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General education courses are marked with stars (★).

★ 1001 Fundamental Issues of Politics (3) F,S,Su Central questions at issue in politics; their significance.


★ 2051 American Government (3) F,S,Su Required of all undergraduate majors. An honors course, POLI 2052, is also available. Principles, structures, processes, and functions; emphasis on national government.

★ 2052 HONORS: American Government (3) Same as POLI 2051, with special honors emphasis for qualified students.

★ 2053 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3) F,S,Su Survey of politics in democratic, post-communist, and developing societies; emphasis on major actors and institutions.

2056 Government of Louisiana (3) F,S,Su Prereq.: POLI 2051 or equivalent. State and local government and politics in Louisiana.

★ 2057 Introduction to International Politics (3) F Basic principles, problems, and concepts of international politics; evolution and nature of the nation-state; concepts of sovereignty, power, and national interest; patterns of conflict and cooperation; foreign policies of the major powers.

★ 2060 Introduction to Political Theory (3) F Basic concepts of analysis of normative and empirical political thought.

2070 Public Policy Making: An Introduction (3) S Sequential process of policy making from problem identification through policy formulation, adoption, implementation, and evaluation of impact; application to such areas as civil rights, welfare, urban affairs, taxation, and government spending.

3000 HONORS: Thesis (3) Culmination of political science honors program; details available from department.

3809 HONORS: Seminar (3) Students not enrolled in the honors program may be admitted with consent of the instructor. Subject matter and instructor vary. Details available from the department during registration.

3896, 3897 HONORS: Readings Course (1-3,1-3) Same as POLI 4996, 4997, with special honors emphasis for qualified students.

3901 Undergraduate Internship in Political Science (1-6) F,S Open to undergraduate students approved by the Department of Political Science. May be counted toward the total number of hours required for a major in political science but not toward fulfilling field requirements. Program of study, research, and work in governmental or private agencies concerned with public policy.

3909 Contemporary Political Issues (3) For undergraduate political science or other social sciences majors having a 2.70 overall average; open also to well-qualified students in other fields, by consent of department. May be repeated for credit when topics vary. Course content depends on interests of instructor and class.

4000 Special Topics in American Politics (3) F,S,Su Prereq.: consent of department. May be repeated for a max. of 6 sem. hrs. credit when topics vary.

4001 Research Methods in Political Science (3) F,S,Su Basic components of the research process in political science, including design and structure of research, methods of observation, and techniques of analyzing data.

4010 Principles and Practices of Public Administration (3) F Prereq.: POLI 2051. Organization and administrative processes of public bureaucracies; political role of agencies that make and carry out public policies; characteristics of bureaucratic policy making.

4011 Bureaucracy, Politics, and Public Policy (3) S Prereq.: POLI 2051 or 4010. Interrelationships between bureaucracy and politics in formulation and execution of public policy; forces and forms affecting these relationships.

4012 Public Personnel Administration (3) Prereq.: POLI 2051. Development, administration, and politics of the U.S. civil service; the merit system; collective bargaining in the public sector and constitutional rights of public employees; comparisons with European civil services.

4013 Ethics and Public Policy (3) Ethical questions confronting the formulation of public policy; perspectives of the practitioner and the citizen; political corruption and citizen control and compliance; ethics of current policy in areas such as civil rights, health care, education, energy, and national defense.

4014 Budgetary Process and Policy Making (3) Prereq.: POLI 2051 or equivalent. Budgeting by public agencies; impact of political actors, institutions, and processes on budgetary policies at the national, state, and local levels of government.

4015 American State Policies and Policy Making (3) S Prereq.: POLI 2051 or equivalent. Politics and policy making in the American states; legal, cultural, socioeconomic, political, and institutional factors affecting the formulation, implementation, and evaluation of American state public policies.

4018 Urban Politics and Policy Making (3) F Prereq.: POLI 2051 or equivalent. Political problems in urban governance: the political environment of American cities, private sources of power, political machines and reform, crime and violence, service delivery, metropolitan fragmentation, and the consequences of growth and decay; public policy approaches to complex urban problems.

4020 American Constitutional Law (3) F Prereq.: POLI 2051 or equivalent. Law of the Constitution and place of the Supreme Court in the American political system; separation of powers, judicial review, federalism, and federal powers.

