POLITICAL SCIENCE (POSI)

A survey of the principles of political science, of the American system of government, and of the origins and development of the constitutions of the United States and Texas. Satisfies the legislative requirements for teacher certification.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
about Principles of American Government

This course is a study of functions performed in the American system of government, both national and state, within the framework of the U.S. and Texas Constitutions.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
about Functions of American Government

POSI 3300. Basic Political Ideas.
Introduction to the fundamental ideas of the Western political tradition including conservatism, liberalism, socialism, democracy, and totalitarianism. This course (or 3301) is required of all Political Science majors and minors, and it serves as a co-requisite for other advanced courses in Political Science.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
about Basic Political Ideas

POSI 2311. Basic Political Institutions.
The study of political institutions emphasizing the fundamentals of political science research and analysis, the tools used in bibliographical research, and methods of locating and presenting data for comparing political institutions. This course is required of all public administration majors and is a co-requisite for other advanced political science courses.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
about Basic Political Institutions

POSI 3305. The American Founding.
An examination of the origins, nature, and foundations of the American Constitutional system with special emphasis on the Federalist/Anti-federalist debates and the writing of the constitution.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
about The American Founding

POSI 3306. Religion and American Public Life.
An examination of the ways in which religious beliefs and groups have influenced the course of American democratic experience; and the ongoing debates in constitutional law and democratic theory regarding the proper role of religion in American public life. (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Religion and American Public Life

POSI 3307. Parties and Party Politics.
The American political system, including its history and organization, suffrage, nominations and elections, campaigns, and the related areas of public opinion and pressure group activities. (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Parties and Party Politics

POSI 3308. Congress and the Legislative Process.
The dynamics of lawmaking and legislative politics in the United States. The structure, party organization, rules of procedure, and actual operation of the Congress and of selected state legislatures (including Texas) are analyzed, compared, and evaluated. (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Congress and the Legislative Process

POSI 3309. The American Presidency.
A comprehensive examination of both the presidency and the men who have held it. (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about The American Presidency

A case study approach to an analysis of fundamental principles of governmental structure with an emphasis on the office and powers of the President and inter-governmental relationships in the main body (Articles I through VII) of the U.S. Constitution.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
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about Constitutional Law: Basic Structures and Principles

An examination of that area of Constitutional interpretation commonly known as Civil Liberties or the relations between the individual and the government. (May be used to satisfy Group II requirements).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Constitutional Law: Individual Liberties
POSI 3314. State and Local Government.
A study of the organization, functions, and powers of state, county, and municipal government in the United States with particular reference to patterns of such governments in Texas. (May be substituted for POSI 2310) (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about State and Local Government

POSI 3315. Introduction to Public Administration.
The organization and management of the machinery for executing public policies, with particular emphasis upon the Federal bureaucracy. (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about State and Local Government

POSI 3316. Introduction to Public Administration.
This “core seminar” identifies critical interdisciplinary questions that will be examined in all courses in the International Studies Program. Required of all majors and minors in International Studies. (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Introduction to International Studies

POSI 3317. Comparative Public Administration.
A survey of public personnel systems in the United States with major concentrations on the national civil service system. Special emphasis is given to current research in the areas of leadership, informal organization, motivation, and small group theory. (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Public Personnel Administration

POSI 3318. Public Personnel Administration.
A study of the masters of classical and medieval political theory from Plato to Machiavelli. (MC) (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Metropolitan Politics

POSI 3319. Metropolitan Politics.
An examination of the political institutions and processes of urban and suburban America, including such topics as urban sprawl, reform movements, ethnic politics, and city-county consolidation. (MC) (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Metropolitan Politics

POSI 3320. Comparative Public Administration.
Focuses on planning, organization, and implementation of budgeting including fund accounting, auditing, and debt management in the public sector. Prerequisites: MATH 1315 or higher with a grade of C or better, POSI 3301 and POSI 3316 with a grade of C or better. (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Economic Development in Latin America

POSI 3321. American Political Thought.
The development of American political ideas from the colonial period to the present. (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about American Political Thought

POSI 3322. Ancient and Medieval Political Thought (Greeks to 1600).
A study of the masters of classical and medieval political theory from Plato to Machiavelli. (MC) (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Ancient and Medieval Political Thought (Greeks to 1600)

POSI 3323. Modern Political Theory (1600-1900).
The development of modern political ideas; the meaning and relationships of the significant ideologies of our time; democracy, capitalism, the welfare state, socialism, fascism, and totalitarian communism. (MC) (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Modern Political Theory (1600-1900)

POSI 3324. Contemporary Political Theory.
A study of selected theories, ideologies, and movements in 20th century political theory. (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Contemporary Political Theory
POSI 3335. Comparative Politics.
This course is a comparative study between two or more political systems, their institutions, and processes, including the origin, development, geographical units, forms, sources of authority, powers, purposes, functions, and operations of government.
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about Comparative Politics

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 3336. Civil-Military Relations in Comparative Perspective.
This course is intended to serve as an intensive exploration of the important subject of civil-military relations. Students will critically examine the primary positive and normative theories of civil-military relations. They will then investigate the state of civil-military relations in the United States and around the globe.
about Civil-Military Relations in Comparative Perspective
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

