

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLI)

201. American Politics. Credit 3 hours. A study of the problems, principles, and structure of the American national political system. Offered every semester.

202. State and Local Politics. Credit 3 hours. A study of the problems, principles, and structure of state and local politics in the United States. Special attention to Louisiana state and local politics. Offered every semester.

300. Research Methods and Statistics in Political Science. Credit 3 hours. Emphasis on the elements of social scientific research as they apply to the field of political science. This course is also designed to satisfy computer literacy goals in the department. Offered every semester.

400/500. Independent Study. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of the Department Head. Conducted as a tutorial for individual students seeking additional work beyond the introductory level. Readings chosen according to student interest, academic orientation, and level of preparedness. Evaluations conducted on the basis of discussions and written assignments. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. May be repeated once but Department Head approval is required to count more than 3 hours toward the B.A. in Political Science or M.A. in History.

401/501. Introduction to Public Law. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. American law in action. Definition, classification, function, and relationships of law. The study of the role of legislatures and the courts in the legal process, theories of justice, and the development of modern jurisprudence. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every fall in odd-numbered years.

403/503. Constitutional Law. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. A survey of the interpretation of the law according to the United States Constitution. Special emphasis on the study of cases in local, state, and federal courts. Class discussion and analysis of cases will be featured. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every spring in even-numbered years.

405/505. Criminal Justice and the U.S. Constitution. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. An investigation of basic constitutional problems involving criminal justice procedures with an emphasis on landmark U.S. Supreme Court decisions. Credit cannot be given for both Criminal Justice 405/505 and Political Science 405/505. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every spring in odd-numbered years.

406/506. The Administration of the American Courts Systems. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. An examination of the theory, practice, people, major issues and problems of the American civil and criminal court systems. Credit cannot be given for both Criminal Justice 406/506 and Political Science 406/506. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements.

407/507. Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. Emphasis will be placed on First Amendment freedoms and on the Fourteenth Amendment Due Process and Equal Protection clauses. The study of cases will be supplemented by readings. Special attention is given to current problems. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every spring in odd-numbered years.

420/520. International Relations. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. Introductory study of principles and problems relating to the relations between nations. Special attention will be given to current world problems. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every spring in even-numbered years.

422/522. International Organizations. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. Regional, functional, and universal international organizations. Consideration of structure, process, and activities. Attention to their role as forces for change. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every fall in even-numbered years.

424/524. International Political Economy. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. The study of the interplay between politics and economics in the international arena. We begin by examining the theoretical frameworks of Classical Liberalism, Marxism, systems theory, etc., and how they apply to the advanced industrial nations and the developing nations. We also focus on the political environments that have emerged and their impact on the economic well-being of the northern and southern hemispheres. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every spring in odd-numbered years.

425/525. Comparative European Politics. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. The comparative study of European political systems, concentrating on politics in Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, and Russia, including an analysis of the development and current status of the European Union. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every fall.

426/526. Comparative Politics of Developing Nations. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. The study of the political systems of developing nations, examining the progression of their political and economic systems, emphasizing the interrelated effects of these systems within each nation. Concentrating on India, Greater China, Brazil, Japan and the Pacific Rim, and nations of sub-Saharan Africa. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every spring.

428/528. Middle East Politics. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. An examination of the Middle East and the development of its geographical and political boundaries. A brief historical background introduces the contemporary nations of the Middle East, concentrating on a comparative analysis of their political systems, the international relations between these nations (through organizations such as OPEC and the Arab League), and relations between the Middle East and political systems outside of the region. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every fall in odd-numbered years .

432/532. Southern Politics. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. An examination of the politics of the American South, focusing on the dramatic political developments and shifts within the region since World War II. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every fall.

434/534. The American Presidency. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. An analysis of the creation, history, and development of the office of the presidency. Special attention will be given to the powers and responsibilities of the modern presidency. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every spring in even-numbered years.

