Students majoring in political science are encouraged to achieve both a broad understanding of the field and a specialized knowledge of one or more aspects of political science, including American politics, comparative politics, and politics and international relations. Graduate study is grounded in the areas of American politics, comparative politics, and international relations.

**Bachelor's Program**
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree with a Major in Political Science (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/social-sciences/political-science/political-science-ba)

**Master's Program**
- Master of Arts (MA) Degree in the field of Political Science*

**Doctoral Program**
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Degree in the field of Political Science (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/social-sciences/political-science/political-science-phd)
  - Although students are not normally admitted to a Master of Arts (MA) degree program, graduate students may earn the MA as they work towards the PhD.

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**Political Science (POLI)**

**POLI 110 - AP/OTH CREDIT IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT**
**Short Title:** AP/OTH CREDIT AMER GOVERNMENT
**Department:** Political Science
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter
**Course Type:** Transfer
**Credit Hours:** 3
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Lower-Level
**Description:** This course provides credit for students who have successfully completed approved examinations, such as Advanced Placement exams. This credit counts toward the total credit hours required for graduation.

**POLI 112 - AP/OTH CREDIT IN COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT**
**Short Title:** AP/OTH CREDIT COMPAR GOVERNMENT
**Department:** Political Science
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter
**Course Type:** Transfer
**Credit Hours:** 3
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Lower-Level
**Description:** This course provides credit for students who have successfully completed approved examinations, such as Advanced Placement exams. This credit counts toward the total credit hours required for graduation.
**POLI 209 - INTRODUCTION TO CONSTITUTIONALISM AND MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT**  
Short Title: INTRO TO CONST & POLI THOUGHT  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Description: Study of constitutionalism and authoritarianism from Machiavelli to Marx. Includes an introduction to contemporary ideologies. With POLI 210 meets state professional requirements for teachers.

**POLI 210 - AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLICS**  
Short Title: AMERICAN GOVT AND POLITICS  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Description: Major topics in American politics: public opinion, group politics, political parties, elections, congressional-presidential-bureaucratic politics, and judicial politics. Together with POLI 209 meets state professional requirements for teachers.

**POLI 211 - INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**  
Short Title: INTRO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Description: An introduction to the study of international relations. The course examines topics including the causes of war, political dimensions of the international economy, the role of international organizations, and cooperation to address contemporary global challenges.

**POLI 238 - SPECIAL TOPICS**  
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 1-4  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Description: Topics and credit hours vary each semester. Contact department for current semester's topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

**POLI 250 - SEX, MONEY, AND POWER AROUND THE WORLD**  
Short Title: SEX, MONEY, AND POWER  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Description: An interdisciplinary course exploring lives and well-being at different levels from the household to the global for women and men around the world (with particular attention to Asia). Cross-list: ASIA 251, SWGS 250.

**POLI 260 - ADVOCATING FOR IDEAS TO CHANGE THE WORLD**  
Short Title: ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Description: Advocating for change is an experiential learning course that teaches students how to engage in issue advocacy as a method of social change. Students work in teams with faculty mentors to develop and implement an advocacy plan for a particular cause or policy of interest.

**POLI 301 - STATE POLITICS**  
Short Title: STATE POLITICS  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: This course comparatively examines state governments and political institutions in the U.S. states. We will also focus on how state political institutions and organizations influence the creation, adoption, and implementation of public policy.

**POLI 305 - DIRECTED READING I**  
Short Title: DIRECTED READING I  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Independent Study  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: Independent reading under the supervision of a member of the department. Open to junior majors in the honors program and to others in special cases with the permission of the instructor. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.
POLI 306 - DIRECTED READING II  
Short Title: DIRECTED READING II  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Independent Study  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: See POLI 305. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 307 - POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP I  
Short Title: POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP I  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Internship/Practicum  
Credit Hours: 2  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: This course is the in-class component of the political science internship program. Students will read both a common set of materials and a set that is oriented to their forthcoming internship. A final paper is required. Instructor Permission Required.

POLI 308 - POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP II  
Short Title: POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP II  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Internship/Practicum  
Credit Hours: 1-2  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Prerequisite(s): POLI 307  
Description: This course is the work component of the political science internship program. Students will be required to submit weekly progress reports and a final portfolio. Instructor Permission Required.

POLI 310 - THE BIOLOGY OF POLITICS  
Short Title: THE BIOLOGY OF POLITICS  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: This course is an interdisciplinary survey of the role that human biology plays in our political behavior. The biology covered ranges from genes to neural structures to neuro-chemistry, while the political behavior covered ranges from levels of participation to political beliefs to left/right ideology.

POLI 315 - ELECTIONS AND VOTING BEHAVIOR  
Short Title: ELECTIONS AND VOTING BEHAVIOR  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: Exploration of voting behavior and elections. Includes consideration of both individual level behavior and aggregate level patterns of election results.
POLI 322 - POLITICS OF INFLUENCE IN THE UNITED STATES
Short Title: POLITICS OF INFLUENCE IN US
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: The aim of this course is to acquaint students with the major influences upon who gets what, when and how from American government. Major issues (e.g., health care, immigration, agriculture) covered will vary by semester. One component of the course will be devoted to assessing the impact of money on elections and the policy process.

POLI 324 - FROM DECOLONIZATION TO GLOBALIZATION
Short Title: FROM DECOLONI TO GLOBALIZATION
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level

POLI 325 - AFRICAN AMERICAN POLITICS
Short Title: AFRICAN AMERICAN POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Examination of the political and social position of minority groups (African Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans, Latinos, and women) in the U.S. This course explores the political power and behavior of these groups. The key concepts include racism, discrimination, resources, political power, culture, leadership, class, and inequality.

POLI 328 - LATINO POLITICS IN THE UNITED STATES
Short Title: LATINO POLITICS IN THE US
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Latinos and public policies affecting Latinos have become a major part of the discourse taking place in American politics as a result of current and projected demographic trends. After reviewing the demographic, historic, and social factors distinctive to the Latino population in the United States, this course examines how Latinos have interacted with political institutions to shape politics and public policy.

POLI 329 - HEALTH POLICY
Short Title: HEALTH POLICY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Applies an interdisciplinary approach to the study of health policy. Objectives are to provide students with a broad introduction to the healthcare system, identify stresses on the current system, and explore possible public policy decisions that may transform the healthcare system.

