The Department of Political Science

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Political science is the study of government, the most important decision-making part of society, and of the social, economic, and other institutions and practices that influence this decision-making process. On the one hand, it is a discipline that can trace its roots to the ancient Greek political community, the polis; but it is also a modern social science, which uses techniques such as content analysis, public opinion surveys, and statistical analysis to create and evaluate generalizations about how government and people behave.

As a liberal arts discipline, the department is dedicated to developing analytical skills and promoting critical thinking. Students are encouraged to reflect not simply on their career goals, but also on what type of persons they want to become, and on their rights and duties as citizens. The department offers students the opportunity to earn up to six credit hours in an internship program in which students gain practical experience by working for various federal, state, local or non-profit community agencies.

Political science prepares students for careers in various fields, not only in government, law, and education but also in business, journalism, urban planning, and many fields on which public policies have a significant effect.

Recognition of Student Scholarship

The Annual Professor Henderson Award

The Department of Political Science annually presents the Professor Henderson Award to the graduating Political Science major with the highest overall GPA (the award may be for either a December or May graduate of the current academic year). The award has the purpose of recognizing and honoring a student of Political Science who has, as a graduate of the current academic year). The award has the purpose of recognizing and honoring a student of Political Science who has, as a student at Texas State, displayed academic excellence and character in the tradition and values cherished and exhibited by Richard B. Henderson, Distinguished Professor Emeritus.

The Howard M. “Prof” Greene Award

This award honors an academic mentor in politics to Lyndon B. Johnson and thousands of other Texas State alumni and goes to one or more graduating Political Science majors who have earned overall Texas State grade-point averages of 3.9 or above.

Interested students who believe they may be eligible for these awards should consult with the Department Chair.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

• Major in Political Science (Teacher Certification in Social Studies, Grades 7-12: History Minor and Geography Third Field) (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/political-science/political-science-ba)
• Major in Political Science (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/political-science/political-science-ba)

Bachelor of Public Administration (B.P.A.)

• Major in Public Administration (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/political-science/public-administration-bpa)

Minors

• Political Science (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/political-science/political-science-minor)
• Public Administration (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/political-science/public-administration-minor)
• Political Communication (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/political-science/political-communication-minor)

Courses in 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.

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.

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.

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POSI 3301. 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.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Basic Political Institutions

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

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.
about The American Founding

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
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.
about Religion and American Public Life

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.
about Parties and Party Politics

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
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.
about Congress and the Legislative Process

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
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.
about The American Presidency

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
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.
about Constitutional Law: Basic Structures and Principles

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
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).
about Constitutional Law: Individual Liberties

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
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).
about State and Local Government

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
POSI 3316. Introduction to Public Administration.
The organization and management of the machinery for executing public policies, with particular emphasis upon the Federal bureaucracy. (WI).
about Introduction to Public Administration

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
POSI 3318. Public Personnel Administration.
A study 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.
about Public Personnel Administration

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

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content\Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
POSI 3320. Comparative Public Administration.
A survey of the field of Public Administration that will emphasize those aspects of administration that are common to all administrative systems. (May be used to satisfy Group IV requirements.) (WI), about Comparative Public Administration
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Comparative Public Administration

POSI 3322. Introduction to International Studies.
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), about Introduction to International Studies
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Introduction to International Studies

POSI 3325. Economic Development in Latin America.
This course examines the economic history of and current obstacles to economic development in Latin America. It explores the Import Substitution Industrialization era, the debt crisis of the 1980s, free market economics, and the nature and revival of economic populism. about Economic Development in Latin America
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Economic Development in Latin America

POSI 3328. Public Finance 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), about Public Finance Administration
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Public Finance Administration

POSI 3331. American Political Thought.
The development of American political ideas from the colonial period to the present. (WI), about American Political Thought
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 3332. 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), about Ancient and Medieval Political Thought (Greeks to 1600)
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 3333. 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), about Modern Political Theory (1600-1900)
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 3334. Contemporary Political Theory.
A study of selected theories, ideologies, and movements in 20th century political theory. (WI), about Contemporary Political Theory
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. about Comparative Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Comparative Politics

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
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Civil-Military Relations in Comparative Perspective

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
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Politics of Modern Southeast Asia

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

POSI 3301. 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).

POSI 3302. 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. (MC) (WI).

POSI 3303. 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.

POSI 3304. 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 and legal issues resulting from alternative positions.

POSI 3305. 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).

POSI 3311. 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).

POSI 3312. 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).

POSI 3313. 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).

POSI 3314. 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).

POSI 3315. 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).

POSI 3320. 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).

POSI 3330. 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).

POSI 3340. 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. (MC) (WI).

POSI 3350. 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.

POSI 3360. 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 and legal issues resulting from alternative positions.
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.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
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
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
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 be 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
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
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
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
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).

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 437D. 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).

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).

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).

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).

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.

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).

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).

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).

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
POSIX 439F. 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|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Politics of Democratization in Developing Countries

A critical analysis of political development in the nations of Far East and South Asia, concentrating on China, Japan, and India. (MC) (WI).
about Government and Politics of Asia

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 Asia

POSIX 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

POSIX 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

POSIX 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

POSIX 4354. 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

This course examines the institutional structure of interstate economic relations, trade and monetary regimes, foreign investment, foreign aid, and development policies of governments. Prerequisite: POSIX 3322. (MC) (WI).
about Politics of International Economic Relations

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Politics of International Economic Relations

POSIX 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).
about Administrative Law

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

about Government and American Business

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

Examines historical and spatial patterns of conflict (including war, terrorism, and economic coercion) from Realist, Idealist, and Marxian schools of thought. The course will also examine strategies for conflict prevention and resolution such as deterrence, armscontrol, collective security, and "building democracy." (MC).

about International Conflict and Security

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

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).

about Independent Study

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

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.

about Internship in Government

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

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.

about Internship in Public Administration

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.

about Research in Public Administration

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

about Practicum in Political Science: Concepts, Resources, and Applications in the Study of Politics

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).

about Senior Seminar in Political Science

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

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.

about Internship in Government

6 Credit Hours. 6 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter