The mission of the Department of Political Science at Rice University is to contribute to the university and discipline through excellence in research, graduate training and undergraduate teaching. We train graduate students in modern techniques of social science research in three substantive areas of political science—American Politics, Comparative Politics, and International Relations—to prepare them for successful careers in academic research. We contribute to the liberal arts education of our undergraduate students with courses aimed at developing their skills in critical and analytical thinking and writing, increasing their understanding of political processes, and encouraging responsible and active citizenship. The department also oversees the undergraduate major in Social Policy Analysis (https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/social-sciences/social-policy-analysis/). In addition, we train our political science majors to conduct independent political science research. We aim to prepare all of our students for successful careers in academia, government, business, law, education, non-governmental organizations, and many other professional paths.

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- Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree with a Major in Political Science (https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/social-sciences/political-science/political-science-ba/)
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree with a Major in Social Policy Analysis (https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/social-sciences/social-policy-analysis/social-policy-analysis-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 (https://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 112 - AP/OTH CREDIT IN COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT
Short Title: AP/OTH CREDIT COMPAR GOVERNMT
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Transfer
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: This course will examine constitutionalism and authoritarianism, including Plato, Machiavelli, and Marx, and introduce students to classical and contemporary political theories.

POLI 210 - INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN POLITICS
Short Title: INTO AMERICAN POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: This course introduces students to major topics in the subfield of American Politics, including public opinion, group politics, political parties, elections, congressional-presidential-bureaucratic politics, and judicial politics. This course helps students navigate upper division courses in American Politics and understand American government and politics.

POLI 211 - INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Short Title: INTO INTERNAT'L RELATIONS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: This course introduces students to major topics in the subfield of International Relations, including the causes of war, political dimensions of the international economy, international organizations, and interstate cooperation to address contemporary global challenges. This course helps students navigate upper division courses in International Relations and explore the international world.
POLI 212 - INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS
Short Title: INTRO TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: This course introduces students to major topics in the subfield of Comparative Politics, including emergence and survival of democracy, authoritarian government, democratic institutions, and mass and elite political behavior in countries around the world. This course helps students navigate upper division courses in Comparative Politics and explore the political world.

POLI 224 - HOW TO RUN FOR OFFICE
Short Title: HOW TO RUN FOR OFFICE
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: This experiential learning course teaches students how to run for elected office. Working in teams and with advice from election experts, campaign advisors, and former and current candidates and elected officials, students develop a campaign plan to win a specific local or state elected office.

POLI 238 - SPECIAL TOPICS
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Independent Study, Internship/Practicum, Laboratory, Lecture/Laboratory, Seminar, Lecture
Credit Hours: 1-4
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: An interdisciplinary course exploring lives and well-being in the context of gendered international and domestic politics and economic processes. Emphasis on the implications of power relations at 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
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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. Cross-list: LEAD 260.

POLI 301 - STATE POLITICS
Short Title: STATE POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Independent reading under the supervision of a full-time member of the department. Instructor Permission Required.

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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Independent reading under the supervision of a full-time member of the department. Instructor Permission Required.
POLI 307 - POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP
Short Title: POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Internship/Practicum
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course provides credit for a student who is required to receive course credit for an internship related to political science. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 311 - RACE, ETHNICITY, AND U.S. PUBLIC POLICY
Short Title: RACE, ETHNICITY, & US PUB POL
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: The objective of this course to develop an understanding of how race, ethnicity, historical context, and racism inform and interact with American public policy.

POLI 315 - U.S. ELECTIONS AND VOTING BEHAVIOR
Short Title: US ELECTIONS & VOTING BEHAVR
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Exploration of U.S. voting behavior and elections. Includes consideration of both individual level behavior and aggregate level patterns of election results.

POLI 317 - THE CONGRESS
Short Title: THE CONGRESS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Examines the role of Congress in the American political system. Attention is given to the historical development of Congress, the current status of the Congress, and the functions of Congress in the American political system.