POLI 330 - MINORITY POLITICS
Short Title: MINORITY POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Examination of the political and social position of minority groups (African Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans, Latinos, and women) in the U.S. This course explores the political power and behavior of these groups. The key concepts include racism, discrimination, resources, political power, culture, leadership, class, and inequality.

POLI 331 - ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICY
Short Title: ENVIRONMENT POLITICS & POLICY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course considers the major issues in the increasingly important public policy area of the environment. It emphasizes the American experience, but also considers certain crucial international aspects of these issues. Cross-list: ENST 331.

POLI 332 - URBAN POLITICS
Short Title: URBAN POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Exploration of issues of political behavior and public policy in urban and metropolitan areas. Includes urban decline, regional governance, revitalization, and issues of ethnic and racial conflict.
POLI 333 - COMPARATIVE LEGISLATURES
Short Title: COMPARATIVE LEGISLATURES
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Examination of similarities and differences of legislatures in different countries. Includes the causes and consequences of these differences.

POLI 334 - AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTIES
Short Title: AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTIES
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Examination of the American political party system both historically and contemporarily, with important emphasis on the nomination, campaign, and election functions of political parties. Party organization in government will also be explored.

POLI 335 - POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS
Short Title: POLI ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Study of the foundation of government involvement in public policy and the institutional process guiding executive, legislative, and bureaucratic officials. Includes theories of collective action and their application in the political world.

POLI 336 - POLITICS OF REGULATION
Short Title: POLITICS OF REGULATION
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course will focus principally on government regulation of business and the political factors that shape its content.

POLI 337 - PUBLIC POLICY
Short Title: PUBLIC POLICY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Exploration of the role that public bureaucracy plays in national policy making. Includes an examination of sources of agency power, which are linked to different policy outcomes.

POLI 338 - POLICY ANALYSIS
Short Title: POLICY ANALYSIS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Familiarizes students with the analytical tools necessary for evaluating and analyzing public policies. Cross-list: SOSC 301. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for POLI 338 and POST 338.

POLI 339 - SOUTHERN POLITICS
Short Title: SOUTHERN POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Examination of selected political patterns and trends in the modern South. Includes political developments within the region and the impact of the South on American politics generally.

POLI 340 - ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL POLITICAL THEORY
Short Title: ANCIENT & MEDIEVAL POLI THEORY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Study of the sources of ancient and medieval political thought, with emphasis on the historical analysis of political philosophy and mythology and the influence of Plato and Aristotle.

POLI 342 - POLITICS OF THE JUDICIARY
Short Title: POLITICS OF THE JUDICIARY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Explores the role of courts and judges in American politics. Will illustrate major characteristics of judicial institutions in the U.S. and provide understanding of forces influencing judicial decisions. Will cover federal and state organization of trial and appellate courts, judicial selection methods, and the politics of judicial decision-making.

POLI 343 - MEDIA AND POLITICS
Short Title: MEDIA AND POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Examines the role of media in politics. Attention is given to the media as a quasi-political institution. It elaborates the role the media plays in elections and the policy process.
POLI 345 - URBAN LAB MIDDLE EAST
Short Title: URBAN LAB MIDDLE EAST
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 355 (may be taken concurrently) or POLI 362 (may be taken concurrently) or POLI 464 (may be taken concurrently) or POLI 562 (may be taken concurrently) or POLI 361 (may be taken concurrently)
Description: The course examines the dynamics of urban politics and policy in the Middle East. We will focus on social, political, and economic issues, as well as history, culture, architecture and the arts. Weekly classes will include case studies, guest lectures, and work on research projects. The lab also features a field research trip to one or more cities (Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Muscat, Doha, etc.) during Spring Break. Prerequisites may be taken the same semester with POLI 345/ASIA 345. Department Permission Required. Cross-list: ASIA 345.

POLI 347 - URBAN LAB SHANGHAI
Short Title: URBAN LAB SHANGHAI
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 362 (may be taken concurrently) or POLI 562 (may be taken concurrently) or POLI 464
Description: This course examines the dynamics of urban politics and policy in an emerging global city - Shanghai. In addition to social, political and economic issues, we will focus on history, culture, language, architecture and the arts. Weekly class sessions will include lectures case studies, guest lectures, and group work on research projects. The lab also features a 8-day field research trip to Shanghai. Prerequisite(s) POLI 362 or POLI 562 may be taken concurrently. Instructor Permission Required. Cross-list: ASIA 347.

POLI 348 - URBAN LAB BUENOS AIRES
Short Title: URBAN LAB BUENOS AIRES
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 362 (may be taken concurrently) or POLI 562 (may be taken concurrently) or POLI 464
Description: This course examines the dynamics of urban politics and policy in an emerging global city - Buenos Aires. In addition to social, political and economic issues, we will also focus on history, culture, language, architecture and the arts. Weekly class sessions will include lectures, case studies, guest lectures, and group work on research projects. The lab also features an 8-day field research trip to Buenos Aires. Prerequisite(s) POLI 362 or POLI 562 may be taken concurrently. Instructor Permission Required.

POLI 349 - URBAN LAB ISTANBUL
Short Title: URBAN LAB ISTANBUL
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 355 (may be taken concurrently) or POLI 362 (may be taken concurrently) or POLI 464 (may be taken concurrently) or POLI 562 (may be taken concurrently)
Description: This course examines the dynamics of urban politics and policy in an emerging global city - Istanbul. In addition to social, political and economic issues, we will also focus on history, culture, language, architecture and the arts. Weekly class sessions will include lectures, case studies, guest lecturers, and group work on research projects. The lab also features an 8-day field research trip to Istanbul. Prerequisites may be taken the same semester as POLI 349/ASIA 349. Instructor Permission Required. Cross-list: ASIA 349.

POLI 350 - URBAN LAB HOUSTON
Short Title: URBAN LAB HOUSTON
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 332 (may be taken concurrently)
Description: This course examines the dynamics of urban politics and policy in an emerging global city - Houston. The lab is project-based and allows students to engage in hands-on, policy-focused research under the guidance of the faculty instructor. Weekly sessions will include lectures, case studies, guest lecturers, site visits, and work on research projects. POLI 350 requires either POLI 332 as a pre-requisite, which can be taken concurrently. POLI 337 may serve as a Co-Requisite for this course. Department Permission Required.

