

POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Career Possibilities

Political Scientist • Journalist • Foreign Service Officer • Urban Planner • Para Legal • Labor Relations Specialist • Administrator • Researcher • Lobbyist • Archivist • Probation/Parole Officer • Intelligence Analyst • Teacher • Lawyer • Social Service Worker • Market Research Analyst • Public Survey Worker • Community Organizer • Politician • Legislative Aide • City Manager (Some of these, and other careers, require additional education or experience. For more information, see www.careers.csulb.edu.)

Introduction

The political science major provides systematic knowledge of the nature and scope of political science. In addition, a political science major is preparation for general education, good citizenship and participation in political life.

Pre-Law Program and Preparation

This program combines opportunities to intern in legal settings with study in liberal arts, government, and public law. Interested students should consult with the Pre-law advisor to plan a course of study and prepare for law school admission.

General Education Requirements in Government

The Education Code requires each college graduate to meet (1) a federal government requirement and (2) a California state and local government requirement. Both of these requirements can be met by POSC 100 (for lower division students) or POSC 391 (for upper division students). If the student has completed the federal government requirement, but not the California state and local government requirement, the student should take POSC 199, 326, or 399. Students who have taken American federal, state or local government at another institution should check with a political science advisor before enrolling.

Undergraduate Programs

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (120 units)

Requirements

Required Courses (6 units):

POSC 100 Introduction to American Government (3)
Prerequisite/Corequisite: GE A1 requirement.

POSC 300 Scope/Methods Political Science (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100.

Concentration Requirement (18 units):

Take 18 units in one of the three areas of concentration:

1. Law, Politics, Policy
2. Political Theory
3. Global Politics

Take 3 lower-division units and 15 upper-division units in the chosen area of concentration, including the senior seminar in that area.

Breadth Requirement, 15 units of which:

1. no more than six units may be from the student's area of concentration;
2. no more than three may be lower division;
3. a minimum of three units must be from each of the student's two non-concentration areas, for a total of six units

Note: This program must include at least three units of a practicum.

Note: POSC 100, the 200-level concentration requirement, and POSC 300 must be completed by the end of the junior year.

Total Units: 39

Honors in Political Science

Students with a major in Political Science may be admitted to the Political Science Department's honors program (option of the University Honor's Program).

Requirements

Minimum requirements for eligibility are:

1. Junior standing, completion of POSC 300, and at least two additional upper-division courses in Political Science;
2. A minimum of two semesters remaining before graduation following the spring semester in which the application is submitted;
3. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3, and 3.5 in Political Science courses

Applications for fall admission are due April 15, and must include:

1. A completed application form
2. One letter of recommendation from the faculty sponsor that has agreed to oversee the applicant's honors thesis.
3. One letter of recommendation from a second faculty member (preferably in Political Science)
4. A 5-10 page research or analytical paper written for a previously taken course in Political Science

In order to graduate with Honors in Political Science a student must:

1. Complete all regular requirements for the major in Political Science;
2. Complete 3 units of POSC 490H: Honors Seminar (offered in the fall semester only);
3. Complete 3 units of POSC 491H: Honors Research (offered in the fall semester only);
4. Complete 3 units of POSC 492H: Honors Thesis (offered in the spring semester only);
5. Have at the time of graduation a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3 and 3.5 in Political Science courses.

Minor in Political Science

The Minor in Political Science is available to any non-Political Science major.

Requirements

A minimum of 21 units which must include:

Take one of the following courses:

POSC 100 Introduction to American Government (3)
Prerequisite/Corequisite: GE A1 requirement.

POSC 391 American Government (3)
Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement.

Take the following course:

POSC 300 Scope and Methods of Political Science (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100.

Fifteen Elective units in POSC:

No more than three units may be lower division.

May include one approved political science internship from the following: POSC 418, 447, 448, 496, or 498.

Minor in Public Administration in Political Science

The Minor in Public Administration in Political Science is available to any non-Political Science major.

Requirements

A minimum of 21 units which must include:

1. A minimum of 15 units selected from the following: POSC 300, 326, 327, 328, 329, 430, 431, 432, 447, 448, 498;
2. 6 additional upper division POSC units selected in consultation with a POSC Undergraduate Advisor.