POLI 318 - THE PRESIDENCY
Short Title: THE PRESIDENCY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Analysis of presidential powers and behavior in the context of legal, electoral, personal, and other forces that shape and limit the actions of the President.

POLI 319 - WORLD LEGAL SYSTEMS
Short Title: WORLD LEGAL SYSTEMS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course introduces students to the study of judicial systems around the world. In doing so, we will examine the role of courts in the modern state to better understand their growing importance as political actors. We will engage with different theories to compare how law, politics and judiciaries interact.

POLI 321 - AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: STRUCTURES AND POWERS
Short Title: AMER CONST. LAW:STRUCTRS, PWRS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course explores how the Supreme Court has interpreted and applied the nation’s foundational document – the United States Constitution. In doing so, we will examine the powers of the federal and state governments, the executive’s emergency powers, and the Supreme Court’s authority to nullify the acts of other branches.
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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.

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 323 - AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

Short Title: CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

Department: Political Science

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Course Type: Lecture

Distribution Group: Distribution Group II

Credit Hours: 3

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level

Description: This course explores how the Supreme Court has interpreted and applied the US Constitution in the area of civil rights and liberties. We will examine claims related to property, privacy and personhood, First Amendment speech and religious protections, and equal protection of the laws based on race, gender, age, etc.

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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level

Description: Taught in English. Novels, and films, from North and West Africa, and the immigrant population in France, from 1960 to 2010. Emphasis on the tensions between narratives of political emancipation, modernity, secularism, and religious fundamentalism and mysticism. Extra reading for graduate students in theories of colonialism, postcolonialism, globalization. Cross-list: FREN 324, RELI 476. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for POLI 324 if student has credit for RELI 604.

POLI 325 - AFRICAN AMERICAN POLITICS

Short Title: AFRICAN AMERICAN POLITICS

Department: Political Science

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Course Type: Lecture

Distribution Group: Distribution Group II

Credit Hours: 3

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level

Description: Examination of race in U.S. politics. Includes a discussion of the construction of black identity, historical and contemporary black political leaders and thinkers, and the influence of race in political attitudes and behaviors.

POLI 326 - RELIGION AND DEMOCRACY

Short Title: RELIGION AND DEMOCRACY

Department: Political Science

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Course Type: Lecture

Distribution Group: Distribution Group II

Credit Hours: 3

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level

Description: This course explores the appropriate relationships between the religious beliefs of the participants in a democracy and the laws and regulations adopted, particularly in the context of the dual commitments to democratic processes and separation of church and state. A broad introduction to the American Constitutional law of religious freedom is provided.

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

Distribution Group: Distribution Group II

Credit Hours: 3

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.

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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.

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 - RACE, ETHNICITY, AND POLITICS IN AMERICA
Short Title: RACE ETHNICITY & POLTCS N AMERCA
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 332 - URBAN POLITICS
Short Title: URBAN POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 - LEGISLATURES AROUND THE WORLD
Short Title: LEGISLATURES AROUND THE WORLD
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course will examine legislatures and parliaments in countries around the world, exploring their similarities and differences as well as the causes and consequences of these similarities and 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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 337 - PUBLIC POLICY
Short Title: PUBLIC POLICY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): (SOSC 302 or STAT 310 or STAT 315 or ECON 209) and SOPA 309
Description: Familiarizes students with the analytical tools necessary for evaluating and analyzing public policies. Cross-list: SOSC 301. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for POLI 338 if student has credit for POST 338.

POLI 339 - GENDER AND POLITICS
Short Title: GENDER AND POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: A survey of central topics in gender and politics, including issues such as women’s and men’s representation in government, women as voters and candidates in political elections, gender and political participation in political parties and social movements, and gender and policy representation.
POLI 341 - RACE AND THE LAW IN THE UNITED STATES
Short Title: RACE AND THE LAW IN THE U.S.
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hour: 3
Description: Introduces legal frameworks of analysis and sources of law pertaining to issues of racial equality and discrimination. Questions include: How has law been used to perpetuate inequality? How has law made it more difficult to achieve reforms to advance equality? How have law and legal institutions helped advance racial equality and justice?