POLI 352 - THE POLITICS AND CULTURE OF MEXICO
Short Title: POLITICS & CULTURE OF MEXICO
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Mexico entered the 21st Century as one of the most dynamic societies in Latin America. But Mexico’s fast-paced and chaotic transformation cannot be understood without a look at its past and its diverse cultural makeup. This course explores the weight of Mexico’s history and culture as it seeks to forge ahead economically, socially, and politically.
POLI 353 - EAST ASIAN DEMOCRACIES
Short Title: EAST ASIAN DEMOCRACIES
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course examines the functioning of the political system in the three principal East Asian democracies: Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan. Particular focus is paid to each country’s democratic institutions, electoral politics, and political party system. Cross-list: ASIA 353.

POLI 354 - LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS
Short Title: LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Study of the political process in contemporary Latin America, with emphasis on selected major countries.

POLI 355 - GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST
Short Title: GOVERNMENT&POLITICS MID EAST
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Provides an introduction to politics in the Middle East. Brief historical overview is combined with detailed description of political systems in the area. The region is then used to examine empirically, critique, and revise theories of comparative politics. Emphasis on whether the region would be considered unique or exceptional.

POLI 356 - REPRESENTATION AND POLICY MAKING
Short Title: REPRESENTATION & POLICY MAKING
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: The course seeks to understand the relationship between political institutions and the representation of social interests in the policy-making process across a variety of national contexts. The course focuses on the politics behind policy choices and how policy-makers are held accountable in democratic contexts. Case studies will draw upon examples in the United States, Latin America, Europe and Asia.

POLI 357 - DEMOCRACY AND DEMOCRATIZATION
Short Title: DEMOCRACY AND DEMOCRATIZATION
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course will examine the theory of democracy and the functioning of democratic institutions around the world. Themes covered in the course will include: What is democracy? How does democracy arise? Can institutions influence the survival and consolidation of democracy?

POLI 358 - COMPARATIVE POLITICAL BEHAVIOR
Short Title: COMPARATIVE POLITICAL BEHAVIOR
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course explores the nature and sources of cross-national differences and similarities in mass political behavior. Topics include contextual and individual level factors that influence public opinion, voting behavior, and political participation. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: POLI 567. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for POLI 358 and POLI 567.

POLI 360 - WESTERN EUROPEAN DEMOCRACIES
Short Title: WESTERN EUROPEAN DEMOCRACIES
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: A survey of government and politics in Western European democracies, with primary emphasis on Great Britain, France, and Germany.

POLI 362 - COMPARATIVE URBAN POLITICS AND POLICY
Short Title: COMPARATIVE URBAN POL & PLCY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course offers a broad overview of urban politics and policies in cities around the world. We will examine how national, regional and local forces shape the processes and outcomes governance within and across cities and metropolitan areas, paying particular attention to critical problems and policies that affect urban centers: growth, immigration, class conflict, public order, service management, education, housing transportation, environmental protection, sustainability, land-use planning and spatial competition.
POLI 365 - BRITISH POLITICS  
Short Title: BRITISH POLITICS  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: An examination of British politics and government, with emphasis on both the contemporary and historical setting. This course also emphasizes a comparison of the British political system with the American political system.

POLI 367 - TRANSITIONS TO DEMOCRACY  
Short Title: TRANSITIONS TO DEMOCRACY  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: This course uses recent examples from East-Central Europe to illustrate a variety of transitions to democracy. Procedures which are vital to a successful transition, such as setting up electoral laws, economic reform, constitution-making, and transitional justice are discussed from an institutional design perspective.

POLI 371 - CIVIL WARS  
Short Title: CIVIL WARS  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: This course seeks to examine the origins and dynamics of civil war, including civil war onset, duration, outcome, termination, why people join rebellions, the effectiveness of various forms of civil war management and resolution, and more. It aims to impart to students a solid understanding of theories and empirical evidence regarding the causes, conduct, and termination of civil wars in general.

POLI 372 - AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY  
Short Title: AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: Examination of internal and external aspects of foreign policy leadership, presidential initiative, congressional control, press, public opinion, and crisis management. Not a Managerial Studies elective.

POLI 373 - WAR AND POLITICS  
Short Title: WAR AND POLITICS  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: Exploration of the theoretical basis of, and empirical evidence for, a number of explanations for interstate war. Includes contemporary theories dealing with dispute escalation, arms races, deterrence, crisis management, and low-intensity conflict.

POLI 374 - STRATEGIC INTERACTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
Short Title: STRATEGIC INTERACTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: Introduction to the uses of game theory in the study of international relations.

POLI 375 - INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION  
Short Title: INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: Study of the development and role of international organizations in world politics. Topics include the history and evolution of international organizations, the effects of international law on behavior, and the extent to which international cooperation has been effective at resolving global problems.

POLI 378 - POLITICS OF AMERICAN NATIONAL SECURITY  
Short Title: POLITICS OF AMERICAN NATIONAL SECURITY  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: The primary focus on this course is the use of military force in pursuit of the national security of the US. A wide variety of topics are covered including the people in the military, weapons of mass destruction, and various types of conflict that have involved (or might involve) the United States.
POLI 379 - PROBLEMS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
**Short Title:** PROB INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395  
**Description:** Explores the relationship between politics and economics. The objective is to understand the historical development of trade and monetary relationships between the countries of the world. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.  

POLI 380 - POLITICAL BEHAVIOR  
**Short Title:** POLITICAL BEHAVIOR  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** Examines basic concepts in political behavior including political socialization, models of voting behavior, public opinion, and political participation.  

POLI 395 - INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICS  
**Short Title:** INTRO TO STATISTICS  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** Introduction to research design and quantitative methods used in contemporary political science research. Students will apply the tools of social science inquiry in a series of assignments designed to examine political attitudes and behavior, gaining experience with quantitative analysis in the R software package.  

POLI 401 - STATE POLITICS RESEARCH SEMINAR  
**Short Title:** STATE POLITICS RESEARCH SEM  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395  
**Description:** A research seminar in state politics and policy with an emphasis on state institutions.  