Interdisciplinary Minor in Public Policy

The minor consists of 21 units including a core curriculum of 12 units and 9 units of electives. A maximum of 6 units may be taken in the student's major department, but no units may be counted in both the major and minor.

Requirements

1. Core Curriculum (12 units required):

Twelve units chosen from among the following courses:
ECON 450, POSC 328, PSY 375I, U/ST 301I

Note: It is strongly recommended that students take core courses in sequence, the first two courses during the Junior year; the second two during the Senior year.

2. Electives: (9 units required):

At least 6 units of the 9 elective units must be taken in one of the policy area concentrations outlined below. The remaining 3 units may be taken from among any of the elective courses approved for the minor.

Policy Area Concentrations:

Community Relations and Social Services, Health Care, Housing and Recreation, Education, Economic Regulation, Justice and Law, Land Use and Ecology, Computational Skills for Public Policy, Foreign Policy and International Relations, Values and Public Policy, Government Processes and Policy, Law, Politics and Policy

Graduate Programs

Master of Arts in Political Science

Student can view the general requirements of the University and the specific requirements of the department in this *Catalog*. Important supplementary information about the master's degree in political science is available on the department website. Before entering the program, students will normally consult with the graduate advisor.

After beginning graduate study, the student is responsible for obtaining the consent of fulltime members of the department's graduate faculty to serve on her/his graduate committee. The student should seek to have established her/his committee prior to completion of the first year or the first 18 units of work as a graduate student in political science unless the Department Graduate Committee grants an exception.

Prerequisites

1. A bachelor's degree with a major in political science or a bachelor's degree with 24 upper division units in political science comparable to those required for a major in political science at this university.
2. Completion of a minimum of one upper-division political theory course equivalent to POSC 301 or POSC 303 at CSULB, with a grade of "B" or better.
3. Students whose undergraduate work is deficient in political science will be required to make up certain courses. Deficiencies will be determined by the Department's Graduate Committee after taking into account each student's background and goals. These courses will not count toward credit in the M.A.
4. A 3.0 ("B") GPA in political science courses taken as an undergraduate. (A student whose GPA is less than 3.0 may appeal to the Department's Graduate Committee for a possible waiver of this requirement.)
5. Three letters of recommendation (preferably from academic sources).

Advancement to Candidacy

1. Satisfy the general requirements of the University for advancement to candidacy;
2. In order to be recommended for advancement to candidacy, students must obtain the written approval of their master's degree program of course work by their committee chair and graduate advisor.

Requirements

A student's program is formulated in consultation with the department's Graduate Coordinator.

The following courses are required, for a total of 30 units:

POSC 500 Foundations & Scope of Political Science (3)
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Political Science or consent of instructor.

POSC 525 Seminar in Political Theory (3)
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in political science or consent of instructor.

POSC 550 Research Methods in Political Science (3)
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Political Science or consent of instructor; POSC 500.

Three of the following:

POSC 640, 642, 600, 610 (9)

Two of the following:

POSC 605, 615, 644, 646 (6)

One elective graduate course

(selected in consultation with Graduate Coordinator) (3)

One of the following:

POSC 697 (3) consists of a comprehensive examination in the student's major and minor subfields

POSC 698 (3) consists of a thesis

Law, Politics and Policy

POSC 212 How Democratic is the United States?

POSC 311 Constitutional Law: Power

POSC 312 Constitutional Law: Rights

POSC 321 The Media and American Politics

POSC 322 Parties, Campaigns, and Elections

POSC 323 Racial and Ethnic Politics – U.S.

POSC 326 California Government in Comparative Perspective

POSC 327 Urban Politics

POSC 328 Public Policy

POSC 329 Cases in Public Policy Making

POSC 412 Law and Social Change

POSC 414 Jurisprudence

POSC 417 Legal Practices: Moot Court

POSC 418 Legal/Judicial Apprenticeship

POSC 422 Public Opinion and Political Behavior

POSC 423 The American Presidency

POSC 424 The United States Congress

POSC 430 Fundamentals of Public Administration

POSC 431 Public Policy Analysis

POSC 432 Public Values and Public Policy

POSC 439 Senior Seminar in Law, Politics, and Policy

POSC 447 Public Service Internship I

POSC 448 Public Service Internship II

Political Theory

POSC 225 Issues in Political Theory

POSC 301 Classical Political Theory

POSC 303 Modern Political Theory

POSC 304 Recent Political Theory

POSC 306 Contemporary Political Ideologies

POSC 308 American Political Theory

POSC 401 Women in Political Theory

POSC 409 Senior Seminar in Political Theory

Global Politics

POSC 218 Global Politics

POSC 353 Governments and Politics of Western Europe

POSC 358 Contemporary Latin American Politics

POSC 362 Society and National Politics of China

POSC 367 Governments and Politics of the Middle East

POSC 371 Introduction to International Politics

POSC 376 International Law

POSC 378 Politics and Practice of the UN

POSC 450 Comparative Political Movements

POSC 455 Comparative Revolutionary Change

POSC 461I The Politics of Development

POSC 463 Nationalism and National Identities

POSC 479 Senior Seminar in Global Politics

POSC 481 U.S. – Latin American Relations

POSC 482 American Foreign Policy

POSC 485 International Political Economy

POSC 486 National Security Policies

General

POSC 199 Introduction to California Government

POSC 300 Scope/Methods Political Science

POSC 388I Cyberspace Citizenship

POSC 391 American Government

POSC 395I Politics Through Culture

POSC 399 Introduction to California Government

POSC 490H Honors Seminar

POSC 491H Honors Research

POSC 492H Honors Thesis

POSC 493 Special Topics

POSC 494I Politics of the Future

POSC 496 Washington Center Internship

POSC 497 Special Topics

POSC 498 Practicum in Politics

POSC 499 Readings and Conference in Political Science

Political Science Courses (POSC)

LOWER DIVISION

100. Introduction to American Government (3)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: GE A1 requirement.

Introductory survey of American Political Institutions, politics, and policy, including government and politics in California. Constitutional foundations and current controversies. Satisfies the general education requirement and the California teaching credential requirement.

105. Introduction to Critical Thinking (3)

Prerequisites/Corequisite: ENGL 100 or equivalent.

Introduction to critical thinking through study of philosophical writing, political rhetoric, and political propaganda. Emphasis on distinguishing facts from values, inductive from deductive reasoning, emotional responses from reasoned judgments; relationship between language and logic; the role of inference; intellectual honesty.

199. Introduction to California Government (1)

Prerequisite: POSC 100.

Introductory survey of California political institutions, politics and policy. Satisfies the general education California state and local government requirement for students who have taken American government without a California component or who have received Advanced Placement credit for American Government. Not open for credit to students with credit in POSC 326.

210. Issues of American Politics (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirement; POSC 100.

Intensive study of issues associated with the concepts of democracy, limited government, federalism, separation of powers, judicial review, and preservation of individual rights.

212. How Democratic is the United States? (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement; POSC 100.

Examination of persistent challenges to citizen control of government in the U.S., including growth of executive power; economic inequality; racial inequality; rise of infotainment; decline of political participation and civic engagement.

215. Issues of Comparative Politics (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirement; POSC 100.

Intensive study of issues associated with selected foreign governments, modernization, revolution, political change and world ideological conflict.

218. Global Politics (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement; POSC 100.

Study issues central to politics in a global context, such as democracy, communism, fascism, democratization, revolution, liberalism, and anti-liberalism. Examine questions of national sovereignty, as well as the relation between nation states and the rise of non-state and trans-state actors.

220. Issues in Global Politics (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirement; POSC 100.

Divergences between nations as they affect political differences between states. The political significance of the encounter of individuals with those of different nationalities.

225. Issues in Political Theory (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement; POSC 100.

Study and discussion of issues including revolution, power, justice, alienation, the nature of democracy, and other important political concepts. Views of theorists such as Plato, Hobbes, Rousseau, Mill, and Marx will be examined.

UPPER DIVISION

General Education Category A must be completed prior to taking any upper division course.

300. Scope and Methods of Political Science (3)

Prerequisite: POSC 100.

Examines what political scientists do. Focus on quantitative and qualitative techniques employed by political scientists to understand political phenomena. Examples draw on all subfields from political science: American politics, comparative politics, international relations, political theory, public law and public policy.

Letter grade only (A-F).

301. Classical Political Theory (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement; POSC 100.

Ancient Greek and Roman roots of political theory. Socrates and the Sophists; Plato; Aristotle; Cicero; Polybius; and the Stoics. Examines relationship between the individual citizen and the Polis, justice and equality, democracy and dictatorship; the political culture of Mediterranean world.

