POLS Political Science

POLS 5630G Seminar in American Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A systematic focus on major themes and issues in American public policy and their roots in American politics. Graduate students will be given an extra assignment determined by the instructor that undergraduates will not be required to do.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 5630.

POLS 5631G Seminar in Political Theory
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A seminar focusing on selected theoretical topics. Emphasis will be placed on normative theory and the history of political thought. Graduate students will be given an extra assignment determined by the instructor that undergraduates will not be required to do.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 5631.

POLS 5632G Seminar in Urban Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Focuses on the political development of urban areas in the United States from colonial to modern times, including the growth of cities, urban political machines, post-war suburbanization, the structure of urban governments, and the challenges of urban development today. Graduate students will be given an extra assignment determined by the instructor that undergraduates will not be required to do.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 5632.

POLS 5633G Seminar in International Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Designed to familiarize students with the theories which guide the conduct and analysis of international relations. These theories are examined in both their classical and contemporary context and used to evaluate and assess international relations' phenomena. Graduate students will be given an extra assignment determined by the instructor that undergraduates will not be required to do.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 5633, INTS 5633, INTS 5633G.

POLS 5634G Seminar in Comparative Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Provides a systematic review of the empirical and theoretical literature concerning the structure, function, and problems of contemporary governments in industrializing and industrialized countries. Graduate students will be given an extra assignment determined by the instructor that undergraduates will not be required to do.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 5634, INTS 5634, INTS 5634G.

POLS 5635G Seminar in International Organizations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An analytical study of the organization, powers, and problems of global and regional international agencies with particular emphasis upon the European Union. Graduate students will be given an extra assignment determined by the instructor that undergraduates will not be required to do.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 5635, INTS 5635, INTS 5635G.

POLS 6638 Proseminar in Social Science
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Introduces students to the foundations and controversies in social scientific research.
Cross Listing(s): ANTH 6638, CRJU 6638, SOCI 6638.

POLS 7030 Selected Topics in Political Science
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An opportunity for instructors to teach special topics within the discipline.

POLS 7130 Ethics in Government
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Focuses on experiences, approaches, and strategies for confronting and solving problems, accountability and responsibility of public officials for appropriate behavior, and ethical decision-making.

POLS 7131 Constitutional Law
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines the political and social context in which Constitutional Law is made and interpreted, the legal reasoning that undergirds Constitutional lawmaking, and the impact on public administration in the U.S.

POLS 7132 Administrative Law
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Development, present status, and trends in American Administrative Law. Explores administrative actions by focusing on the legal authority and responsibilities of private parties relative to such agencies.

POLS 7133 Public Law & Administration
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines the legal framework in which public managers must operate in the 21st century. Particular attention is given to understanding the implication of constitutional law on administrative behavior and decisions and on administrative laws designed to ensure due process and equal treatment for all citizens. The interrelationship of law and ethics for public managers is also examined.

POLS 7231 U.S. Foreign Policy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Designed to familiarize students with the principles underlying and the process undertaken in the formulation and execution of United States foreign policy. Special attention is given to the role of the United States in the post-War World II period.

POLS 7232 Comparative Foreign Policy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An in-depth comparative study of the foreign policy of the United States, the European Union, Russia, the People's Republic of China, Japan, and other significant actors in global politics, emphasizing comparative methodology and theoretical framework.

POLS 7234 International Political Economy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines the politics of international economic relations. Systemic and domestic explanations of international economic policy will be applied in various issue areas such as international wealth acquisition and transfer, strategies and the politics of development, trade, investment, exchange rates, debt, aid, and relief assistance. The dynamics that give rise to asymmetric wealth distributions and hegemonic transmutations will be given emphasis.

POLS 7330 Intergovernmental Relations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines the interaction between the federal, state, and local levels of government in the United States. Special attention is given to the constitutional and fiscal relationships between these levels of government and the historical evolution of the nature of the relationships.
Cross Listing(s): PBAD 7330.

POLS 7332 State Government
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A systematic study of the growing role of the states in the development and administration of domestic social policy in the United States. Special attention is given to the capacity building in state government and the devolution of power to the states. Specific policy areas in state government including education, crime control, and economic development are examined in-depth.

POLS 7337 Environmental Politics and Policy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An overview of environmental and natural resource management in the United States. Particular attention will be paid to issues of regional importance, including water quality and availability, regulation and monitoring compliance, sustainable growth, and management within overlapping jurisdiction.
POLS 7434 Quantitative Research Design
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Study of the role of theory, research design, sampling, measurement and instrumentation, data collection, and ethical issues related to social scientific research.

POLS 7436 Qualitative Research Design
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Analysis and practice of qualitative methodology in social science. Topics may include participant observation, ethnographic methods, interviews, case studies, content analysis, archival research and other innovative techniques.

POLS 7437 Statistics for Social Science
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Study of the techniques and statistics necessary to design and interpret quantitative social scientific research.

POLS 7532 Public Policy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A systematic study of how public policy is developed, implemented, and evaluated. Attention is given to the skills of policy analysis, as well as, the social problems and cultural interpretations that lead to public policy. Illustrations from domestic policy in the United States are supplemented with insights from other nations.

Cross Listing(s): PBAD 7532.

POLS 7533 Qualitative Research Methods
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Explores the techniques useful in political science research involving case studies, ethnographic data, content analysis, elite surveys, and problems encountered when crossing disciplinary boundaries. Issues of research design, execution, the role of theory, sampling, measurement, instrumentation, data collection, and ethical quandaries will be addressed in the course.

POLS 7630 Seminar in American Government
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A graduate introduction to the basic structures, processes, and patterns of behavior of American national government, emphasizing the interfacing of politics, economics, and public policy.

POLS 7631 Empirical Political Theory
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A survey of the prominent theoretical approaches used in empirical political inquiry. The philosophies of the social sciences and the construction of political explanation provide the foundation for embarking on original research necessary for the thesis stages of the program.

POLS 7632 Comparative Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A systematic review of the empirical and theoretical literature concerning the structure, function, and problems of contemporary governments in developed and developing countries.
Prerequisite(s): POLS 1101.

POLS 7633 International Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Provides graduate students with in-depth coverage of particular themes in international relations. Topics may include issues pertaining to international politics and theory, including international political economy, security studies, foreign policy decision making, international law and organization, international environmental issues, and a wide variety of regional issues.

POLS 7636 Seminar in International Law and Diplomacy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines the body of literature, concepts, and historical perspectives of international law and diplomacy as related to the critical problems of the Post-Cold War era. The focus of the course will be on the legal, moral, and strategic dimensions of several past, present, and proposed means of conflict resolution.

POLS 7637 Social Welfare Management
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines the issues involved in administering social welfare programs at the local, state, and federal levels of government. Particular attention is paid to problems faced by social welfare service delivery organizations and the question of welfare reform strategy in the United States.

POLS 7638 Social Theory
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course examines the role of theory in the scientific endeavor and explores a number of theoretical perspectives, including structural-functionalism, conflict, feminist, exchange, rational choice, symbolic interaction, and the current debates over modernity and postmodernity.

POLS 7860 Internship in Political Science
6 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
The internship allows students pursuing their M.A. degree to work in a professional setting relating to their chosen concentration in Political Science. Students will be required to complete a final paper detailing the experience of their internship, and defend their paper and experiences before a faculty committee.

POLS 7890 Directed Reading
1-3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A structured, individualized research focus to be mutually designed by instructor and student.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 7890S.

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POLS 7999 Thesis
1-6 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A major research project structured jointly by the student and instructor.