POLI 405 - SENIOR THESIS  
**Short Title:** SENIOR THESIS  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Independent Study  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** Open to senior honors majors with the permission of the department. Students must complete both POLI 405 and 406 to obtain credit. Instructor Permission Required.  

POLI 406 - SENIOR THESIS  
**Short Title:** SENIOR THESIS  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Independent Study  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** See POLI 405. Instructor Permission Required.  

POLI 416 - SURVEY RESEARCH IN AMERICAN POLITICS  
**Short Title:** SURVEY RSRCH AMERICAN POLITICS  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** The major objectives of this course are to introduce students to the skills and resources needed to design and conduct a survey. The principle substantive focus of the course will be public opinion surveys on topics of politics, public policy and individual political behavior.  

POLI 417 - CONGRESS AND THE CONSTITUTION  
**Short Title:** CONGRESS & THE CONSTITUTION  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This course will examine the constitutional relationship between the Congress, the Executive branch, and the federal courts, evaluating constitutional challenges to current Congressional initiatives in health care, immigration reform, campaign financing, and authorizations for war. We will also discuss the role of congressional oversight and the influence of money and the media in determining the laws of the land.  

POLI 418 - SEMINAR ON THE PRESIDENCY  
**Short Title:** SEMINAR ON THE PRESIDENCY  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395  
**Description:** Provides students with a broad introduction to the presidency. Topics include a review of the executive’s constitutional powers and their changes over time; processes and politics of presidential nomination and election; struggles between the president and other political elites and dynamics of White House decision-making.
POLI 419 - POLITICAL PARTIES AND INTEREST GROUPS IN AMERICAN POLITICS
Short Title: PARTIES AND INTEREST GROUPS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: The goal of this seminar is to provide the student with knowledge of the formation, organization, activity, and impact of political parties and interest groups in the United States. Special attention will be given to changes in the operation of these two types of organizations over the last 20 years.

POLI 420 - ELECTION SYSTEMS, TECHNIQUES, AND ADMINISTRATION
Short Title: ELECTION SYSTEMS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This multidisciplinary course will consider how elections are conducted to enhance participation, to accurately measure the will of the electorate, and to be sufficiently rigorous to convince all parties that the results are legitimate. This course will consider the design and evaluation of election technologies, ranging from voter registration through the polling booth and vote tabulation. This course will consider three questions: how do individual voters interact with the voting technology, how are voting technologies engineered to be accurate and secure, and how do the social aspects of voting fulfill democratic goals for elections? A central requirement for this course will be group research projects, many operating in our community, built around the November election. Cross-list: COMP 435, PSYC 420.

POLI 421 - CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN AMERICAN POLITICS
Short Title: CONTMPRY ISSUES AMER POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: This seminar will focus on major issues (e.g., immigration, voting rights, budget deficits, healthcare) in American society. After examining the history of national and state policies, seminar participant will discuss social science contributions to the ongoing policy discussions. Specific topics covered will vary by semester.

POLI 429 - BIOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS OF POLITICS
Short Title: BIOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS OF POLI
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: This course is an introduction to the biological underpinnings of political behavior. The influence of genes and evolution are covered, as well as the relevance of neural structures, brain organization, and neuro-chemistry for both universal political traits and individual variation in political orientations. NOTE: This seminar is in the theory and methods field. It is not an American politics seminar.

POLI 430 - SEMINAR IN TEXAS POLITICS
Short Title: SEMINAR IN TEXAS POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Research seminar in the history of Texas politics. Instructor Permission Required.

POLI 431 - ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS
Short Title: ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: Examines the role of campaigns in determining the outcome of political races.

POLI 432 - URBAN POLITICS
Short Title: URBAN POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: Research seminar on political behavior and public policy in urban and metropolitan areas.

POLI 433 - COMPARATIVE LEGISLATURES
Short Title: COMPARATIVE LEGISLATURES
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: The course aims to understand current challenges related to the US Congress -- such as party polarization and gridlock -- using the experience of the policy-making processes of other nations. In addition to recent discourse on failures of representation in Congress, the course covers politics in Europe, Latin America and Asia.
POLI 434 - PUBLIC POLICY AND METROPOLITAN AREA GOVERNANCE  
**Short Title:** PUBLIC POLICY&METRO AREA GOV'T  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395  
**Description:** This course will examine the market-like relationship among metropolitan area governments. It will address questions of urban/suburban relationships as well as policy topics such as education and local service provision.

POLI 435 - SEMINAR ON MONEY AND POLITICS  
**Short Title:** SEMINAR ON MONEY AND POLITICS  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395  
**Description:** This course will examine the possible ways money may affect American politics and public policy at the national, state, and local levels of government. In addition to discussing the strategies used in allocating money in campaigns, we will examine the impact of money on elections and on the legislative process.

POLI 436 - POLITICS OF REGULATION  
**Short Title:** POLITICS OF REGULATION  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395  
**Description:** Study of the government’s regulation of business and the political factors that shape its content.

POLI 437 - EDUCATION POLICY  
**Short Title:** EDUCATION POLICY  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395  
**Description:** Examines educational politics and policy from micro and macro perspectives. We will focus on school governance, structure, and finance at the federal, state, and local levels and examine the design, implementation and effects of various school reform initiatives in U.S., and to a more limited extent in other countries.

POLI 438 - RACE AND PUBLIC POLICY  
**Short Title:** RACE AND PUBLIC POLICY  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395  
**Description:** Study of minority group politics and how race structures contemporary U.S. politics. Includes myths and realities of minority groups, symbolic politics and race, pluralism as a model of U.S. democracy, the intersection of class, race, and gender, civil rights movements, group consciousness, public opinion regarding minorities, and responses of national institutions to race issues.

POLI 439 - RESEARCH SEMINAR ON SOUTHERN POLITICS  
**Short Title:** RSrch Sem on Southern Politics  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395  
**Description:** Examination of political behavior and political institutions in the southern states, with emphasis on contemporary Texas politics.

POLI 440 - RESEARCH SEMINAR ON PUBLIC POLICY  
**Short Title:** Research Sem on Public Policy  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Research  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395 and (POLI 335 or POLI 336 or POLI 337 or POLI 338)  
**Description:** This course provides students an opportunity to conduct original research on wide range of public policy questions. Students will be provided specific research questions to investigate over the course of the semester for which they will design and complete an original program of research.