303. Modern Political Theory (3)

Emergence of modern political thought in Western Europe from the 17th through the 19th century. Examines views of state and society in John Locke, Thomas Hobbes, Jean Jacques Rousseau, John Stuart Mill, Edmund Burke, George Hegel, and Karl Marx.

304. Recent Political Theory (3)

Critical examination of major themes in political thought in industrial and post-industrial society, from the late 19th century until today.

306. Contemporary Political Ideologies (3)

Critical examination of the nature and role of ideologies in contemporary politics. Conservatism, liberalism, socialism, communism and fascism in theory and practice.

308. American Political Theory (3)

Critical examination of theorists, concepts and forces which have shaped American political consciousness from Puritans to present.

311. Constitutional Law: Power (3)

Prerequisite: POSC 100 or 391 or equivalent.

Judicial interpretation of the U.S. Constitution. Judicial review; the power of the Presidency and the Congress; state governmental authority; nature of the American federalism.

312. Constitutional Law: Rights (3)

Prerequisite: POSC 100 or 391 or equivalent.

Analysis of the rights and guarantees contained in the Bill of Rights and other constitutional and statutory provisions. Examination of leading cases.

321. The Media and American Politics (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement; POSC 100 or consent of instructor.

Role of print and electronic media in American politics and their relationship to politicians and the public. Media's impact on government, policy making, election campaigning. Prospects for democratic deliberation. Portrayal of political issues and political themes in popular culture.

322. Parties, Campaigns, and Elections (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement.

The nature and impact of the American two-party system; why people vote as they do; how candidates seek electoral support. Comparison of American party politics to party politics in other democratic countries.

323. Racial and Ethnic Politics - U.S. (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement; POSC 100.

Examination of the political activities of racial and ethnic minority groups in the United States, including American Indians, African Americans, Latino Americans and Asian/Pacific Americans. Political debates over competing approaches, strategies and public policies promoting equality in the U.S.

326. California Government in Comparative Perspective (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement.

The government and politics of American States including intergovernmental relations. Special focus on political institutions, current issues, and public policies in California. May not be taken to fulfill G.E. credit except under category D.1.b.

327. Urban Politics (3)

Social conflicts, political processes and governmental Institutions in American urban areas. Emphasis on urban political culture, power structures, interest groups, social movements, urban governance and policy-making. Evaluation of urban political problems and proposed solutions.

328. Public Policy (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement; POSC 100.

Analysis of the American policy process with special attention to the social, economic, cultural, and political factors that influence policy choices.

329. Cases in Public Policy Making (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement, POSC 100, and POSC 328. Intensive examination of the policy process through the in-depth analysis of selected public policies.

May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units with different topics in different semesters with department approval.

353. Government and Politics of Western Europe (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement; POSC 100.

Examination of selected European democracies, with emphasis on governmental structure, functions and political processes and their relationship to current problems.

358. Contemporary Latin American Politics (3)

Study of government and politics with emphasis on similarities and differences among Latin American states. Focus on principal groups and major issues in the political process. Conflicting explanations of the obstacles to development and other problems will be examined.

362. Society and National Politics of China (3)

Study of the People's Republic of China, including its origin, ideology, and organization. Contemporary social, economic, and political developments.

367. Governments and Politics of the Middle East (3)

Emergence and development of the contemporary political systems of the Middle East; the Arab-Israeli dispute; the role and importance of the region in international politics.

371. Introduction to International Politics (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement; POSC 100.

Relations among nation-states. Why countries sometimes cooperate and sometimes go to war. Roles of intergovernmental organizations like the UN, the WTO, and NATO, and non-governmental actors like Amnesty International and Al-Qaeda; international trade and finance; war, peace, terrorism and diplomacy.

376. International Law (3)

Nature and historical development of international law; determination of rules of international law; International community under law; recognition of states and governments; jurisdiction; settlement of international disputes; war aggression and neutrality.

378. Politics and Practice of the UN (3)

Examination of historical development of international organization from the Concert of Europe to the United Nations. Analysis of contemporary international organization, its functions, problems and prospects in the context of the world situation.

May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units in different semesters.

No more than 3 units may be applied toward the major or minor in political science.

388. Cyberspace Citizenship (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement; one Explorations course, and upper-division standing.