This course is a comparative analysis of the political and economic significance of Southeast Asia and will include an empirical and conceptual examination of the political dynamics of the region.
about Politics of Modern Southeast Asia
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 3340. Urban Policy and Administration.
The purpose of this course is to provide a critical introduction to the key aspects of urban administration and policy. Students will build an understanding of how urban administration practices and policies influence the form and function of American cities.
about Urban Policy and Administration
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 3377. Analytical Techniques.
Examines basic scientific methods, including problem definition, hypothesis testing, explanation and prediction, and theory construction. Statistical analysis is applied to problems in political science.
Prerequisites: MATH 1315 or higher with a grade of "C" or better, POSI 3301 and POSI 3316 with a grade of C or better.
about Analytical Techniques
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 4301. Politics in Film.
This course will expose the students to films which explicitly address political issues such as racism in the United States, the conflict between public duty and private conscience, and politics and media manipulation, and the role of perception in all the actions people take. (WI).
about Politics in Film
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 4302. Legal Theories and Research.
This course examines the American Legal System at both the state and federal levels involving civil and criminal procedure. Emphasis is on the process of these systems and the framework within which disputes are resolved. Students will become familiar with legal research methods to better understand the composition of legal options.
about Legal Theories and Research
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 4303. Civil Law in American Society.
This course considers the structure and functions of government together with the law regulating private social relations, i.e., contract law, property law, tort law, and the causal relations between legal policies and societal goals and regulations.
about Civil Law in American Society
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 4304. Issues in Law and Public Policy.
This course examines contemporary legal issues by focusing on their relationship to public policy. Selected topics will vary, i.e., AIDS, abortion, affirmative action/reverse discrimination, capital punishment, environmental protection, euthanasia, and surrogate motherhood.
In connection with these controversial issues we will address: (1) alternative views; (2) social consequences; and (3) political responses to legal issues resulting from alternative positions.
about Issues in Law and Public Policy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 4311. The Supreme Court and the Judicial Process.
An intensive examination of the judiciary, focusing upon the politics of judicial selection and the decision-making process of the judiciary as well as the position of the judiciary in the entire political process. (WI).
about The Supreme Court and the Judicial Process
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 4313. Islamic Law and Politics.
This course is a study of the law, origins, development, divisions, and politics of Islam. Special emphasis will be given to law, political thought, history, and the culture of the Middle East. Topics covered include Muslim law and political institutions; the Arab and Persian roles in Islam; the Islamic Community as a political system; major points of the Islamic faith and their political significance and the political and historical significance of Muslim mysticism. (This course may be used to satisfy Group I requirements.) (MC) (WI).
about Islamic Law and Politics
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Texas State University
POSI 4314. Revolution and Nationalism.
This course examines the phenomena of modern revolution and nationalism focusing on different countries in various geographical areas such as the Middle East, Latin America, and others. This course is repeatable for credit twice with different emphasis. (MC) (WI). about Revolution and Nationalism
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Revolution and Nationalism

POSI 4315. The Arab-Israeli Conflict.
Origins and development of the Arab-Israeli conflict: Jewish and Palestinian nationalism; regional, international and religious dimensions; and the changing social and political character of Israel and the Palestinian community. (WI), about The Arab-Israeli Conflict
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about The Arab-Israeli Conflict

POSI 4320. Issues and Interest Groups: Power and Pressure in America.
An examination of selected issues at the state and national level and the interest groups which attempt to influence governmental decisions about them. The goal of the course is to promote a better understanding of the process of government and an informed opinion on the question, “Is there a Public Interest?” Prerequisite: POSI 2310. (WI), about Issues and Interest Groups: Power and Pressure in America
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Issues and Interest Groups: Power and Pressure in America

POSI 4322. Public Policy Formulation.
Intensive analysis of theories and processes of both policy formation and policy enforcement in the American administrative system, emphasizing the regulatory function. Prerequisite: POSI 2310 and POSI 3301. (WI), about Public Policy Formulation
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Public Policy Formulation

POSI 4326. Issues in World Politics.
This course is designed to acquaint the student with major issues in world politics and major concepts in international relations and comparative politics. (MC) (WI), about Issues in World Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Issues in World Politics

POSI 4327. Theories of International Politics.
This course focuses on theories and concepts in the study of international relations. Major theoretical works and illustrative case studies will be critically examined. (MC) (WI), about Theories of International Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Theories of International Politics

POSI 4328. The Holocaust.
An undergraduate seminar on The Holocaust. Among the topics covered are: efforts to understand The Holocaust; the evolution of anti-Semitism in Germany; ordinary Germans and ordinary Poles and The Holocaust; and representing The Holocaust in fiction, film, and poetry. (may by used to satisfy group IV requirement.) (WI) (MC/MP), about The Holocaust
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about The Holocaust

POSI 4330. Women in Politics.
A study of the role of women in political life. The course will examine women’s influence on politics as well as how various public policies affect women. Topics may include feminism, electoral politics, political representation, and the internal politics of women’s groups. (WI), about Women in Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Women in Politics

POSI 4331. Minority Politics.
This course examines and analyzes the political participation of American minorities (Blacks, Hispanics, women, and other minorities) in the American political system and the impact of various public policies on minority groups. The course will emphasize the following topics: electoral participation; public policy participation, representation and implementation; protest politics; and political behavior. Some reference will be to Texas and the Southwest. May be repeated once with different emphasis. (MC) (WI), about Minority Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Multicultural Content|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Minority Politics