POLI 342 - POLITICS OF THE JUDICIARY
Short Title: POLITICS OF THE JUDICIARY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hour: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 Hour: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 344 - URBAN POLITICS LAB
Short Title: URBAN POLITICS LAB
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory
Credit Hour: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: The lab course examines urban politics and policy by combining urban theory and methods with an intensive focus on one or more case studies. In addition to social, political and economic issues, the course focuses on history, culture, language, and architecture. The lab features a field research trip to one or more cities (e.g. Istanbul), typically during spring break. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 349 - URBAN LAB ISTANBUL
Short Title: URBAN LAB ISTANBUL
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 350 (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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 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 351 - ISLAM AND POLITICS
Short Title: ISLAM AND POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hour: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 355 (may be taken concurrently) or POLI 362
Description: This course will venture to explore the “rich and diverse particularity” of Muslim political life at a time when Islam has become virtually synonymous with violence and hostility toward modernity. The topics include Islamic principles of government, relationship between political and religious authority, Islamism, Islam and democracy, jihad, and shariah.
POLI 352 - THE POLITICS AND CULTURE OF MEXICO
Short Title: POLITICS & CULTURE OF MEXICO
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 - POLITICAL REPRESENTATION IN CONTEMPORARY DEMOCRACIES
Short Title: POLI REPRESNT N CONTEMPRY DEMOC
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 function? How do democracies arise? Can institutions influence the survival and consolidation of democracy?

POLI 359 - WORLD CONSTITUTIONS
Short Title: WORLD CONSTITUTIONS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course introduces students to constitutional systems around the world with a focus on constitutional design. The course covers the basics of constitutional theory, drafting, and amendment, political institutions, and constitutional rights and liberties, often using constitutional case law to highlight the critical questions surrounding contemporary constitutional theory and design.

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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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  
**Distribution Group:** Distribution Group II  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**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 363 - POLITICAL LEADERSHIP  
**Short Title:** POLITICAL LEADERSHIP  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Distribution Group:** Distribution Group II  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This course introduces students to the study of leadership, with a focus on leadership in the political arena. Using a social science framework, we will examine the role of individuals as leaders of governmental and political bodies in shaping the culture, performance, and outcomes of those bodies.

POLI 365 - BRITISH POLITICS  
**Short Title:** BRITISH POLITICS  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Distribution Group:** Distribution Group II  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**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 366 - SOUTH ASIAN POLITICS  
**Short Title:** SOUTH ASIAN POLITICS  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Distribution Group:** Distribution Group II  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This course explores the political system of South Asia, focusing on the historical and contemporary development of democratic institutions and practices in the region. It examines the role of institutions, political parties, and leaders in shaping governance and policy outcomes. The course also covers important political science topics in a comparative perspective. Topics that will be covered include regimes, identity (caste, religion, gender) and conflict, migration, and diaspora and immigration in the US.

POLI 370 - CORRUPTION IN POLITICS  
**Short Title:** CORRUPTION IN POLITICS  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** The objective of this course is to understand the causes and consequences of corruption in politics and engage critically with cutting-edge research on corruption in the social sciences.

POLI 371 - CIVIL WARS  
**Short Title:** CIVIL WARS  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**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  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**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
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 INTERACT INTERN'L REL
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 376 - INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
Short Title: INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course explores patterns of and explanations for human rights violations over time, as well as international and domestic solutions to protect human rights.

POLI 377 - CHINESE POLITICS IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE
Short Title: CHINESE POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 377. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for POLI 377 if student has credit for ASIA 489/POLI 489.

POLI 378 - POLITICS OF AMERICAN NATIONAL SECURITY
Short Title: POLITICS OF AMER NATL SECURITY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 380 - POLITICAL BEHAVIOR
Short Title: POLITICAL BEHAVIOR
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 381 - GOVERNMENT, POLITICS AND SOCIETY IN TEXAS: FROM 1835 TO THE PRESENT
Short Title: GOVT & POLITICS IN TEXAS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: The course examines Texas government, politics and society from the formation of the Texas Republic to the present. In addition to historical overviews, students will consult primary sources and utilize data from the Texas Legislative History Project to better understand key events, trends and dynamics in the Lone Star State.