Role of internet in politics, society, and economy. Development of cyberspace, virtual communities, online commerce, Web free speech fora. Evolving governmental institutions for managing property rights, Internet expansion and resolving cyberspace conflicts. Multiple dimensions of participatory citizenship in cyberspace.

391. American Government (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement.

Survey of American government and politics, including attention to California government. Constitutional foundations and current controversies. Satisfies the general education requirement and the

California teaching credential requirement.

Not open for credit to students with credit in POSC 100.

395I. Politics Through Culture (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement, one Explorations course, and upper division standing.

Study of politics through cultural analysis. Alternative theoretical perspectives on contemporary cultural artifacts such as art, film, music, and the media.

399. Introduction to California Government (1)

Prerequisite: POSC 100

Introductory survey of California political institutions, politics and policy. Satisfies the general education California state and local government requirement for students who have taken American government without a California component or who have received Advanced Placement credit for American Government.

Not open for credit to students with credit in POSC 199 or POSC 326.

401. Women in Political Theory (3)

Prerequisite: Students must have completed one course in either political science or women's studies.

Differential treatment of women and men in western political theories, including femininity, power, rationality and the role of the women in the family. Classic and contemporary texts.

Same course as WGSS 402. Not open for credit to students with credit in W/ST 402 or WGSS 402.

409. Senior Seminar in Political Theory (3)

Prerequisites: Six units in political theory courses or consent of instructor.

Intensive study of selected conceptual and theoretical problems in political theory.

Letter grade only (A-F).

412. Law and Social Change (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement; POSC 100.

Legal strategies pursued by social movements to remedy discrimination in the U.S. Legislative, administrative, and judicial responses. Gender equity, sexual harassment, voting rights, racial discrimination, fair housing, labor standards, sexual orientation, environmental justice, and American Indian rights.

414. Jurisprudence (3)

Fundamental legal philosophies, sources and classifications of law. Relationship of law to other disciplines and societal institutions.

417. Legal Practices: Moot Court (3)

Prerequisites: POSC 311 or 312, and either POSC 412 or 414; and upper division standing.

Study and acquisition of the skills of lawyering, including legal research, reasoning, writing, and trial advocacy. Substantive study of civil liberties.

May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units in different semesters. No more than three units of this course may be applied toward the major or minor in political science.

418. Legal/Judicial Apprenticeship (3)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Courtroom, law office, public legal agency, and/or non-profit legal agency experience in conjunction with reading and research directed by a faculty member. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 units in different semesters.

No more than three units of this internship course may apply toward the major in political science. A maximum of 6 units may be earned in 418, 447, 448, and 498 combined.

422. Public Opinion and Political Behavior (3)

What Americans think and feel about politics and why they act as they do. Topics include the formation and development of public opinion; how public opinion is measured; political socialization; political culture; and political participation.

423. The American Presidency (3)

The roles and powers of the American presidency with emphasis on major public policies of recent presidents.

424. The United States Congress (3)

Analysis of the origin, development, and behavior of U.S. legislative bodies. Leadership, organization and procedures, problems and principles of law-making. Legislative relations with the executive and other governmental agencies.

430. Fundamentals of Public Administration (3)

Principles and practices of federal, state and local administration. Not open for credit to students with credit in POSC 331.

431. Public Policy Analysis (3)

Examination of the meaning and use of concepts and methods employed in public policy decision analysis, including an overview of the decision process, sources and methods of handling policy-relevant data, and methods and techniques of program evaluation and policy analysis.

432. Public Values and Public Policy (3)

Critical examination of selected value choices involving how and by whom public policy is to be made, and choices involving what should be the content and goals of public policy.

439. Senior Seminar in Law, Politics, and Policy (3)

Prerequisite: Nine units in Law, Politics, and Policy courses or consent of instructor

Intensive study of selected concepts, issues, and approaches to the study of American government and politics, with special attention to the intersection of law, politics, and policy.

Letter grade only (A-F).

447. Public Service Internship I (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirement; POSC 100; consent of instructor.

Internships in one of the various federal, state, or local governmental units in the immediate area.

A maximum of six units may be earned in POSC 418, 447, 448, and 498 combined.

448. Public Service Internship II (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirement; POSC 100; consent of instructor.

Internships in one of the various federal, state, or local governmental units in the immediate area.

A maximum of six units may be earned in POSC 418, 447, 448, and 498 combined.