POSI 4335. Politics and Personality.
An introduction to the relationship between political behavior and human motivation. Topics include psychological perspectives and political theory; personality and political orientation; the political personality, and the politically relevant insights into these areas offered by fiction. (WI), about Politics and Personality
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Politics and Personality
POSI 4336. Campaigns and Elections.
An examination of the dynamics of American political campaigns and elections, including an analysis of federal and state elections as well as voting behavior and party and interest group influence. (WI).
about Campaigns and Elections
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Campaigns and Elections

POSI 4337A. Texas Politics.
This course focuses on the history, culture, institutions, issues, and policies of the Texas political systems. (WI).
about Texas Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Topics|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Texas Politics

POSI 4337B. The Politics of the American Working Class.
This course engages students in an intensely focused examination of the social, cultural, and political reasons why Americans vote at a lower rate than do citizens of most other Industrial Democracies. We will examine policy consequences of this phenomenon and consider whether or not policy change is warranted. (WI).
about The Politics of the American Working Class
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Topics|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about The Politics of the American Working Class

POSI 4337C. Media and Public Opinion.
This class will cover how the media influences public opinion and voting behavior. Specific topics include media functions in campaigns and elections, media bias, new media, and media effects on political attitudes and behaviors. This course uses lectures, discussions, with active participation, and group projects. (WI).
about Media and Public Opinion
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Topics|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Media and Public Opinion

POSI 4337D. The Politics of Dystopia.
This course explores the idea of political utopia and the many ways in which it might be twisted into a darker, less-than-perfect society. Content will focus in particular on the relationship between fictional dystopias in novels and films, and political reality in 21st-century America. (WI).
about The Politics of Dystopia
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Topics|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about The Politics of Dystopia

A comparative analysis of political systems in Latin America, examining the impact of sociocultural and economic factors on political attitudes and behaviors. Special emphasis on Mexico, Cuba, and Brazil. (MC) (WI).
about Government and Politics of Latin America
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Government and Politics of Latin America

POSI 4340. Government and Politics of Europe.
An in-depth analysis of the political systems of the states of Europe and the emerging European Union, with special emphasis on Great Britain, France, Italy, and Germany. (MC) (WI).
about Government and Politics of Europe
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Government and Politics of Europe

POSI 4341. Government and Politics of Russia.
A comprehensive study of the domestic and foreign policy of the former Soviet Union, examined both historically and analytically. (MC) (WI).
about Government and Politics of Russia
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Government and Politics of Russia

POSI 4345. American Foreign Policy.
This course focuses on “how foreign policy is made” or the decision-making process. The major institutions involved in the decision-making process as well as the ideological setting in which they function are examined. Among the topics studied are the foreign policy roles of Congress, Interest Groups, the State Department and the Secretary of State, the Military Establishment, the Intelligence Community, the Presidency, and Public Opinion. Specific “cases” or major foreign policy decisions will be examined illustrate the various roles of these institutions in the decision-making process.
about American Foreign Policy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about American Foreign Policy

POSI 4349A. Spanish Democracy in Comparative Context.
An examination of the Politics of Democratic Consolidation in Southern Europe using Spanish Political Institutions and Behavior as a case study. (WI).
about Spanish Democracy in Comparative Context
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Topics|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Spanish Democracy in Comparative Context
This course studies the history and politics of property rights in Australia and the United States. It will be taught simultaneously with a course offered at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia. Students in both universities will read the same material and engage in discussion with Australian faculty and students via the Internet. (WI).
about Liberty and Property: A Comparison of Australia and the United States
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Topics|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Liberty and Property: A Comparison of Australia and the United States

POSI 4349D. Organization of American States.
This course is an introduction to major issues of the OAS including its functions and limitations and the evolving relations among member-states. Students are responsible for travel costs and expenses incurred to attend mandatory parliamentary procedure workshops and model OAS competitions. (May be used to satisfy Group V requirements). (WI).
about Organization of American States
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Topics|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Organization of American States

POSI 4349E. Politics of Mexico.
This course will introduce students to modern Mexican politics. We will explore the historical, economic, and social factors that have influenced the politics of Mexico, beginning with the revolution and continuing to the present. We will assess the strength of Mexico's political institutions, its party system, and its ability to maintain democracy. (WI).
about Politics of Mexico
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Topics|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Politics of Mexico

POSI 4349F. Politics of Democratization in Developing Countries.
A critical examination of the third wave of democratization in the developing world and the multiple challenges faced these neodemocracies. (WI).
about Politics of Democratization in Developing Countries
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Topics
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Politics of Democratization in Developing Countries

POSI 4351. African Politics.
A comprehensive examination of contemporary political events in Africa with special attention to Angola, South Africa, and Nigeria.
about African Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about African Politics

POSI 4354. The Politics of Extremism.
This course is an undergraduate seminar on international terrorism and extremist politics in America. (MC) (WI).
about The Politics of Extremism
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about The Politics of Extremism

POSI 4356. International Law.
Examines the nature, sources, and development of international law as both a legal and political process. The law of treaties, acquisition of personality, territorial jurisdiction, the law of the sea, land and air, diplomatic immunities, nationality, state responsibility, human rights, and the law of war will be emphasized. Students will research contemporary international problems and participate in a Moot International Court of Justice (ICJ) proceeding. (May be used to satisfy Group III requirements.) (MC) (WI).
about International Law
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about International Law