POLI 392 - JERUSALEM
Short Title: JERUSALEM
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: A course on Jerusalem's past and present, its religious meanings in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, and its role in the modern conflict in the Middle East. Instructor Permission Required. Instructor Permission Required.

POLI 395 - APPLIED RESEARCH METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
Short Title: APPLIED RESEARCH METHODS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory
Credit Hours: 4
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): SOSC 302
Description: This course uses a lecture/lab combination to introduce students to research design, applied research methods, and statistical software in political science. Students will learn key skills and tools to conduct research in political science and have an opportunity to apply those in an individual or group project.

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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 - THESIS I
Short Title: THESIS I
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Independent Study
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This is the first course in the Political Science Honors Program. Students will conduct independent research and prepare a formal research proposal for their planned thesis by the end of the semester. Students must complete both POLI 405 and 406 to get Honors in Political Science. Instructor Permission Required.

POLI 406 - SENIOR THESIS
Short Title: THESIS II
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Independent Study
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This is the second course in the Political Science Honors Program. Students will conduct independent research and write a thesis paper by the end of the semester. Students must complete both POLI 405 and 406 to get Honors in Political Science. Instructor Permission Required.

Short Title: US PRESIDENT CONGRESS COURTS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: This course focuses on American political institutions. We will use current and historical research in political science to examine the inner-workings of Congress, the presidency, the judiciary, and inter-branch relations. Students can expect to gain insight into topics such as how scholars study elections, ideology, and oversight.

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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
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 418 - MODERN AMERICAN PRESIDENCY
Short Title: MODERN AMERICAN PRESIDENCY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: The course examines the modern presidency since World War II with a focus on the extent to which the Trump presidency has influenced the office and been influenced by it. It specifically studies the ways in which a single president can change the office and the government. The examination considers the expansion of presidential power especially during war and its relation to the Constitution. It assesses the public presidency through television, the internet and social media. It investigates the organization of the White House and the nature of presidential decision-making. The central question is how much of a difference do individual presidents make to the office they hold.

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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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, TECHNOLOGIES, AND ADMINISTRATION
Short Title: ELECTION SYSTEMS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 participants 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 POLITICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: Research seminar in the history of Texas politics.

POLI 431 - ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS
Short Title: ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**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:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**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 GOVT  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**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:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395  
**Description:** This course explores 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 - 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:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395  
**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 437 - EDUCATION POLICY**  
**Short Title:** EDUCATION POLICY  
**Department:** Political Science  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** POLI 395 or POLI 338 or SOSC 301  
**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:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**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 441 - GOVERNING THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMONS
Short Title: GOVERNING ENVIRONMNTL COMMONS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 445 - SEMINAR IN JUDICIAL PROCESS AND BEHAVIOR
Short Title: SEM JUDICIAL PROCESS & BEHV
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: Thinking about law school? This seminar explores social scientific literature in judicial process and behavior and examines selected controversies in the study of judicial processes. Learning is based on active participation in seminars covering assigned readings and a research project on a related topic selected by the student.

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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 456 - GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT
Short Title: GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: This course will examine how formal and informal institutions and development processes have shaped gender inequality across the economic, social, and political sphere. It will focus on theories and evidence from low and middle income countries.

POLI 457 - CONDITIONS OF DEMOCRACY
Short Title: CONDITIONS OF DEMOCRACY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: Latin American countries have elected suprisingly 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 461 - WOMEN AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP
Short Title: WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: A research seminar focusing on women as political leaders worldwide. Topics include: leadership as a gendered concept; conditions that promote women's inclusion in/exclusion from leadership posts; whether, when, and why women leaders behave differently than men; and citizens' reactions to men and women in leadership roles.