4021 The American Constitution and Civil Liberties (3) S Prereq.: POLI 2051 or equivalent. Political relevance of major federal constitutional limitations; property rights; First Amendment freedoms; rights of criminal defendants and ethnic minorities.

4022 Jurisprudence (3) S Prereq.: POLI 2051 or equivalent. Legal philosophies of natural law, positivism, idealism, sociological jurisprudence, and legal realism; relationships of law, morals, and political order.

4023 Judicial Politics (3) F Prereq.: POLI 2051. Political role of U.S. state and federal courts; organization, staffing, financing; judicial policy making; public perception of the judicial process.

4030 Political Attitudes and Public Opinion (3) V Beliefs and attitudes among the mass public; emphasis on attitude formation and change.

4031 Political Parties in the United States (3) F,S Structure and function of political parties at local, state, and national levels; voting studies of presidential elections.

4032 Interest Groups in American Politics (3) V Interest group politics; effect of voluntary organizations on political behavior.

4033 Religion in Politics (3) V Analysis of religion as a political force; religion as a shaper of political culture, a force for stability and change, and a determinant of political behavior and public policy.

4034 Political Participation (3) V Voting behavior, conventional participation, and political protest and violence; political behavior and public policy.

4035 The Legislative Process (3) F Prereq.: POLI 2051 or equivalent. Legislative politics: emphasis on the U.S. Congress; effect of party, constituency, and legislative institutions on legislative behavior and public policy; role of Congress in the American political system.

4036 The American Presidency (3) V Prereq.: POLI 2051 or equivalent. The presidency in the American political system; emphasis on process of presidential selection, evolving role of the president, politics of the executive apparatus of the presidency, and presidential interaction with other political institutions and actors.

4037 Political Decision Making (3) V Decision making processes at the subnational, national, and international levels; study and evaluation of decisions; role of situation and context.

4038 Blacks and the American Political System (3) V Prereq.: POLI 2051. Interaction of blacks with the American political system since World War II; political resources available to blacks; responses of national institutions and leaders to black aspirations.

4039 Southern Politics (3) V Contemporary politics of the American South.

4040 Special Topics in International Relations (3) F,S,Su Prereq.: consent of department. May be repeated for a max. of 6 sem. hrs. credit when topics vary.

4041 International Law (3) V Prereq.: POLI 2051 or equivalent. Development of international law; law of peace, war, and neutrality; treaty law; recognition, war crimes, law enforcement, state responsibility, and diplomatic immunities under the United Nations; development and future of international law.


4043 American Foreign Policy (3) F “National interest” as guiding consideration in development of American foreign policy from the beginning to the present; importance of the constitutional framework; presidential and congressional leadership; pressure groups and public opinion; changing world environment and American response.

4044 The Contemporary International System (3) V Prereq.: POLI 2051 or equivalent. Developments and trends in the international system since World War II; classical and modern versions of the balance of power; bipolarity, multipolarity, and other elements of systems theory; concept of deterrence and game theory; decision
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making theory; integration theory; conflict and conflict-resolution theory.

4046 International Political Economy (3) Prereq.: POLI 2057 or equivalent. Theories of international interdependence, dependence, and integration; politics of decision making on protectionism and international finance; role of multinational corporations in world political economy; North-South debate; economic issues and national security.

4047 Political Psychology in International Relations (3) F,S,Su Cognitive personality and group psychology in international relations.

4048 International Conflict and Cooperation (3) F,S,Su Theories of international conflict, war, and conflict resolution.

4049 Global Environmental Politics (3) F,S,Su Political and economic factors affecting the global environment.

4060 Special Topics in Comparative Politics (3) F,S,Su Prereq.: consent of department. May be repeated for a max. of 6 sem. hrs. credit when topics vary.

4063 Comparative Political Institutions (3) F,S,Su Credit will not be given for both this course and POLI 7972. Comparative analysis of political institutions; emphasis on constitutional design, electoral and party systems, legislatures and cabinets, and parliamentary and presidential structures.

4064 Comparative Politics of Developing Areas (3) V Problems of development confronted by contemporary states and societies of the Third World; emphasis on role of ethnic pluralism, political parties, bureaucracies, and the military.