POSI 4357. International Organization.
This course will examine the historical roots of international organizations, the development of the League of Nations, and the evolution of the United Nations System. The nature, process, and function of contemporary international organization will be analyzed. The role of non-governmental organizations, transnational organizations, and multi-national corporations will be assessed. The course will include a mix of lecture, discussion, and model sessions. (MC) (WI).
about International Organization
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about International Organization

POSI 4358. United States-Latin American Relations.
Examines policies, problems, and attitudes, together with detailed analysis of U.S. relations with selected countries. (MC) (WI).
about United States-Latin American Relations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about United States-Latin American Relations
POSI 4359. Politics of International Economic Relations. This course examines the institutional structure of interstate economic relations, trade and monetary regimes, foreign investment, foreign aid, and development policies of governments. Prerequisite: POSI 3322. (MC) (WI).

POSI 4361. Administrative Law. Course stresses the legal principles and practical doctrines involved in the work of administrative tribunals vested with quasi-legislative or quasi-judicial powers or both. Primary focus on development, practice, and procedures of federal administrative agencies. (WI).

POSI 4362. Government and American Business. An overview of the relationship of American business to public policy as a whole. Focus is on several factors affecting the relationship between the public and private sectors including political ideology and culture, pluralism, political party development, political business cycles, monetary policy, and the domestic economy and political accountability. May be repeated once with different emphasis.

POSI 4367. International Conflict and Security. Examines historical and spatial patterns of conflict (including war, terrorism, and economic coercion) from Realist, Idealist, and Marxist schools of thought. The course will also examine strategies for conflict prevention and resolution such as deterrence, arms control, collective security, and “building democracy.” (MC).

POSI 4379. Independent Study. Independent reading and/or research on various problem areas of political science. Instructor will approve specific problem area, bibliography, and study paper outline. May be repeated once with different subject matter and instructor. No more than six semester hours credit in meeting degree requirements. (WI).

POSI 4380. Internship in Government. The student will participate in the ongoing work of a selected governmental unit. A research paper dealing with the internship experience written under the direction of a faculty member will be required. This course may be repeated one time for additional internship credit.

POSI 4381. Internship in Public Administration. Students in the Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) degree program will participate in the ongoing work of a public or non-profit agency. A research paper dealing with the internship experience written under the direction of a faculty member will be required. May be repeated once.

POSI 4397. Research in Public Administration. This course is designed to assure familiarity with the basic concepts and approaches used in the study of public administration. Students will learn to identify, locate, and employ resources to assist in understanding public administration at all governmental levels. Course may be taken as a substitute for POSI 4381.

POSI 4398. Practicum in Political Science: Concepts, Resources, and Applications in the Study of Politics. This course is designed to assure familiarity with the basic concepts and approaches used in the study of politics. Students will learn to identify, locate, and employ resources to assist in understanding politics at local, state, national, and international levels. Model Congress or U.N., visits to local government offices and councils, moot court, critiques of political propaganda films, and simulations in international relations are some of the applied methods of studying politics that students will learn. This course is required of all B.A. students seeking a teaching certificate in Political Science; it may be taken as a substitute for POSI 4399 for Political Science non teacher certification majors. (WI).

POSI 4399. Practicum in Political Science: Concepts, Resources, and Applications in the Study of Politics. This course is designed to assure familiarity with the basic concepts and approaches used in the study of politics. Students will learn to identify, locate, and employ resources to assist in understanding politics at local, state, national, and international levels. Model Congress or U.N., visits to local government offices and councils, moot court, critiques of political propaganda films, and simulations in international relations are some of the applied methods of studying politics that students will learn. This course is required of all B.A. students seeking a teaching certificate in Political Science; it may be taken as a substitute for POSI 4399 for Political Science non teacher certification majors. (WI).

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours. Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POSI 4380. Internship in Government. The student will participate in the ongoing work of a selected governmental unit. A research paper dealing with the internship experience written under the direction of a faculty member will be required. This course may be repeated one time for additional internship credit.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours. Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing Grade Mode: Standard Letter about Internship in Government

POSI 4381. Internship in Public Administration. Students in the Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) degree program will participate in the ongoing work of a public or non-profit agency. A research paper dealing with the internship experience written under the direction of a faculty member will be required. May be repeated once.

3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 20 Lab Contact Hours. Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POSI 4397. Research in Public Administration. This course is designed to assure familiarity with the basic concepts and approaches used in the study of public administration. Students will learn to identify, locate, and employ resources to assist in understanding public administration at all governmental levels. Course may be taken as a substitute for POSI 4381.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours. Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POSI 4398. Practicum in Political Science: Concepts, Resources, and Applications in the Study of Politics. This course is designed to assure familiarity with the basic concepts and approaches used in the study of politics. Students will learn to identify, locate, and employ resources to assist in understanding politics at local, state, national, and international levels. Model Congress or U.N., visits to local government offices and councils, moot court, critiques of political propaganda films, and simulations in international relations are some of the applied methods of studying politics that students will learn. This course is required of all B.A. students seeking a teaching certificate in Political Science; it may be taken as a substitute for POSI 4399 for Political Science non teacher certification majors. (WI).