450. Comparative Political Movements (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement, one Explorations course, and upper division standing.

Comparative study of the causes, progression, and consequences of political movements.

455. Comparative Revolutionary Change (3)

Roots of revolution. Emphasis on the historical setting, ideology, socio-economic factors, political leadership, organization and nationalism. Analysis of revolutionary conditions, courses and tactics past and present.

461I. The Politics of Development (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement, one or more Explorations courses, and upper-division standing.

Problems of political development in the emergent nations of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

463. Nationalism and National Identities (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement; POSC 100.

Consideration of the impact of nationalism on contemporary world politics with special attention to the role of national identities in the

rise of political violence, national liberation movements, and the struggle for democracy. Close investigation of multiple historical and contemporary cases.

Same course as I/ST 463. Not open for credit to students with credit in I/ST 463.

469. Senior Seminar in Comparative Politics (3)

Prerequisites: Six units in comparative politics courses or consent of instructor.

Intensive study of selected conceptual and theoretical problems in comparative politics.

Letter grade only (A-F).

479. Senior Seminar in Global Politics (3)

Prerequisite: Nine units in global politics courses or consent of instructor

Intensive study of selected conceptual and theoretical problems in global politics.

Letter grade only (A-F).

481. U.S. - Latin American Relations (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement, one Explorations course, and upper division standing.

U.S. policies toward Latin America and the Caribbean. Recent debates about these policies as well as their historical and global contexts. Survey of major issues, including U.S.-Cuba policy, transnational crime/drug-trafficking, international finance, trade integration, and migration.

482. American Foreign Policy (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement; POSC 100.

Concepts, strategies, and the shaping of American relations with other states, with special emphasis on the post-World War II period. National security, economic, and political-diplomatic concerns as they present new challenges to the United States.

485. International Political Economy (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement; POSC 100.

Politics of global relations, including monetary and trade regimes, markets and multinational corporations. Emphasis on issues of confrontation and collaboration between countries regarding development strategies, trade, and technology transfer.

Prospective students are strongly recommended to take POSC 371.

486. National Security Policies (3)

Analysis of strategic posture with emphasis on military, political and economic inter-relationships as they influence national security and international politics.

489. Senior Seminar in International Relations (3)

Prerequisites: Six units in international relations courses or consent of instructor.

Intensive study of selected conceptual and theoretical problems in international relations.

Letter grade only (A-F).

490H. Honors Seminar (3)

Prerequisites: Admission to the Honors Program in Political Science.

The nature and development of political science and its relationship to other disciplines in the Social Sciences. Recent developments in conceptual analysis and theory are emphasized. (Seminar.) Course meets with POSC 500, 525, or 550.

491H. Honors Research (3)

Prerequisite: Admission to the Honors Program in Political Science.

Research for writing an Honors thesis under the direction of a faculty member. (Independent Study.)

492H. Honors Thesis (3)

Prerequisites: POSC 491H.

Research and writing of an Honors thesis under the direction of a department faculty advisor.

(Independent Study.)

493. Selected Topics in Political Science (3)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Analysis of selected contemporary issues and problems.

Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

494I. Politics of the Future (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirement, one or more Explorations courses, and upper-division standing.

Study of present-day global problems: overpopulation, depletion of resources, environmental decay and their future political implications. Examination of alternative policies, future politics and institutional change. The technological revolutions and the totalitarian temptation.

496. Washington Center Internship (3)

Prerequisites: Upper division standing and consent of instructor.

Students undertake a 30-35 hr. per week career-related internship in a federal, corporate or independent sector agency located in Washington D.C. A final written report is required. Concurrent enrollment in an independent studies course required.

Credit/No Credit grading only. May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units.

497. Selected Topics in Political Science (3)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Analysis of selected contemporary issues and problems.

May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units with different topics.

Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

498. Practicum in Politics (1-3)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor and department chair.

Political or governmental experience supplemented by reading and research under the direction of a faculty member.

May be repeated for a maximum of 6 units in the same semester. No more than three units may apply toward the major in political science. A maximum of six units may be earned in POSC 418, 447, 448, and 498 combined.

499. Readings and Conference in Political Science (1-3)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed reading to permit independent pursuit by advanced students on topics of special interest.

Hours to be arranged. Graduate students who have had this course as an undergraduate may repeat it.

