



POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

POLS 800 Applied Quantitative Methods in Political Science

Description: Covers the elements necessary for writing a basic research paper using quantitative methods, including literature review, theories, hypothesis formation, research design, and statistical analysis.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

Offered: SPRING

POLS 801 Scope and Methods of Political Science

Description: Introduction to epistemological and methodological underpinnings of political science as a discipline. Consider what it means for political science to be a science and examine the variety of methods political scientists use in their research. Write a research design for a major research project.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

Offered: SPRING

POLS 802 Professional Development in Political Science

Prerequisites: Permission

Description: Professional development topics, teaching methods, grant writing and article writing.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 803 Teaching Political Science

Prerequisites: permission

Description: Training in the teaching of political science.

Credit Hours: 1

Max credits per semester: 1

Max credits per degree: 1

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

Offered: FALL

POLS 820 Core Seminar in American Government

Description: Literature in American governmental institutions, processes, policies, and law. Students required to do extensive reading in these areas. Introduces the beginning graduate student to the field of American government.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 825 Congress and Public Policy

Crosslisted with: POLS 425

Description: The policy making role of the Congress including the institutionalization of the House and the Senate, an analysis of congressional behavior, the committee process, and the policy responsiveness of Congress.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 826 Topics in American Public Policy

Crosslisted with: POLS 426

Description: A significant public policy in American politics. Topics: science, technology, and public policy; or health politics.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 831 Core Seminar in Public Policy and Process

Description: Intended for graduate students interested in a review of the field.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 836 Public Policy Analysis: Methods and Models

Description: Qualitative and quantitative approaches to public policy analysis. Nature of politics and policy, formation of public policy, analysis of policy content, methodological triangulation, participatory policy making designs, and the role of the analyst. Construct and implement a multi-method policy analysis for a local community agency.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 841 Constitutional Law

Crosslisted with: POLS 441

Description: Supreme Court doctrine determining the distribution of powers within the national government and between the national government and the state governments.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 842 Civil Liberties: Freedom of Expression and Conviction

Crosslisted with: POLS 442

Description: Supreme Court doctrine interpreting the First Amendment, covering freedom of speech, assembly, and association; freedom of the press; and freedom of religion.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 843 Civil Liberties: Issues of Fairness and Equality

Crosslisted with: POLS 443

Description: Supreme Court doctrine covering the rights of the accused, the right to privacy and the right to racial and sexual equality.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 850 Core Seminar in Biology, Psychology, and Politics

Description: Introduction to the relationship between the fields of biology, psychology, and politics. The political implications of genetics, physiology, neuroscience, social psychology, cognitive psychology, and evolutionary psychology.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 859 International Political Economy

Crosslisted with: POLS 459

Description: Interface of politics and economics in the international arena. Political dimension of international economic issues emphasized. Includes: liberal, mercantile, and radical approaches; theories of imperialism; dependency and interdependency; distribution of the global product; the global division of labor; the political aspects of markets; the politics of trade, aid, investment, multinational corporations, food, and energy.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 860 Core Seminar in International Politics

Description: Extensive reading required. Rigorous survey of the literature in international relations, including international law and international organization. Intended to introduce the beginning graduate student to the field of international relations.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 863 American Foreign Policy and the Use of the Military

Crosslisted with: POLS 463

Description: Military action as an instrument of American foreign policy. Constitutional basis of the president's and Congress's war powers; assessments of the role of the White House, Congress, CIA, senior pentagon officials, the American public, and military alliances - NATO and coalitions of the willing - in supporting and directing the use of military action abroad; and the political and strategic consequences of various American applications of military force.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 866 Pro-seminar in International Relations

Crosslisted with: ECON 466, POLS 466, AECN 467, ECON 866, HIST 479, HIST 879

Prerequisites: Senior standing and permission.

Notes: Open to students with an interest in international relations.