436/536. Legislative Process. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. An analysis of the principles, procedures, and problems of law-making in the United States, including Congress and state legislatures. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every spring in odd-numbered years.

437/537. The Louisiana Legislature in Session. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. Intensive coverage of the Louisiana legislature in session. Special emphasis on actual daily attendance of the legislative session in Baton Rouge, observing committee hearings and floor debates, and meeting the players in the legislative arena. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every year as a summer interim course.

438/538. Political Parties. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. A study of the origin, development, and functions of American political parties. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every fall in even-numbered years.

440/540. Louisiana Politics. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. A study of patterns, trends, and issues important to the development of Louisiana politics and political culture. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every fall in odd-numbered years.

442/542. Polling and Public Opinion. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. An examination of the content, causes, and effects of public opinion in American politics. Special emphasis on the tools of public opinion research. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every fall in odd numbered years.

444/544. American Foreign Policy. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. A study of the patterns, trends, and sources of American foreign policy. Particular emphasis on post-World War II foreign policy. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every spring in odd-numbered years.

446/546. Politics and the Environment. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. An exploration of the evolution of modern environmental policy in the United States. A focus on the American approach to domestic and international environmental issues. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every spring in even numbered years.

450/550. Ancient and Medieval Political Theory. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. Political thought of Greece, Rome, Medieval Europe, and the emergence of modern political concepts. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every fall in odd-numbered years.

451/551. Modern and Contemporary Political Theory. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. Political thought in recent times which strongly reflects the impact of the industrial revolution. Socialism, Marxism, Communism, Nazism, and Fascism are considered. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every spring in even-numbered years.

452/552. American Political Theory. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. Significant American political ideas from colonial times to the present. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every fall in even-numbered years.

460/560. Public Administration. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. An analysis of the personnel programs, financial procedures, and administrative structure of American government Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every fall.

462/562. Special Topics in Public Administration and Public Policy. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. A detailed study of a topic within the fields of public administration and/or public policy. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements. Offered every spring in even-numbered years.

470. Internships in Political Science. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: A minimum grade point average of 2.7 cumulative and 3.0 in political science. An opportunity for students to learn about government and politics from the viewpoint of a participant. Interns must work a minimum of 20 hours per week during a regular semester, a minimum of 40 hours per week during a summer semester, at times mutually agreeable to the individual and the agency. Any reading and paper requirements must be satisfied. All grade requirements and criteria will be established ahead of time by the faculty internship coordinator. Course may be taken twice for a maximum of 6 credit hours. Each instance may be substituted for 3 required credit hours in a particular subfield of political science at the 400 level, though there can be no such substitution for Poli. 490. Offered every semester upon sufficient demand.

475/575. International Political Simulations. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Poli. 201 and Engl. 102. This course prepares students for political simulations of policy decisions within international organizations. While the most common format for such simulations is that provided by the Model United Nations, other possible simulation formats include the Model Organization of American States, the Model European Union, the Model North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the Model Arab League, among others. Students taking this course for graduate degree credit must expect greater reading and paper requirements.

480/580. Special Topics in Political Science. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of Department Head approval. A detailed study of a topic selected by the instructor. Topics and instructors will vary. May be repeated once, but Department Head is required to count more than 3 hours toward the B.A. in Political Science or M.A. in Political Science.

490. Seminar for Political Science Majors. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Senior standing or permission of the Department Head. A seminar style readings course designed to give students a general survey of the field of political science. This course serves as a capstone course for majors in political science. Offered every semester.

600 [GOVT 602]. Seminar: Special Topics in American Politics. Credit 3-6 hours. Course may be taken twice, for a maximum of 6 credit hours, when the subject matter differs. Offered every semester upon sufficient demand.

610 [GOVT 604]. Seminar: Special Topics in International Politics. Credit 3-6 hours. Course may be taken twice, for a maximum of 6 credit hours, when the subject matter differs. Offered every semester upon sufficient demand.