POLI 441 - GOVERNING THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMONS  
**Short Title:** GOV'NG ENVIRONMENTAL COMMONS  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395  
**Description:** Common Property Resources (CPRs), such as fisheries, aquifers, and the Internet, appear in many guises and pose a fundamental problem for governing. Exploration of theoretical underpinnings for CPRs, their growing literature, and the political and economic institutions mediating CPR dilemmas. Included is an original research project in conjunction with the instructor. Cross-list: ENST 441.
POLI 442 - SUBNATIONAL POLITICS  
**Short Title:** SUBNATIONAL POLITICS  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395  
**Description:** Examines the role of subnational political institutions in the development and implementation of policy. It compares the myriad of subnational institutions.

POLI 444 - PRACTICUM IN LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
**Short Title:** LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Research  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395  
**Description:** This course will teach students how to design and conduct original empirical research on US, state or world legislatures. Students will conduct original quantitative research and produce a research paper.

POLI 445 - SEMINAR IN JUDICIAL PROCESS AND BEHAVIOR  
**Short Title:** SEM JUDICIAL PROCESS & BEHAVR  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395  
**Description:** This seminar will provide understanding of intertwined political processes across the Middle East. Concrete examples given.  

POLI 449 - GENDER AND POLITICS IN THE MIDDLE EAST  
**Short Title:** GENDER & POLITICS MIDDLE EAST  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395  
**Description:** Seminar will provide understanding of intertwined relationship between gender and politics in contemporary Middle East and North Africa. Will focus on the region’s historical, sociopolitical, and cultural contexts that have contributed to the current discourse on gender in the Arab World. Will explore the role of Arab women in the political processes across the Middle East. Concrete examples given.

POLI 450 - ELECTIONS IN THE AMERICAS  
**Short Title:** ELECTIONS IN THE AMERICAS  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395  
**Description:** The course examines the electoral process in Latin America. Students will follow, discuss, and analyze campaigns and elections in a selected group of countries while developing an expertise in the general functioning of the respective countries' political systems.

POLI 454 - RESEARCH PRACTICUM IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS  
**Short Title:** RESEARCH PRACTICUM-COMP POLI  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395  
**Description:** This course will teach students how to design and conduct empirical research in political science with a focus on the major topics in comparative politics, including constitutional design, electoral systems, democratization, economic development, and political parties. Students will conduct their own original research and produce a research paper on a political science topic.

POLI 457 - CONDITIONS OF DEMOCRACY  
**Short Title:** CONDITIONS OF DEMOCRACY  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395  
**Description:** This course starts with definitions and theories/ preconditions of democracy and then looks at specific cases of democratic transition throughout the world, democratic consolidation, reaction, and the prospects for the future.

POLI 458 - GENDER AND POLITICS IN THE MIDDLE EAST  
**Short Title:** GENDER & POLITICS MIDDLE EAST  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395  
**Description:** Seminar will provide understanding of intertwined relationship between gender and politics in contemporary Middle East and North Africa. Will focus on the region’s historical, sociopolitical, and cultural contexts that have contributed to the current discourse on gender in the Arab World. Will explore the role of Arab women in the political processes across the Middle East. Concrete examples given.

POLI 459 - SEX, GENDER, AND POLITICAL REPRESENTATION IN LATIN AMERICA  
**Short Title:** GENDER & REP IN LATIN AMERICA  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395  
**Description:** Latin American countries have elected surprisingly large numbers of women to presidencies, cabinets, and legislatures in recent years. This seminar explores how this happened in a region long known for its culture of cachismo and weak democracy and what the consequences of gender diversity are for politics.
POLI 460 - SEMINAR IN COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT
Short Title: SEM IN COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: This seminar will analyze authoritarian regimes from a comparative perspective.

POLI 461 - POLITICS, RISK, AND ENERGY
Short Title: POLITICS, RISK, AND ENERGY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: This course develops various linkages between the concepts of risk identification and mitigation, the political realm and the energy sector. Building from mainstream literature, The Black Swan and Outliers, and distribution theory, the concept of risk is defined and applied to Political and Energy Markets using case studies and data analysis.

POLI 462 - COMPARATIVE PUBLIC POLICY
Short Title: COMPARATIVE PUBLIC POLICY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: Seminar examining the process and substance of public policy across nations, with emphasis on social policy in industrialized democracies. Instructor Permission Required.

POLI 463 - COMPARATIVE POLITICAL ECONOMY
Short Title: COMPARATIVE POLITICAL ECONOMY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: Seminar exploring the interrelationship of economics and politics in advanced industrial societies. Includes economic policy making, political behavior and economic conditions, and the role of institutions in channeling conflicts between democracy and capitalism.

POLI 464 - RESEARCH SEMINAR ON COMPARATIVE URBAN POLITICS AND POLICY
Short Title: SEM COMP URBAN POL & PLCY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course offers a broad overview of urban politics and policies in cities around the world. We will examine how national, regional and local forces shape the processes and outcomes governance within and across cities and metropolitan areas, paying particular attention to critical problems and policies that affect urban centers: growth, immigration, class conflict, public order, service management, education, housing transportation, environmental protection, sustainability, land use planning and spatial competition. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: POLI 562. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for POLI 464 and POLI 562. Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 466 - POLITICAL PARTIES AND VOTING BEHAVIOR IN WESTERN DEMOCRACIES
Short Title: PARTIES & VOTING BEHAVIOR
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: Seminar on the determinants of party systems, the structure and functions of parties, and theories of voting behavior in Western democracies.

POLI 469 - CIVIL WAR AND TERRORISM
Short Title: CIVIL WAR AND TERRORISM
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: Seminar on causes, consequences and dynamics of civil wars. Will analyze why they break out, how sustained, how ended, thinking conceptually, theoretically, empirically about conflict dynamics and processes. Explores transnational dynamics, terrorism, roles of groups, organizations, insurgency-counterinsurgency dynamics and how these affect the evolution of civil conflicts. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: POLI 571. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for POLI 469 and POLI 571.
POLI 470 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Short Title: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: Topic varies from year to year. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 471 - POLITICS OF THE UNITED NATIONS
Short Title: POLITICS OF UNITED NATIONS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: Provide students with a broad introduction to the politics of the United Nations. Topics include roll-call voting, policy choices of the security council, and issues of membership and representation.