Description: Topic varies.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 869 International Law

Crosslisted with: POLS 469

Prerequisites: Junior or Senior Standing

Description: Rules and principles accepted by the members of the community of nations as defining their rights and duties, and the procedure employed in protecting their rights and performing their duties.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

Offered: SPRING

POLS 870 International Human Rights

Crosslisted with: POLS 470

Description: Development of international norms on human rights and attempts to implement those standards. Emphasis on political process, with attention to law, philosophy, economics, and culture. Coverage of the United Nations, regional organizations, private agencies, and national foreign policies.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 875 Water Quality Strategy

Crosslisted with: NRES 475, NRES 875, SOIL 475, PLAS 475, AGRO 875, CIVE 475, CIVE 875, CRPL 475, CRPL 875, GEOL 475, GEOL 875, AGST 475, AGST 875, POLS 475

Prerequisites: Senior standing.

Notes: Capstone course.

Description: Holistic approach to the selection and analysis of planning strategies for protecting water quality from nonpoint sources of contamination. Introduction to the use of methods of analyzing the impact of strategies on whole systems and subsystems; for selecting strategies; and for evaluating present strategies.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 876 Ethnic Conflict and Identity

Crosslisted with: JUDS 476, POLS 476

Description: Theories of nationalism and ethnic conflict. Case studies of Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. The post-Cold War era as multi-polar and multi-civilizational. The states and different cultures that compete for influence and authority to dominate the "New World order." The division of the world along ethnic, religious, and class lines rather than by ideology. The future of international politics and the reassessment of the causes of "conflicts of culture" and their containment.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 877 Israel and the Middle East

Crosslisted with: JUDS 477, POLS 477

Description: Israeli politics, society, and relations with its neighbors, particularly the Palestinians. Rise of Zionism and the Palestinian response to it; wars between Israel and Arab neighbors, and the eventual peace agreements between the two; the internal dynamics of Israeli political life; and state of Zionism today.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 878 Pro-seminar in Latin American Studies

Crosslisted with: HIST 478, POLS 478, MODL 478, EDPS 478, HIST 878, MODL 878, EDPS 878, ETHN 478

Prerequisites: Junior standing and permission.

Description: An interdisciplinary analysis of topical issues in Latin American Studies.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 879 Core Seminar in Comparative Politics

Description: POLS 879 is intended to introduce the beginning graduate student to the field of comparative politics. Survey of the field of comparative politics. General theory and methodology; issues and crises in a number of functional areas; participation and socialization; and the special problems confronting the area specialist.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 880 Core Seminar in Political Theory

Description: Students required to read extensively and to take a final examination. Rigorous survey of some of the major areas of concern in empirical and normative political theory.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 891 Individual Readings

Prerequisites: Permission

Description: Individual readings in Political Science

Credit Hours: 1-3

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 892 Special Topics in Political Science

Crosslisted with: POLS 492

Description: Topics vary.

Credit Hours: 1-6

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 6

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 893 Political Science Research Workshop

Prerequisites: permission

Description: Meet regularly to discuss ongoing research projects in the department.

Credit Hours: 1

Max credits per semester: 1

Max credits per degree: 12

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

Offered: FALL/SPR

POLS 895 Internship

Prerequisites: Permission

Description: Internship in government agencies, quasi public agencies, private firms (profit and nonprofit), and other organizations.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Pass No-Pass

POLS 899 Masters Thesis

Prerequisites: Admission to masters degree program and permission of major advisor.

Description: Masters thesis in political science

Credit Hours: 1-6

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 6

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 901 Dissertation Prospectus

Prerequisites: Permission

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 920 Seminar in American Government

Prerequisites: Permission

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 12

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 931 Seminar in Public Policy

Prerequisites: Permission

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 12

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 941 Seminar in Methods

Prerequisites: Permission

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 9

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 950 Research Seminar in Biology, Psychology, and Politics

Description: Advanced research in the relationship between biology, psychology, and politics.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 960 Seminar in International Relations

Prerequisites: Permission

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 12

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 991 Minor Research Problems

Prerequisites: Permission

Credit Hours: 1-6

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 6

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

POLS 998 Research

Prerequisites: permission

Description: Independent research with a faculty member.

Credit Hours: 1-9

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 9

Max credits per degree: 36

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

Offered: FALL/SPR

POLS 999 Doctoral Dissertation

Prerequisites: Admission to doctoral degree program and permission of supervisory committee chair.

Credit Hours: 1-24

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 24

Max credits per degree: 99

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option