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours. Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POSI 4399. Practicum in Political Science: Concepts, Resources, and Applications in the Study of Politics. This course is designed to assure familiarity with the basic concepts and approaches used in the study of politics. Students will learn to identify, locate, and employ resources to assist in understanding politics at local, state, national, and international levels. Model Congress or U.N., visits to local government offices and councils, moot court, critiques of political propaganda films, and simulations in international relations are some of the applied methods of studying politics that students will learn. This course is required of all B.A. students seeking a teaching certificate in Political Science; it may be taken as a substitute for POSI 4399 for Political Science non teacher certification majors. (WI).

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours. Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive Grade Mode: Standard Letter
POSI 4399. Senior Seminar in Political Science.
Seminar devoted to intensive reading, research, writing, and discussion focusing on different sub-fields in the discipline taught by appropriate faculty. Students in consultation with faculty in their area of interest should select a particular sub-field seminar in accordance with their needs and professional objectives. Required of all majors and must be taken in the student’s junior or senior year. Other interested students may take the course with the consent of the chair and instructor. May be repeated with different instructor and approval of chair. Prerequisites for the Senior Seminar are all of the core courses in Political Science or approval of the Department Chair. (WI).  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Writing Intensive  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Senior Seminar in Political Science

POSI 4680. Internship in Government.
The student will participate full time (40 hours per week) in the ongoing work of selected governmental units. A research paper dealing with the internship experience written under direction of a faculty member will be required.  
6 Credit Hours. 6 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Internship in Government

POSI 5100. Practicum in Teaching Political Science.
An introduction to key concepts and practices in the teaching of college introductory Political Science courses. Provides regular in-service training and planned periodic evaluations of instructional responsibilities. Required for first-year teaching and instructional assistants in the Political Science Department. This course does not earn graduate degree credit. Repeatable with different emphasis. Graded on a credit (CR), no-credit (F) basis.  
about Practicum in Teaching Political Science  
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Graduate Assistantship|Exclude from Graduate GPA  
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships  
about Practicum in Teaching Political Science

POSI 5199B. Thesis.
This course represents a student’s continuing thesis enrollment. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis.  
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit  
about Thesis

POSI 5299B. Thesis.
This course represents a student’s continuing thesis enrollment. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis.  
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit  
about Thesis

POSI 5300. Topics in Ancient and Medieval Political Thought.
Selected topics in Greek and Roman political theory, patristic understanding of politics, and the political theory of the Middle and High Middle Ages. Includes study of the writings and thought of Thucydides, Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, Seneca, Augustine, Gelasius, Al-Farabi, Avicenna, Averroes, Maimonides, John of Salisbury, Aquinas, Marsilius of Padua, William of Occam, and others.  
about Topics in Ancient and Medieval Political Thought  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Topics in Ancient and Medieval Political Thought

POSI 5301. Problems in American Foreign Relations.
Seminar based on selected topics in American foreign policy and United States involvement in international relations. May be repeated once with different emphasis and professor for additional credit.  
about Problems in American Foreign Relations  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Problems in American Foreign Relations

POSI 5303. Political Research and Methodology.
Topical seminar for the exploration of problems in the scope and methods of political science and public administration. The course emphasizes quantitative methods.  
about Political Research and Methodology  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Political Research and Methodology

POSI 5306. Foundation Studies in Political Science.
Students develop knowledge and skills required for success in graduate-level coursework in Political Science. Course content varies depending on academic preparation. This course does not earn graduate degree credit. Repeatable up to 12 hours with different emphasis. Prerequisite: Approval of graduate program director.  
about Foundation Studies in Political Science  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from Graduate GPA|Leveling  
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships  
about Foundation Studies in Political Science

POSI 5311. Public Finance Administration.
Study of the formation, management, and administration of fiscal policy at the levels of government in the United States, particularly budgeting as the ultimate expression of public policy.  
about Public Finance Administration  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Public Finance Administration

POSI 5312. Public Sector Economics.
Advanced study of allocation, tax, and tax incidence theories; distribution policy, fiscal federalism; public debt and debt management. Evaluation of stabilization policy and its impact on unemployment, inflation, and economic growth.  
about Public Sector Economics  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Public Sector Economics
POSI 5314. Organization Theory.
Analysis of the theoretical perspectives of organizations, with particular reference to public organizations and public administration.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POS 5315. Problems in Public Personnel Administration.
Analyzes and evaluations of major personnel management problems in government; employee-management relations; interagency and inter-governmental relationships. Impact of automation. Evaluation of personnel systems.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POSI 5316. Labor Management Relations.
An examination of the historical development of public employee unions and the reaction of public employers and the effect of collective bargaining agreements on personnel policy development. The legal position of public laws concerning collective bargaining arguments as well as analysis of organizing procedures and strategy on the part of public managers will be covered.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Examines recent developments in Public Personnel Administration. Special attention will be paid to the use of the Personnel Office as a center for job assignment, employee development, organizational development, and affirmative action. In addition, students will become familiar with specific personnel practices including the development of pay plans, job classifications, and employee manuals.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POSI 5318. Public Management and Ethics.
Analysis of public management principles and functions in the context of ethics and accountability, including bureaucratic discretion, constitutional values, and professionalism.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POSI 5319. Seminar in Constitutional Law and Theory.
In-depth analysis of selected issues in constitutional theory including the theory of judicial review, and constitutional interpretation. Examines the debate on constitutional interpretation in light of cases dealing with the First Amendment Freedom of Speech, Press, and Religion, and with substantive due process and the equal protection clause.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POSI 5320. Introduction to Public Policy & Administration.
An introduction to the policy and administration institutional environment with special emphasis on intergovernmental relations in the federal system.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POSI 5321. Introduction to Public Policy & Administration.
An introduction to the policy and administration institutional environment with special emphasis on intergovernmental relations in the federal system.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POSI 5322. Texas Politics and Administration.
The course examines both the theory and practice of Texas politics and administration. The focus is on how policy is formulated and implemented by the governor, the legislature, and the state bureaucracy. It also examines how that policy is influenced by external factors such as political and interest groups.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