POLI 462 - COMPARATIVE PUBLIC POLICY
Short Title: COMPARATIVE PUBLIC POLICY
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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.
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**Description:** This course explores the spatial nature of politics. It examines how policies, ideas and behaviors spread globally among political actors. Topics covered include: government and parties’ policy diffusion. The contagion of civil war and terrorism, the spread of protests and social movements, and the dynamics of economic globalization.

**Prerequisite:** POLI 395

**Restrictions:** Cannot register for POLI 469 if student has credit for POLI 571.

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**POLI 470 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**Short Title:** INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

**Department:** Political Science

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**Course Type:** Seminar

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Description:** Topic varies from year to year. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

**Prerequisite:** POLI 395

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**POLI 472 - AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY**

**Short Title:** AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

**Department:** Political Science

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**Course Type:** Seminar

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.

**Prerequisite:** POLI 395

**Description:** The content of American foreign policy, its sources, and the process of policy formulation.

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**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:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.

**Prerequisite:** POLI 395

**Description:** This course will introduce students to the problems faced by intelligence analysts. Students will study historical examples of intelligence analysis. Placed in teams, they will monitor streams of actual events and provide assessments of these events.
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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 RESEARCH EXPERIENCE
Short Title: INTRNL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: In this research seminar, students explore key concepts and debates in political science such as power, authority, democratization, globalism, national security, and representation, as they emerge in a specific part of the world. The course includes a faculty-led site visit to another country in which students conduct their research first hand. Students learn how to conduct research in an international setting. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 477 - SPECIAL TOPICS
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar, Lecture, Laboratory, Internship/Practicum
Credit Hours: 1-4
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: Topics and credit hours may vary each semester. Contact department for current semester's topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 480 - INFORMATION AND MISINFORMATION IN AMERICAN POLITICS
Short Title: INFO & MISINFO AMERICAN POLTCS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: What do Americans know about politics and how does it matter for their political behavior? This course explores how information, uncertainty and misinformation influence political decision-making. It also considers how the public acquires factual beliefs and reviews efforts to correct political misperceptions and reduce knowledge deficits.

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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: Understanding War and Peace: Why do countries resort to the use of military force, and how can such conflicts be resolved? This course will introduce students to current research on the causes and consequences of international conflict. In addition to reading and discussing current scholarship, students will have the opportunity to engage in their own research.
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: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): POLI 395
Description: Study of the development of modern political theory and its relevance to contemporary problems. NOTE: This seminar is in the theory and methods field. It is not an American politics seminar.

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 is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Study of applications of maximum likelihood estimation.

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 is limited to Graduate level students.
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 POL 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 502
Description: This course provides an analytic and quantitative framework to design and implement causal analysis, especially in observational studies. It focuses on understanding the logic, mathematical foundations and implications of causal reasoning using diverse frameworks, and covers tools for its implementation such as randomization, weighting, difference-in-difference, matching, and others.

POLI 507 - ADVANCED TOPICS IN POLITICAL METHODOLOGY II
Short Title: ADV TOPICS POLI 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 506
Description: An initiation to machine learning tailored for social science research. We will acquaint participants with modern machine learning methods and their applications in the R programming language. We will then demonstrate various applications of machine learning techniques to answer research questions in the social sciences, such as the application of machine learning to causal inference.
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
Prerequisite(s): POLI 504
Description: Study of advanced topics in research design and measurement theory.

POLI 512 - EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN AND SOCIAL BEHAVIOR
Short Title: EXPERIMENTAL 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 513 - SURVEY RESEARCH
Short Title: SURVEY 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: The major objectives of this course are to introduce graduate students to the skills and resources needed to design and conduct a survey.

POLI 520 - COMPARATIVE POLITICS CORE SEMINAR
Short Title: COMPARATIVE POLITICS CORE SMNR
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 528 - AMERICAN POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS
Short Title: AMERICAN POLITICL 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: The course examines the theoretical and empirical study of institutions in political science. Its specific focus is on the study of American politics, with attention to the Congress, presidency, courts, and the media as institutions.

POLI 530 - AMERICAN POLITICS CORE SEMINAR
Short Title: AMERICAN POLITICS CORE SEMINAR
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/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 - POLITICAL BEHAVIOR
Short Title: 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: This course examines mass political behavior and the analytical frameworks used to understand it. Topics will include public opinion, vote choice, turnout, campaign contributions, and participation in social movements.
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 REPRESENTATION  
**Short Title:** WOMEN AND REPRESENTATION  
**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 causes and consequences of women's underrepresentation in politics in countries around the world. It considers common theoretical frameworks for the study of women's representation and the empirical bases of what we know about gender and political representation.

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:** POLITICAL 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 CORE SEMINAR  
**Short Title:** INTRNTL RELATIONS CORE SEMINAR  
**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. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for POLI 542 if student has credit for POLI 442.

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 562 - 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. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for POLI 562 if student has credit for POLI 464.

POLI 563 - 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: A central priority developing nations face today concerns establishing economic growth; how best to achieve strong economic performance has both an economic and political dimension. This course seeks a rudimentary understanding of economic growth, concentrating on its political determinants.

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: This course looks at various theories of collective action and social movements. It will examine theoretical debates about why individuals and groups occasionally redress their grievances through protest and more often endure hardships passively. It will evaluate the relative merit of these theories in explaining cases of protest and passivity worldwide.

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: 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. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for POLI 562 if student has credit for POLI 464.

POLI 567 - COMPARATIVE POLITICAL BEHAVIOR
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: 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 568 - 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 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 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: In this course, we explore the conceptual meanings of democracy and representation, and then examine the theoretical and empirical linkages between citizen preferences, electoral systems, executive and legislative institutions, policymaking and advance industrial democracies. The aim of the course is to understand how citizen preferences ultimately get translated into policy outcomes and how political institutions shape this relationship.

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: Seminar in international conflict. Emphasis on formal theories and quantitative analysis of the causes of war.
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: 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. More work will be required of the Graduate level. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for POLI 571 if student has credit for POLI 469.

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.

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: INTERNAT'L 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 & INT'L 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 580 - 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 581 - 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: Topics vary from year to year. Instructor Permission Required. 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: Individualized study on a specific topic in the field of Methodology for Ph.D. students. Instructor Permission Required. 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: Individualized study on a specific topic in the field of Methodology for Ph.D. students. Instructor Permission Required. 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: Individualized study on a specific topic in the field of American Politics for Ph.D. students. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 594 - 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: Individualized study on a specific topic in the field of American Politics for Ph.D. students. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 595 - DIRECTED READING-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Short Title: DIRECTED READING-INTERNATIONAL 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: Individualized study on a specific topic in the field of International Relations for Ph.D. students. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 596 - DIRECTED READING-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Short Title: DIRECTED READING-INTERNATIONAL 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: Individualized study on a specific topic in the field of International Relations for Ph.D. students. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 597 - DIRECTED READING-COMPARATIVE POLITICS
Short Title: DIRECTED READING-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: Individualized study on a specific topic in the field of Comparative Politics for Ph.D. students. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 598 - DIRECTED READING-COMPARATIVE POLITICS
Short Title: DIRECTED READING-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: Individualized study on a specific topic in the field of Comparative Politics for Ph.D. students. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 599 - TEACHING POLITICAL SCIENCE
Short Title: TEACHING 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: This course prepares graduate students to design and teach classes at the college level. Repeatable for Credit.

POLI 600 - MA RESEARCH AND THRESIS
Short Title: MA RESEARCH AND THRESIS
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.

POLI 677 - SPECIAL TOPICS
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS
Department: Political Science
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Internship/Practicum, Laboratory, Lecture, Seminar, Independent Study
Credit Hours: 1-4
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Visiting Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Topics and credit hours vary each semester. Contact department for current semester's topic(s). 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: Students enrolled in this course are engaged in Ph.D. level research. Repeatable for Credit.