POLI 472 - AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY
Short Title: AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: The content of American foreign policy, its sources, and the process of policy formulation.

POLI 473 - THE CRAFT OF INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS, PREDICTION AND CONNECTING THE DOTS
Short Title: THE CRAFT OF INTELLIGENCE
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course is designed to introduce students to the problems faced by intelligence analysts. Students will study examples of intelligence analysis and hear from current and former analysts. Placed in multidisciplinary teams, students will monitor streams of actual events and provide assessments of these events. Instructor Permission Required.

POLI 474 - INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: THEORIES AND PRACTICE
Short Title: INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: This course has two goals: First to introduce students to the current theoretical debates in the field of international organizations and to assess the value and limitations of these theories; second, to understand the working of important world organizations, including (but not limited to) the UN, the WTO, and IMF. The course assumes some basic knowledge of IR theory and previous debates about the origin and impact of international organizations on world politics. It is designed for students at an advanced stage in the study of political science and International Relations.

POLI 475 - INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
Short Title: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: Research seminar on theories and evidence of international cooperation. The course will explore conditions conducive to establishing and maintaining cooperation in international politics, the design of international agreements and institutions, and the influence of international agreements and institutions on international relations.

POLI 476 - INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY
Short Title: INTERNAT'L POLITICAL ECONOMY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: This course is designed to survey the theoretical and empirical analysis of the politics of international economic relations. In particular, the course is designed to examine the interrelationships of economics and politics by applying economic theory to the study of politics.
POLI 478 - US - CHINA: CONFLICT AND COOPERATION
Short Title: US-CHINA: CONFLICT & COOPRTN
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: This is a research seminar for advanced undergraduate students to read and discuss international relations theories in the context of US-China relations. Students are expected to read cutting edge IR research, follow current events, think critically of the applicability of the existing IR theories on the issues surrounding the bilateral relationship.

POLI 479 - SEMINAR IN QUANTITATIVE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Short Title: SEM-QUANT INTERN'L RELATIONS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: Seminar exploring the quantitative study of international relations, with a focus on the study of international conflict. Students will be required to write a quantitative research paper. Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 480 - SEMINAR IN POLITICAL BEHAVIOR
Short Title: SEM IN POLITICAL BEHAVIOR
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: Undergraduate research seminar covering the field of political behavior with special emphasis on the application of social and cognitive psychology to the study of mass political behavior. Topics include political socialization, models of voting behavior, and political participation.

POLI 481 - UNDERSTANDING WAR AND PEACE
Short Title: UNDERSTANDING WAR AND PEACE
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395 or POLI 374
Description: Introduces students to current research on the causes and consequences of international conflict. Students are expected to identify a novel research question, develop an appropriate research design to address the question, and carry out the research. The emphasis is on developing rigorous theory and using systematic evidence.

POLI 482 - THE CAUSES OF WAR AND THE WAR IN IRAQ
Short Title: CAUSES OF WAR / IRAQ
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Why do states fight wars? Moreover, what can existing theories of war tell us about the causes of modern conflicts such as the 2003 invasion of Iraq? We will begin this course by examining several prominent theories of the causes of war. We will then turn to a number of specific questions related to the recent war in Iraq.

POLI 483 - U.S.: MEXICO BORDER ISSUES IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE
Short Title: US: MEXICO BORDER ISSUES
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: This course is designed to explore the problems of bordering, debordering and rebordering today. Specifically, the course deals with the problem of borders in an increasingly integrated world, where borders represent the symbol of sovereignty at the edges of the nation-state in open contradiction to the growing desire for human, economic and technological mobility and the need to deal with globalized crises in fragmented spaces and policy processes. To understand these tensions the class explores the issues border flows, border security, immigration, human rights, and borders functions and processes.

POLI 484 - CHINESE POLITICS IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE
Short Title: CHINESE POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course explores the range of theories and empirical research methodologies from comparative political science, political economy and Asian studies commonly applied to understanding Chinese politics: political participation, political organizations, collective action and popular protest, political culture and political institutional change. This course will be a seminar requiring weekly presentations extensive readings at the graduate level in social science, and an original research paper. There is no prerequisite for this course but participants are assumed to already possess extensive knowledge of Chinese history, culture and society. Cross-list: ASIA 489.
POLI 490 - POLITICS AND THE ARTS
Short Title: POLITICS AND THE ARTS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Description: Enrollmen is limited to Graduate level students.

POLI 500 - SOCIAL SCIENTIFIC THINKING I
Short Title: SOCIAL SCIENTIFIC THINKING I
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course introduces students to the practice of social science research including empirical description, theoretical development, and hypothesis generation and testing. It includes projects on the design and implementation of surveys, controlled experiments, archival data collection, fieldwork, case studies, and qualitative analysis.

POLI 501 - SOCIAL SCIENTIFIC THINKING II
Short Title: SOCIAL SCIENTIFIC THINKING II
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): POLI 500
Description: This course is a continuation of POLI 500. Students will plan and execute an original research project and write a paper reporting the results.

POLI 502 - INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICS
Short Title: INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course aims at providing students with a working knowledge of statistics in political science. It involves the study of descriptive and inferential statistics, as well as hands-on experience with computer statistical packages.

POLI 503 - TOPICS IN METHODS AND DATA ANALYSIS
Short Title: TOPICS METHODS&DATA ANALYSIS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Applications of least squares and general linear mode.
Cross-list: STAT 503.

POLI 504 - INTRODUCTION TO MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD ESTIMATION
Short Title: INTRO MAX LIKELIHOOD EST
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a class of Graduate.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): POLI 504
Description: Special topics in political methodology. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 505 - ADVANCED MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD ESTIMATION
Short Title: ADV MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD EST
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a class of Graduate.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): POLI 504
Description: Special topics in political methodology. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 506 - ADVANCED TOPICS IN POLITICAL METHODOLOGY I
Short Title: ADV TOPICS POLI METHODS I
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): POLI 505
Description: Advanced topics in statistical methods, with an emphasis on Bayesian statistics and R-programming.