An examination of major issues, theoretical, involved in the crisis areas of declining energy resources, arable land, water, and food, amidst increasing population and pollution of the environment.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POSI 5324. Problems in Quantitative Analysis.
Topics in political science and public administration methodology with special emphasis on quantitative techniques.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
POSIS 5335. Problems in Research Methodology.  
A course that emphasizes qualitative and conceptual aspects of research. Topics include: social science research paradigms, defining the research question, linking theory to methods, field research the focus group technique, literature review and research prospectus development. Prerequisite: POSI 5334 Problems in Quantitative Analysis.  
about Problems in Research Methodology  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Problems in Research Methodology

This course examines the provision of public services that occur outside the public sector. Privatization (the reliance on market mechanisms) and third sector (nonprofit) service provision are explored. Management and policy issues associated with each are highlighted.  
about Alternative Public Delivery Systems: Privatization and the Third Sector  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours. 
Course Attribute(s): Topics  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Alternative Public Delivery Systems: Privatization and the Third Sector

POSIS 5336B. Ensuring Public Sector Performance and Deterring/Detecting Fraud.  
This course examines the issues surrounding governmental performance. Management and policy issues such as performance measurement, evaluation, and citizen participation will be explored. In addition, serious problems associated with performance, such as fraud deterrence and detection, are examined.  
about Ensuring Public Sector Performance and Deterring/Detecting Fraud  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours. 
Course Attribute(s): Topics  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Ensuring Public Sector Performance and Deterring/Detecting Fraud

POSIS 5336C. The Legal Basis of Public Administration.  
This course examines the legal environment of public management in the United States, a subject matter central to public administration. The course will emphasize how the Constitution affects the administrative state and how the federal judiciary shapes the public administrative process in its own image.  
about The Legal Basis of Public Administration  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Topics  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about The Legal Basis of Public Administration

This course is an examination of the social contract, consent, and popular sovereignty in early modern thought. Attention will be given to the work of Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Jean Jacques Rousseau, and Immanuel Kant (as well as others) and to their critics both then and now.  
about Social Contract Theory  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Social Contract Theory

POSIS 5338. The Problem of Power and the Crisis of Modernity.  
This course is an examination of the crisis of modernity and its implications for humanity’s future.  
about The Problem of Power and the Crisis of Modernity  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about The Problem of Power and the Crisis of Modernity

POSIS 5339. Contemporary Perspectives in Modern Liberalism.  
This course is a brief review of history/development of modern liberalism and the ensuing response and contemporary alternatives.  
about Contemporary Perspectives in Modern Liberalism  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Contemporary Perspectives in Modern Liberalism

POSIS 5340. Problems in American Public Policy.  
Problems arising in the area of political decision-making, executive-legislative relationships, functions of government, and regulatory activities of the government. May be repeated once with different emphasis and professor for additional credit.  
about Problems in American Public Policy  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Problems in American Public Policy

Critical examination of the policy process with emphasis on analytical applications in the administrative and management environment.  
about Seminar in the Policy Process  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Seminar in the Policy Process

POSIS 5343. Seminar in Program Evaluation.  
An advanced course in the application of quantitative methods to the evaluation of public policies and programs with emphasis on the administrative and management environment. Prerequisite: Grade of “B” or better in a statistics course.  
about Seminar in Program Evaluation  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Seminar in Program Evaluation

POSIS 5344. American Political Culture and Discourse.  
This class identifies the way political discourse and social and political cultures connect within Americans’ minds. Diverse theoretical perspectives will be used to explore the phenomena involved in social and political issues regarding values, meanings, norms, and prejudices and methods of improving political discourse within American political culture.  
about American Political Culture and Discourse  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 3 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about American Political Culture and Discourse
A study of the theoretical assumptions, conceptual foundations, and design of government information systems.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

A study of the technological foundations and implications of computer-based government information systems in government.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Advanced theory and application of computer-based financial information systems in government; system analysis and design; hardware configurations and software attributes.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POSI 5350. Problems in American Politics.
Problems arising with respect to parties, legislation, the presidency, and political behavior. May be repeated five times with different emphasis and instructor for additional credit.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POSI 5351. Seminar in American Political Institutions.
An overview of American political institutions including the presidency, Congress, judiciary, and bureaucracy which examines the history, structure, and relationship of these institutions of one another and to American politics in general.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POSI 5352. Theological Perspectives in Modern Democracy.
This course explores the influence of religion on the rise of modern democracy and the efforts of various religious thinkers to explore the nature and foundations of democratic government.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