SOPA FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE
Short Title: SOPA FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE
Department: Social Policy Analysis
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): SOPA 200 and (SOSC 302 or STAT 310 or STAT 315 or STAT 315 or DSCI 301)
Description: Students work in teams under the guidance of a Rice faculty member, researcher, or community partner (government, nonprofit, advocacy organization, etc.) to evaluate or design a social policy intervention. Teams write a research report of publication quality and present findings at the end of the year.

POLI 338 or SOSC 301. Repeatable for Credit.

SOPA 200 - APPROACHES TO SOCIAL POLICY
Short Title: APPROACHES TO SOCIAL POLICY
Department: Social Policy Analysis
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: This course provides an introduction to the social sciences and the study of public policy. Students will review the nature of different disciplines and their research programs. These approaches will be studied as different paradigms for policy making.

SOPA 238 - SPECIAL TOPICS
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS
Department: Social Policy Analysis
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Internship/Practicum, Laboratory, Lecture, Seminar, Independent Study
Credit Hours: 1-4
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: Topics and credit hours may vary each semester. Contact department for current semester’s topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

SOPA 300 - SOPA FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE
Short Title: SOPA FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE
Department: Social Policy Analysis
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): SOPA 200 and (SOSC 302 or STAT 310 or STAT 315)
Description: Students work on approved field research projects, write a research report for publication and present finding from their field research project to Rice faculty and staff. Recommended Prerequisite(s): POLI 338 or SOSC 301. Repeatable for Credit.

SOPA 309 - APPLIED ECONOMETRICS FOR POLICY EVALUATION
Short Title: APPLIED ECONOMETRICS: POL EVAL
Department: Social Policy Analysis
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): SOSC 302 or STAT 310 or ECON 307 or STAT 315 or DSCI 301
Description: This course covers applications of statistics to policy analysis and evaluation. Topics include regression, limited dependent variable and selection models, and other estimation techniques appropriate for evaluation and causal inference.

SOPA 340 - INTRODUCTION TO PANDEMIC RESPONSE
Short Title: INTRO TO PANDEMIC RESPONSE
Department: Social Policy Analysis
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course provides students with a broad, introductory-level overview of the knowledge and skills necessary for preparing a public health response to epidemics or pandemics of infectious diseases. The course will use the recent pandemic, COVID-19 (coronavirus disease 2019), and the subsequent response efforts in the United States to provide context to covered topics.

SOPA 400 - SOPA CAPSTONE RESEARCH SEMINAR I
Short Title: SOPA CAPSTONE RESEARCH I
Department: Social Policy Analysis
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): (ECON 209 or SOSC 302) and (POLI 338 or SOSC 301) and SOPA 200 and SOPA 309
Description: Students work in teams under the guidance of a Rice faculty member, researcher, or community partner (government, nonprofit, advocacy organization, etc.) to evaluate or design a social policy intervention. Teams write a research report of publication quality and present findings at the end of the year.

SOPA 401 - SOPA CAPSTONE RESEARCH SEMINAR II
Short Title: SOPA CAPSTONE RESEARCH II
Department: Social Policy Analysis
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): SOPA 400 and (POLI 338 or SOSC 301)
Description: The capstone research seminar is a two-semester course taken in the final year of study. During the Spring Semester, the research teams will write up and present their final research report.
SOPA 477 - SPECIAL TOPICS
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS
Department: Social Policy Analysis
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Internship/Practicum, Seminar, Lecture, Laboratory
Credit Hours: 1-4
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Topics and credit hours may vary each semester. Contact department for current semester’s topic(s). 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 for Political Science: POLI
• Course offerings/subject code for Social Policy Analysis: SOPA

Department Description and Code
• Political Science: POLI

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

Undergraduate Major Descriptions and Codes
• Major in Political Science: POLI
• Major in Social Policy Analysis: SOPA

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

CIP Code and Description 1
• POLI Major/Program: CIP Code/Title: 45.1001 - Political Science and Government, General
• SOPA Major/Program: CIP Code/Title: 44.0501 - Public Policy Analysis, General

1 Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) 2020 Codes and Descriptions from the National Center for Education Statistics: https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/