POLI 507 - ADVANCED TOPICS IN POLITICAL METHODOLOGY II
Short Title: ADV TOPICS POL METHODS II
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): POLI 505
Description: Advanced topics in political methodology, with an emphasis on non-parametric statistical models, causal inference, and machine learning techniques.

POLI 511 - MEASUREMENT AND RESEARCH DESIGN
Short Title: MEASUREMENT & RESEARCH DESIGN
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Study of advanced topics in research design and measurement theory.
POLI 512 - EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN AND SOCIAL BEHAVIOR
Short Title: EXPRMNTRL DSGN & SOCIAL BHVR
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This seminar develops tools for the design and conduct of experiments in the social sciences. At the conclusion of the course each student will have developed and implemented an experiment testing some aspect of human social behavior.

POLI 520 - APPROACHES TO COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT
Short Title: APPROACHES TO COMPARATIVE GOVT
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Core graduate course analyzing basic approaches to the study of comparative government.

POLI 527 - INSTITUTIONAL ANALYSIS
Short Title: INSTITUTIONAL ANALYSIS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Theories of institutional analysis and design.

POLI 530 - APPROACHES TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT
Short Title: APPROACHES TO AMERICAN GOVT
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Core graduate course. Includes an analysis of basic approaches to the study of American politics.

POLI 531 - STATE POLITICS
Short Title: STATE POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Examines similarities and differences in the organization of state politics. Major issues include state legislative organization, state elite behavior, and policy implementation.

POLI 532 - COMPARATIVE LEGISLATURES
Short Title: COMPARATIVE LEGISLATURES
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Provides the student with the basic concepts and theories necessary to understand the functions and organization of legislatures/parliaments/assemblies in democratic societies. This course takes a broad-based perspective, including research that focuses on national parliaments and U. S. state legislatures.

POLI 533 - ADVANCED TOPICS IN POLITICAL BEHAVIOR
Short Title: ADV TOPIC POLITICAL BEHAVIOR
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Graduate seminar in the subfield of political behavior. Content varies from year to year. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 534 - INTEREST GROUPS AND POLITICAL PARTIES
Short Title: INTEREST GROUP&POLITICAL PARTY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Graduate research seminar in the subfields of interest groups and political behavior.

POLI 535 - RACE, ETHNICITY, AND AMERICAN POLITICS
Short Title: RACE,ETHNICITY&AMER POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Graduate seminar that examines the role of race and ethnicity in American politics. This course provides an examination of the behavioral and electoral implications of racial and ethnic diversity.

POLI 536 - WOMEN AND MINORITY REPRESENTATION
Short Title: WOMEN & MINORITY REPRESENTATN
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Women and minority groups have long been underrepresented in politics. Course explores patterns of cf, explanations for representation of women and minority groups in many world countries, including the US. Evaluates the vast theoretical and empirical research on underrepresented group representation. Maps future paths for the study of group representation in politics.
POLI 537 - PUBLIC POLICY AND BUREAUCRACY
Short Title: PUBLIC POLICY AND BUREAUCRACY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Study of the administration and implementation of public policies across federal, state, and substate governments.

POLI 538 - POLITICAL ECONOMY OF POLICY CHANGE
Short Title: POL ECONOMY OF POLICY CHANGE
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course will explore policy and political change primarily, but not exclusively, in the United States. Using a political economy approach, we will explore different models of change and identify the actors, institutions, and conditions that facilitate stability in change in state, local and national policymaking.

POLI 539 - POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY
Short Title: POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Broad survey of the theoretical and methodological approaches used in political psychology. Topics include political information processing, knowledge, attitudes, political trust, emotions, and personality.

POLI 540 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Short Title: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Core graduate course. Includes an analysis of basic approaches to the study of international relations.

POLI 541 - INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
Short Title: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Graduate seminar on theories and evidence of international cooperation. Discussion of the difficulties in establishing cooperation under anarchy and the conditions under which international cooperation is most likely to occur.

POLI 542 - SUBNATIONAL POLITICS
Short Title: SUBNATIONAL POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Examines the role of subnational political institutions in the development and implementation of policy. It compares the myriad of subnational institutions.

POLI 543 - POLITICAL SCIENCE
Short Title: POLITICAL SCIENCE
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Broad survey of the theoretical and methodological approaches used in political psychology. Topics include political information processing, knowledge, attitudes, political trust, emotions, and personality.

POLI 544 - PRACTICUM IN LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
Short Title: LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course will teach graduate students how to design and conduct original empirical research on US, state, or world legislatures. Students will conduct original quantitative research and produce a publishable research paper. Instructor Permission Required.

POLI 545 - RESEARCH SEMINAR ON COMPARATIVE URBAN POLITICS AND POLICY
Short Title: SEM COMP URBAN POL & PLCY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course offers a broad overview of urban politics and policies in cities around the world. We will examine how national, regional and local forces shape the processes and outcomes governance within and across cities and metropolitan areas, paying particular attention to critical problems and politics that affect urban centers: growth, immigration, class conflict, public order, service management, education, housing transportation, environmental protection, sustainability, land-use planning and spatial competition. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: POLI 464. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for POLI 562 and POLI 464.

POLI 546 - COALITION POLITICS AND PARLIAMENTARY GOVERNMENT
Short Title: COALITION POLI & PRLMTY GOVT
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course examines the extensive scholarship on coalition politics in parliamentary democracies. Topics include coalition formation, the allocation of government ministries, coalition termination, coalition policymaking, and the interaction between coalition governance, party competition, and mass voting behavior.
POLI 564 - POLITICAL ECONOMY OF DEVELOPMENT
Short Title: POLI ECONOMY OF DEVELOPMENT
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Examines the design of political institutions in democracies, and their effect on elections, governance, and representation. Explores topics such as the presidential-parliamentary debate, electoral laws and party systems, political parties, electoral institutions and the election of women and minorities, institutional engineering, and U.S. experiences with alternative electoral systems.

POLI 565 - POLITICAL PROTEST
Short Title: POLITICAL PROTEST
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Examines the design of political institutions in democracies, and their effect on elections, governance, and representation. Explores topics such as the presidential-parliamentary debate, electoral laws and party systems, political parties, electoral institutions and the election of women and minorities, institutional engineering, and U.S. experiences with alternative electoral systems.