GRADUATE LEVEL

500. Foundations and Scope of Political Science (3)

Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Political Science or consent of instructor.

Competing approaches to the analysis of political phenomena. Substantive models of social and political order and change as well as methodological arguments about the nature of explanation in political science.

Letter grade only (A-F).

525. Seminar in Political Theory (3)

Prerequisite: Graduate standing in political science or consent of instructor.

Analysis of key topics in the canon of Western political theory, including ancient political thought, modernity (including feminism and identity politics), and postmodernity (eg., postcolonial theory, deconstruction).

Letter grade only (A-F).

550. Research Methods in Political Science (3)

Prerequisite: Graduate standing in political science or consent of instructor; POSC 500.

Methods of empirical political science research; the formulation of hypotheses, problems and standards of measurement and observation; methods of data collection; research design and logic of data analysis. No prior knowledge of statistics is assumed.

Letter grade only (A-F).

590. Advanced Study (3)

Prerequisite: Consent of Graduate Coordinator and Instructor.

Study under the supervision of a faculty member. Student must fulfill requirements of a selected upper division course plus additional work appropriate to graduate study as determined by the Instructor of the course.

May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units with different topics.

599. Graduate Studies (3)

Prerequisites: Consent of Graduate Coordinator and instructor.

Individual graduate level study and research of special topics under the supervision of a faculty member.

Letter grade only (A-F). May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units.

600. Seminar in International Politics (3)

Prerequisites: Graduate standing in Political Science or consent of instructor; POSC 371 or equivalent.

Examination of the role of power, multiple dimensions of national interest, collective security, world peace, nationalism, and imperialism.

May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units. Letter grade only (A-F).

605. Selected Topics in International Politics (3)

Graduate standing in political science or consent of instructor

Analysis of historical and contemporary international events, processes, trends, and system dynamics. Emphasis on the application of both critical and practical, problem-solving theories and methods to the assessment and evaluation of foreign policy options and choices. Case study approach.

Letter grade only (A-F).

610. Seminar in Comparative Government (3)

Prerequisite: Three upper division units in comparative government.

Comparative study of government and politics in selected foreign countries. Intensive study of the political institutions and policies of selected foreign governments. Emphasis on political parties and contemporary governmental policy.

May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units. Letter grade only (A-F).

615. Selected Topics in Comparative Politics (3)

Graduate standing in political science or consent of instructor

Application of comparative politics concepts and theories to contemporary issues, with particular emphasis on the policy implications for various countries and regions of the world.

Letter grade only (A-F).

640. Seminar in American Political Behavior (3)

Prerequisites: Graduate standing in political science or consent of instructor

Examination of contemporary literature on mass political behavior in the United States, including overt forms of political behavior such as voting, and long-standing questions about the origins and consequences of the American public's political attitudes.

Letter grade only (A-F).

642. Seminar in American Political Institutions (3)

Graduate standing in political science or consent of instructor

Examination of U.S. political institutions, including why the U.S. has the institutions it has, how scholars understand them, the nature of these institutions, and the linkage institutions that connect citizens to government, including political parties and interest groups.

Letter grade only (A-F).

644. Selected Topics in Policy and Politics (3)

Graduate standing in political science or consent of instructor

Approaches to the study of American policy and politics. Analysis of historical and contemporary policymaking, and the impact of public policy upon institutions and political behavior.

Letter grade only (A-F).

646. Selected Topics in Law and Politics (3)

Graduate standing in political science or consent of instructor

Examination of the role, processes, and dynamics of law, courts, and judges in the American political system, including law and American society; political controversies over judges, courts and cases; features of courts; judicial selection and decision-making; legal interpretation; and judicial effectiveness.

Letter grade only (A-F).

695. College Teaching Practicum (3)

Prerequisite: Consent of Graduate Coordinator.

Internship provides teaching experience in community college. No more than three units of this practicum may be applied to the Masters requirements in Political Science.

Credit/No Credit grading only.

697. Directed Research (3)

Prerequisite: Consent of Department Chair.

Intensive study under the guidance of a faculty member. Three units required of non-thesis students who have been advanced to candidacy for the master's degree in political science.

A maximum of 3 units may be earned by students with credit in POSC 698. Letter grade only (A-F).

698. Thesis (1-4)

Planning, preparation and completion of thesis for the master's degree.