Political Science (POLS)

Courses

POLS 401. Data Analysis I. 3 or 4 hours.
Statistical inference for the social sciences. Emphasis on univariate and bivariate statistics. Course Information: Same as PPA 401. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): POLS 200 and POLS 201; or graduate standing.

POLS 405. Problem of Justice. 3 or 4 hours.
Premodern and modern views of justice and their practical utility in analyzing legislative, executive, and judicial programs for enhancing or restricting justice. Course Information: Same as CLJ 405. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

POLS 451. Law and Public Policy. 3 or 4 hours.
The role of law and legal institutions in the development and implementation of public policies. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

POLS 459. Topics in Urban Politics. 3 or 4 hours.
Seminar exploring urban politics theory through readings, discussion, and original research. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): POLS 210; or graduate standing; or consent of the instructor.

POLS 465. Topics: Sociology of Politics. 3 or 4 hours.
Intensive examination of a specialized topic announced when the class is scheduled. Course Information: Same as SOC 465. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 6 hours of upper-division sociology or consent of the instructor.

POLS 467. Public Opinion & Pol Comm. 3 or 4 hours.
Nature of public opinion and political communication systems. Patterns of opinion distribution and its measurement. Forces shaping public opinion and its impact on public policy. Course Information: Same as COMM 467. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): POLS 200 or the equivalent or consent of the instructor.

POLS 469. Topics American Politics. 3 or 4 hours.
Seminar exploring American politics theory through readings, discussion, and original research. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): Grade of B or better in POLS 101 and Grade of B or better in POLS 329; or graduate standing; or consent of the instructor.

POLS 478. Adv Topics Internl Relations. 3 or 4 hours.
Seminar exploring international relations theory through readings, discussion, and original research. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): Grade of B or better in POLS 184; and Grade of B or better in POLS 281 or Grade of B or better in POLS 283 or Grade of B or better in POLS 284; or graduate standing; or consent of the instructor.

POLS 479. Topics in Comparative Politics. 3 or 4 hours.
Seminar exploring comparative politics theory through readings, discussion, and original research. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): Grade of B or better in POLS 130 and Grade of B or better in POLS 349; or graduate standing; or consent of the instructor.

POLS 482. Democratic Theory. 3 or 4 hours.
Democracy as a procedure of government and value commitments associated with this form of government. Special attention paid to classical and modern democracies. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): POLS 290 or POLS 291 or consent of the instructor.

POLS 485. Gender and Politics. 3 or 4 hours.
Impact of gender on basic categories of western political thought. Distinctions between reason and emotion, public and private, among others, examined from feminist perspective. Course Information: Same as GWS 485. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

POLS 489. Adv Topics in Political Theory. 3 or 4 hours.
Seminar exploring political theory through reading, discussion, and original research. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): Grade of B or better in POLS 290 or Grade of B or better in POLS 291; or graduate standing; or consent of the instructor.

POLS 494. Topics in Political Science. 3 or 4 hours.
Selected Topics in Political Science. Topics vary and may cover American politics, law, urban and global politics, cultural, ecological or methodological issues. Course Information: May be repeated up to 1 time(s). Prerequisite(s): POLS 190 and POLS 200; or consent of the instructor.

POLS 497. Directed Readings in Pol Sci. 4 hours.
Intensive readings on a topic not covered in regular curriculum. Course Information: May be repeated with approval. Approval of the graduate director required to repeat course. Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing and consent of the instructor.

POLS 498. Independent Research Pol Sci. 2-6 hours.
Research on special problems not included in course offerings. May not duplicate work done in POLS 598 or POLS 599. Course Information: May be repeated with approval. Approval of the graduate director required to repeat course. Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing and consent of the instructor.

POLS 500. Intro to Policy & Governance. 4 hours.
Introduces the intellectual traditions and debates that have characterized the study of public policy and the social order. Society-centered and state-centered explanations for policy will be explored. Course Information: Same as PPA 500. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the department required for nondegree graduate students.

POLS 501. Data Analysis II. 4 hours.
Interpretation and application of multivariate methods of analysis in the social sciences. Regression specification and diagnostics, limited dependent variable models, measurement issues. Course Information: Same as PPA 501. Prerequisite(s): POLS 401 or PPA 401.

POLS 502. Time Series Analysis. 4 hours.
Single series (ARIMA) models, event history analysis, Vector autoregression (VAR), panel and pooled models. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): POLS 402 or consent of the instructor.