This course is an examination of the nature and intellectual foundations of the liberal tradition and the implications of the crisis besetting contemporary theory for the future of democratic government.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

This course will examine the concepts of justice and liberty in American thought from the seventeenth century to the present. Attention will be given both to the nature of liberty and justice and to their practical requirement as understood by various American thinkers, including statesmen, reformers, social scientists, and philosophers.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POSI 5355. Introduction to the Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector.
This course provides a foundation for understanding the history, scope, and function of the American nonprofit and voluntary sector. It includes an examination of the conceptual and theoretical underpinnings of the sector, an assessment of the role of these organizations in society, and their impact on public policy.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POSI 5358. Contract Law.
This course involves a study of the common law and statutory law of contracts (e.g., Statute of Frauds; Uniform Commercial Code; Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act; Uniform Electronic Transactions Act), various types of contracts (e.g., real estate contracts; employment contracts; contracts for services; construction contracts; e-contracts), and contract drafting.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POSI 5359. Approaches to the Study of Political Science.
This course will provide an intensive introduction to the advanced study of political science. It will focus on the key concepts, variables, and approaches used to describe, explain, and predict political phenomena. Discussion of key normative theories and the variety of methodologies used in political science is included.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POSI 5360. Problems in International Politics.
A course dealing with selected topics in the field of international politics. May be repeated once with different emphasis and professor for additional credit.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
This course is a graduate-level exploration of the field of security studies. Security studies focuses on what Clausewitz famously called “politics by other means”: war. This course will center on three enduring topics: the causes of war, the use of force, and the future of warfare.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about International Conflict and Security
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 5364. Problems in International Organization.
This course is an analysis of the structure, functions, and role of the international organizations in the international system. It assesses the reasons for the emergence of international organization as a means on international interaction, evaluates the historical evolution of this phenomenon from the Ancient Greeks through the Middle Ages to the Concert of Europe, as well as its modern manifestations in the League of Nations and United Nations. The course addresses the role of international regions, regional organizations, functional agencies, and bilateral organizations. The procedures and processes of international argument and policy-making are studied through participation in a Model Security Council.
about Problems in International Organization
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content

POSI 5365. Problems in International Law.
This course examines the nature, functions, scope, and practice of international law. It addresses several major areas of the law including legal sources, diplomatic practice, territorial jurisdiction, legal personality, the law of state responsibility, asylum law, human rights, and the law of war. The major legal principles and theories, as well as the political context in which they operate are studied. The course is heavily research oriented and includes moot court arbitration.
about Problems in International Law
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content

This course in comparative political economy examines some of the factors that account for economic development/underdevelopment in the Third World. The factors examined include political, economic and institutional variables, elucidating the multi-causal nature of socio-economic development.
about Economic Development in the Third World
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
POSI 5376. Alternative Dispute Resolution.
This course is an in-depth study of procedural and substantive legal principles of alternative dispute resolution. Emphasis will be placed on procedures and practical applications of negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and alternative adjudicative processes with integration of ethical and policy issues.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 5377. Criminal Law and Procedure.
Study of the state and federal statutory and common law relative to the criminal justice system. Course includes the study of the criminal litigation process and procedure with emphasis on theory and practical legal assistant skill development.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 5378. Social Legislation.
Study of Texas and federal laws established by statute to remedy various social problems including worker's compensation, unemployment compensation, bankruptcy, and commercial transactions. Course will include a study of statutory and case law development. May be repeated with different emphasis for additional credit.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 5379. Legal Drafting.
Study of legal drafting styles, forms and techniques, including legal document drafting, objective, informative document drafting, and persuasive-style drafting of trial and appellate briefs. Prerequisite: POSI 5387 Legal Research.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 5380. Problems in International Political Economy.
Deals with selected topics in international political economy.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 5381. Advanced Legal Research & Writing.
This course has three related components: (1) Refinement of skills in computer-assisted and manual legal research; (2) Legal analysis, legal writing, and organizing complex legal documents; (3) Techniques of persuasive argument; and (4) Applied research project, persuasive brief and oral examination of course work. Prerequisites: POSI 5379 Legal Drafting and POSI 5387 Legal Research.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 5382. Seminar in International Relations Theory.
A course dealing with selected topics in geopolitics and world political geography. May be repeated once with different emphasis and professor for additional credit.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 5383. Advanced Litigation.
Study of the use of the American legal system to resolve disputes between individuals and entities. Emphasis will be on trial advocacy planning, analysis, preparation, and strategy. Students will develop skills necessary to understand and to participate as an advocate in the trial process. Prerequisites: POSI 5387 Legal Research and POSI 5394 Litigation.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 5384. Topics in Modern Democratic Systems.
This course in comparative politics examines the development and interaction of political institutions, policy processes, political culture, public opinion, legal settings and theoretical underpinnings of modern democratic governments. Countries of focus vary with instructor, and include governments of Western, Central and Eastern Europe, Canada, Japan and Australia. May be repeated once with different emphasis and professor for additional credit.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 5385. Topics in Third World Politics.
This course in comparative politics examines the range of political systems of various regions of the Third World, including Latin America, the Middle East, Asia, and Africa. Themes include the politics of the colonial era, the nature of traditional political systems, modernization and development, political institutionalization, interest groups articulation and participation. Topics vary by region. May be repeated once with different emphasis and professor for additional credit.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 5386. Legal Theories And Analysis.
Study of statutory and case law development of basic legal theory including tort theory, contract theory, and evidence theory. Course is intended to assist the student in gaining knowledge of fundamental legal theory, reasoning, and analysis.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
POSIX 5387. Legal Research.
A study of the American and Texas legal system including the courts and legislature; primary and secondary sources of the law including finding tools; judicial reports including court, federal and state reports and citation forms, case finding including federal, state, and supreme court digests and encyclopedias; citations, such as Shepard Citations, and digests; annotated law reports; legal periodicals, including periodical indexes and research procedure; the nature, function, and characteristics of treatises; research procedures; state and federal administrative law; federal, state, and local court rules; English legal research of great Britain and Canada; research aids.

