation of work in progress per semester and to serve as a discussant for another student's work. Appropriate works-in progress include (but not limited to) a paper in preparation for submission to a journal a dissertation prospectus (including early drafts), dissertation chapter, or a job market paper. Anyone working on Area Studies is welcome.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate student (second year or above)

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

POL SCI 291F Research Workshop in Formal Modeling 1 - 3 Units

A forum for the presentation and discussion of research in formal modeling. Anyone working on formal modeling or empirical testing of formal models is welcome to attend. To receive credit for the course, a student must attend regularly, participate actively, and make at least two presentations per semester. Presentations can be of the student's own work-in-progress or of work by other scholars (including both influential/classic works or interesting current working papers).

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate student standing

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 291IR Research Workshop in International Relations 2 Units

A forum for the presentation and discussion of research in progress by graduate students (second year and above). To receive credit for the course, the students will make at least one presentation of work-in-progress per semester and to serve as a discussant for another student's work. Appropriate works-in-progress include (but not limited to) a paper in preparation for submission to a journal a dissertation prospectus (including early drafts), dissertation chapter, or a job market paper. Anyone working on International Relations is welcome.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate student (second year or above)

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

POL SCI 291T Research Workshop in Theory 2 Units

A forum for the presentation and discussion of research in progress by graduate students (second year and above). To receive credit for the course, the student will make at least one presentation of work in progress per semester and to serve as a discussant for another student's work. Appropriate works-in-progress include (but are not limited to) a paper in preparation for submission to a journal, a dissertation prospectus (including early drafts), a dissertation chapter, or a job market paper. Anyone working on theory is welcome.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate student (second year or above)

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

POL SCI 292 Directed Advanced Study 2 - 12 Units

Open to qualified graduate students wishing to pursue special study and research under direction of a member of the staff.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor and graduate adviser

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-12 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2-8 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 2-8 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

POL SCI 296 Directed Dissertation Research 4 - 12 Units
Open to qualified students advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D. degree.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 4-12 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 4-12 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

POL SCI 299 Special Study in Political Science 1 - 12 Units
Special individual study for qualified graduate students.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-12 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 4-8 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 4-8 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

POL SCI 375 Graduate Student Instructor Training Seminar 2 Units
This course is intended for all new graduate student instructors (GSI) in the Department of Political Science, and is meant to be taken simultaneously with the first semester of teaching as a GSI. The course functions as a participatory workshop. Although the course is intended for first-time GSIs, it is not a course in "how to be a GSI," but rather, how to be an effective political science teacher, now and at later steps in professional careers. Workshop time will be divided among presentations by the instructor, discussion of required readings, and discussion of weekly assignments in relation to challenges encountered by GSIs in the course of their teaching.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 5 hours of seminar per week

8 weeks - 3.5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Formerly known as: Political Science 301

POL SCI 398 Professional Preparation for Graduate Student Instructors.
4 Units

Special study under the direction of a staff member with emphasis on the teaching of undergraduate courses in political science.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

POL SCI 404 Research Skills 1 - 4 Units

Individual research work under supervision of faculty members. Open to students engaged in supervised research projects in Political Science.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Other professional

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

POL SCI 602 Individual Study for Doctoral Students 4 - 12 Units

Individual study in consultation with the major field adviser, intended to provide opportunity for qualified students to prepare themselves for the various examinations required of candidates for the Ph.D. May not be used for unit or residence requirements for the doctoral degree.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 4-12 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 4-12 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Science/Graduate examination preparation

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.