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 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 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.