about Legal Research
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Applied Research Project

Students will work with the supervising instructor to complete an applied research project to submit for oral examination. Prerequisite: POSI 5381 with a grade of "B" or better.

about Applied Research Project
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Applied Research Project

POSIX 5389. Law Office Internship.
Includes lecture and seminar discussion of topics relating to problems, procedures, and ethics in the legal-working environment. Student is involved in voluntary on-the-job internship consisting of approximately 10-15 hours a week to gain actual experience in the legal-working environment. Course is required unless the student has prior law-related experience and has, with the permission of the program director, elected to take a practicum in lieu of the internship. Graded on a credit (CR), no credit (F) basis.

about Law Office Internship
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit
about Applied Research Project

POSIX 5390. Administrative Law.
Course deals with the origin, development, and theory of Administrative Law and the agencies and tribunals established to administer the law. Emphasis is on enforcement, quasi-legislative and quasi-judicial powers of federal administrative agencies and state tribunals.

about Administrative Law
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 3 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Administrative Law

POSIX 5391. Family Law.
Emphasis is on Texas law, dealing with pre-marital contracts, marriage relationships, annulment, abortion, adoption, juveniles, Family Code, divorce, support for children, custody, separation agreements, etc.

about Family Law
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Family Law

POSIX 5392. Business Organizations.
A study of the federal and Texas law relative to corporations with particular emphasis on the preparation of initial and amended articles of incorporation, satisfaction of state filing requirements, preparations of drafts of stock certificates and securities, the maintaining of stock ledgers and books, the preparation of draft resolutions authorizing cash and stock dividends and stock splits, the drafting of employment agreements, and other activities necessary to the maintenance, merger, and closing corporations.

about Business Organizations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Business Organizations

POSIX 5393. Estates and Trust.
Study of Texas law regarding estates and trusts with emphasis on preparation of documents relating to the administration of estates.

about Estates and Trust
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Estates and Trust

POSIX 5394. Litigation.
Study of statutory and case law relative to civil and criminal procedure in order to develop an understanding of litigation.

about Litigation
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Litigation

POSIX 5395. Real Estate.
Study of Texas laws concerning real properties, conveyances, recordation, taxation, and sales regarding real property. Student will become familiar with various records maintained dealing with real property by public officials and will develop an understanding of the procedures by which titles are searched. May be repeated with a different emphasis.

about Real Estate
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Real Estate

Problem-oriented applied research project for Master of Public Administration degree. Student will prepare a prospectus to include a statement of the problem, research design, specification of data, questions to be answered concerning problem, and a representative bibliography, and submit it to the supervising instructor prior to registration for the course. Prerequisite: A grade of "B" or better in POSI 5335.

about Applied Research Project
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Applied Research Project
POSI 5398. Directed Reading and Research.
Advanced reading and/or research on various topics in political science under the direction of a graduate faculty member. May be repeated once with different emphasis and professor for additional credit.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Directed Reading and Research

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 5399A. Thesis.
This course represents a student’s initial thesis enrollment. No thesis credit is awarded until a student has completed the thesis in Political Science 5399B. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 5399B. Thesis.
This course represents a student’s continuing thesis enrollment. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 5599B. Thesis.
This course represents a student’s continuing thesis enrollment. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

5 Credit Hours. 5 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 5999B. Thesis.
This course represents a student’s continuing thesis enrollment. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

9 Credit Hours. 9 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 7310. Resolution of Disputes Involving Aquatic Resources.
Analysis of historically significant environmental disputes affecting aquatic resources and establishing precedents for resolution of subsequent disputes. Techniques for resolving environmental disputes (e.g., litigation, arbitration, mediation, negotiation) and how science and scientists are used in each procedure. Design of systems for using dispute resolution procedures in appropriate sequence.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 7320. Research Practicum.
This class uses structured group research to analyze a current policy, management, or administrative issue of concern to communities, public-, or nonprofitsector partnering organizations. A professor led research team of graduate students will prepare a final report detailing findings and recommendations for action. Repeatable once for additional credit.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

POSI 7330. Environmental Policy, Politics, and Law.
This class examines the formulation and implementation of environmental policy and law at the state, federal, and international level. The class highlights the historical drivers of policy formulation, legislation, rulemaking, permitting, treaties and international conventions, institutional capacity, risk assessment, economic development, property rights, implementation strategies, policy mechanisms, and compliance adherence.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.