POLI 566 - POLITICAL PARTIES
Short Title: POLITICAL PARTIES
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Examines the design of political institutions in democracies, and their effect on elections, governance, and representation. Explores topics such as the presidential-parliamentary debate, electoral laws and party systems, political parties, electoral institutions and the election of women and minorities, institutional engineering, and U.S. experiences with alternative electoral systems.

POLI 567 - COMPARATIVE POLITICAL BEHAVIOR
Short Title: COMP POLITICAL BEHAVIOR
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Examines the design of political institutions in democracies, and their effect on elections, governance, and representation. Explores topics such as the presidential-parliamentary debate, electoral laws and party systems, political parties, electoral institutions and the election of women and minorities, institutional engineering, and U.S. experiences with alternative electoral systems.

POLI 568 - COMPARATIVE POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS
Short Title: COMP POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Examines the design of political institutions in democracies, and their effect on elections, governance, and representation. Explores topics such as the presidential-parliamentary debate, electoral laws and party systems, political parties, electoral institutions and the election of women and minorities, institutional engineering, and U.S. experiences with alternative electoral systems.

POLI 569 - REPRESENTATION IN CONTEMPORARY DEMOCRACIES
Short Title: REP. CONTEMPORARY DEMOCRACIES
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Examines the design of political institutions in democracies, and their effect on elections, governance, and representation. Explores topics such as the presidential-parliamentary debate, electoral laws and party systems, political parties, electoral institutions and the election of women and minorities, institutional engineering, and U.S. experiences with alternative electoral systems.

POLI 570 - SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT
Short Title: SEM IN INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Examines the design of political institutions in democracies, and their effect on elections, governance, and representation. Explores topics such as the presidential-parliamentary debate, electoral laws and party systems, political parties, electoral institutions and the election of women and minorities, institutional engineering, and U.S. experiences with alternative electoral systems.

POLI 571 - CIVIL WAR AND TERRORISM
Short Title: CIVIL WAR AND TERRORISM
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Examines the design of political institutions in democracies, and their effect on elections, governance, and representation. Explores topics such as the presidential-parliamentary debate, electoral laws and party systems, political parties, electoral institutions and the election of women and minorities, institutional engineering, and U.S. experiences with alternative electoral systems.
POLI 572 - FOREIGN POLICY DECISION MAKING  
Short Title: FOREIGN POLICY DECISION MAKING  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Seminar  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
Course Level: Graduate  
Description: Study of foreign policy, its sources, and the process of policy formulation. Instructor Permission Required.

POLI 574 - COLLECTIVE SOCIAL CHOICE  
Short Title: COLLECTIVE SOCIAL CHOICE  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Seminar  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
Course Level: Graduate  
Description: Introduction to a growing body of literature on how and why individual preferences dominate those of others. Includes the relationship between decision-making structures and the nature of decisional outcomes.

POLI 575 - GAME THEORY  
Short Title: GAME THEORY  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Seminar  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
Course Level: Graduate  
Description: Examination of current developments in game theory with application to political science.

POLI 576 - INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY  
Short Title: INTERNATL POLITICAL ECONOMY  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Seminar  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
Course Level: Graduate  
Description: Seminar surveying some of the primary theoretical perspectives and analytical approaches for studying international political economy. Includes a survey of contemporary literature, with special emphasis on theory and research, as well as instructions in how to critically evaluate research and set up a research project.

POLI 577 - DOMESTIC POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
Short Title: DOMESTIC POLITICS & INTL RELA  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Seminar  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
Course Level: Graduate  
Description: Graduate research seminar on the influence of domestic politics on international relations. The course will explore when, why, and how the political structures and conditions within countries affect foreign policy and international relations.

POLI 578 - SEMINAR IN AMERICAN POLITICS  
Short Title: SEM IN AMERICAN POLITICS  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Seminar  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
Course Level: Graduate  
Description: Topics vary from year to year. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 580 - SEMINAR IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS  
Short Title: SEMINAR IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Seminar  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
Course Level: Graduate  
Description: Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 591 - DIRECTED READING-METHODOLOGY  
Short Title: DIRECTED READING-METHODOLOGY  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Independent Study  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
Course Level: Graduate  
Description: Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 592 - DIRECTED READING-METHODOLOGY  
Short Title: DIRECTED READING-METHODOLOGY  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Independent Study  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
Course Level: Graduate  
Description: Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 593 - DIRECTED READING-AMERICAN POLITICS  
Short Title: DIRECTED READING-AMER POLITICS  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Independent Study  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
Course Level: Graduate  
Description: Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 594 - DIRECTED READING-AMERICAN POLITICS  
Short Title: DIR READING AMERICAN POLITICS  
Department: Political Science  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Independent Study  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
Course Level: Graduate  
Description: Repeatable for Credit.
POLI 595 - DIRECTED READING-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Short Title: DIR READ-INTERN'TL RELATIONS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Independent Study
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 596 - DIRECTED READING-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Short Title: DIR READ-INTERNAT'L RELATIONS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Independent Study
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 597 - DIRECTED READING-COMPARATIVE POLITICS
Short Title: DIR READ-COMPARATIVE POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Independent Study
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 598 - DIRECTED READING-COMPARATIVE POLITICS
Short Title: DIR READ-COMPARATIVE POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Independent Study
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 599 - TEACHING POLITICAL SCIENCE
Short Title: TEACHING POLITICAL SCIENCE
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Independent Study
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course prepares graduate students to design and teach classes at the college level. Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 800 - PH.D. RESEARCH AND THESIS
Short Title: PH.D. RESEARCH AND THESIS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 1-15
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Repeatable for Credit.

Description and Code Legend
Note: Internally, the university uses the following descriptions, codes, and abbreviations for this academic program. The following is a quick reference:

Course Catalog/Schedule
- Course offerings/subject code: POLI

Department Description and Code
- Political Science: POLI

Undergraduate Degree Description and Code
- Bachelor of Arts degree: BA

Undergraduate Major Description and Code
- Major in Political Science: POLI

Graduate Degree Descriptions and Codes
- Master of Arts degree: MA
- Doctor of Philosophy degree: PhD

Graduate Degree Program Description and Code
- Degree Program in Political Science: POLI

POLI 600 - MA RESEARCH AND THESIS
Short Title: MA RESEARCH AND THESIS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 1-15
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Research and thesis for resident students. Repeatable for Credit.