POLS 504. Sem in Political Theory. 4 hours.
A graduate introduction to Enlightenment and post-Enlightenment theories of politics and society in the North Atlantic world. Course Information: Same as PHIL 504. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the department required for nondegree graduate students.
POL 505. Research Design & Methods. 4 hours.
Overview of the methods and conduct of research in political science. Issues of inference, measurements, data collection, hypothesis testing and ethics.

POL 506. Political Science Profession. 2 hours.
Introduces graduate students to the range of teaching, research and service possibilities in the political science profession. Course Information: Students are encouraged to take this course during their first year of graduate study.

POL 507. Qualitative Research Methods. 4 hours.
Explores techniques, uses, strengths, and limitations of qualitative research methods including case studies, fuzzy sets, boolean analysis, analytical narratives, and various other methods.

POL 510. Teaching Political Science. 4 hours.
Teaching methods and technology applicable to community colleges, four-year, and universities are explored. Course Information: Complements the Preparing Future Faculty Program. The format will include guest speakers from area community and four-year colleges.

POL 541. Policy Form,Implement&Eval. 4 hours.
Introduction to political science theories of how elections, interest groups and state structure affect the formulation of public solutions to societal problems. Course Information: Same as PPA 541. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the department required for nondegree graduate students.

POL 542. Distributive Public Policy. 4 hours.
Seminar on the politics of enacting and maintaining distributive policies. Focus is on the parochial and community-wide efficiency of such policies.

POL 544. Regulatory Public Policies. 4 hours.
Exploring the nature and determinants of public policymaking with respect to the regulation of the economy.

POL 549. Topics in Public Pol Analysis. 4 hours.
A research seminar on some aspects of public policy analysis not otherwise covered in the regular curriculum.

POL 551. Seminar in Urban Politics. 4 hours.
Explores relationships between private economy and public policies in American cities; causes of urban decline and uneven development; and urban redevelopment and human capital policies. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): POLS 500; and consent of the instructor.

POL 553. Urban Public Policy. 4 hours.
Explores the problems of poverty, race, education, transportation policy, and housing in America's cities, with a special emphasis on Chicago.

POL 557. Topics: Urban Politics. 4 hours.
Readings and original research on selected topics in urban politics. Course Information: May be repeated.

POL 558. Field Experience Political Sci. 1-8 hours.
Graduate student intern experience. Placement with government agencies, community organizations, or civic organizations, in conjunction with a seminar class and directed readings. Course Information: May be repeated up to 8 time(s). Students may register in more than one section per term. Field work required. Prerequisite(s): POLS 402 and POLS 500.

POL 559. Topics: State & Local Govt. 4 hours.
Case analysis and research in selected problems dealing with structure, functions and administrative processes of American state and local governments. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): POLS 500 and POLS 541.
POLS 582. Philosophy of Social Sciences. 4 hours.
The ontological and epistemological foundations of alternative approaches to the study of human beings. Naturalistic, hermeneutic, and critical approaches are addressed and assessed.

POLS 589. Topics in Political Theory. 4 hours.
Detailed analysis of a political theorist or type of political theory, especially designed to meet programmatic and graduate needs. Course Information: May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

POLS 590. Advanced Public Policy Workshop. 4 hours.
Interdisciplinary workshop on preparing a dissertation proposal for public policy analysis students. Course Information: Same as PPA 590. Prerequisite(s): Advanced standing in the Ph.D. in P.P.A. program and completion of P.P.A. core courses.

POLS 591. Publishing in Political Sci. 4 hours.
Interdisciplinary workshop on preparing manuscripts for submission to publishers. Course Information: May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): Completion of the first year of the MA or PhD in Political Science; and consent of the instructor.

POLS 593. Independent Research for MA. 2 hours.
Under the supervision of two faculty members, students will complete a major research paper that combines a review of relevant literature of a political science topic with analysis of original data or research materials. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. Prerequisite(s): POLS 401 and POLS 505 and POLS 506; and POLS 541 or POLS 504 or POLS 551 or POLS 570 or POLS 571. Open only to Master's degree students and; approval of the department.

POLS 596. Adv Readings in Political Sci. 1-4 hours.
Intensive readings on an advanced topic not covered in the regular curriculum. Course Information: May be repeated with approval. Students may register in more than one section per term. Approval to repeat course granted by the graduate director. Prerequisite(s): POLS 401 and POLS 404 and consent of the instructor.

POLS 598. Thesis Research. 0-16 hours.
Individual study required of all students pursuing advanced degree in political science under thesis option. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor. Open only to degree candidates.

POLS 599. Dissertation Research. 0-16 hours.
Individual study required of all students pursuing Ph.D. degree with specialization in political science. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor. Open only to degree candidates.