4065 Latin American Governments and Politics (3) F Governmental and political processes of Latin America; their contributions to modern government.

4067 The Politics of Asia (3) F Governments and politics of modern Asia, with a focus on China; contemporary nationalism, political development, revolution, and impact of communism, democracy, and capitalism on Asian states.

4068 Democratic Political Systems of Northern Europe (3) Comparative analysis of the structures, functions, culture, socialization, and policies of northern European political systems: Great Britain, West Germany, the Scandinavian, and Benelux countries.

4070 Russian and Central Eurasian Politics and Government (3) F Contemporary political institutions and policies of Russia, Ukraine, and other regional states of the Baltic, Caucasus, and Central Asian area; influence of internal forces, such as culture, ideology, and social structure; political, economic, and social problems and policies.

4072 Government and Politics of East Central Europe (3) V Political systems of East Europe under Communist regimes; comparison of their common problems and methods; role of these parties-states within the Communist system.

4074 The European Community (3) V The political, social, legal, and economic unification of Europe.

4077 The Middle East (3) S Governments and politics; modern Arab nationalism, major political trends since independence; Arab-Israeli dispute, intra-Arab relations, and role of the region in global affairs.

4078 African Government and Politics (3) F,S,Su Governmental and political processes of Africa; factors affecting governmental performance in modern Africa.

4080 American Political Thought (3) V Development of the American liberal-democratic tradition, and dissent to that tradition.

4081 History of Political Theory from Plato to More (3) F Ancient and medieval political thought.

4082 History of Political Theory from Machiavelli to Nietzsche (3) S Early modern European political thought.

4090 Special Topics in Political Theory (3) F,S,Su Prereq.: consent of department. May be repeated for a max. of 6 sem. hrs. credit when topics vary.

4096 Contemporary Political Theory (3) S Political thought from Nietzsche to present.

4234 Studies in Literature and Politics (3) See ENGL 4234.

4996, 4997 Readings Course (1-3,1-3) Prereq.: consent of department. Honors courses, POLI 3896 and 3897, are also available. For junior, senior, and graduate students in the social sciences with a 3.00 average. Individual reading in a specified field of political science.

7000 Professional Development (1) F Pass-fail grading. Political scientist as teacher, researcher, citizen.

7010 Decision Models for Public Administration (3) See PADM 7910, IDS 7910.

7900 Seminar in American Politics (3) V May be taken for a max. of 6 hrs. of credit when topics vary.

7901 Graduate Internship in Political Science (1-6) F,S,Su Open only to graduate students approved by the Department of Political Science and accepted by a recognized internship program. May be counted toward total number of hours required in the M.A. program but not toward field requirements. Research and work in governmental or private agencies concerned with public policy.

7902 Seminar in Public Policy (3) Also offered as PADM 7902.

7903 Special Topics in American Politics (3) May be taken for a max. of 9 sem. hrs. of credit when topics vary.

7910 Public Administration Theory and Practice (3) F See PADM 7910.

7912 Public Personnel Policy (3) See PADM 7912.

7914 Public Budgeting (3) See PADM 7914.

7915 Seminar in State Politics and Policy Making (3)

7916 State and Local Government Administration (3) See PADM 7916.

7917 Program Evaluation (3) See PADM 7917.

7918 Seminar in Urban Politics and Policy Making (3)

7920 Seminar in Public Law (3) V May be taken for a max. of 6 hrs. of credit when topics vary.

7930 Seminar in Political Behavior (3) V May be taken for a max. of 6 hrs. of credit when topics vary.

7931 Seminar in Political Parties (3) V May be taken for a max. of 6 hrs. of credit when topics vary.

7935 Seminar in Legislative Politics (3) V May be taken for a max. of 6 hrs. of credit when topics vary.

7936 Seminar in Executive Politics (3)

7940 Seminar in International Politics (3) V May be taken for a max. of 6 hrs. of credit when topics vary.

7941 Special Topics in International Politics (3) May be taken for a max. of 9 sem. hrs. of credit when topics vary.

7943 Seminar in the American Foreign Policy Process (3)

7946 Seminar in the Politics of International Economic Relations (3) May be taken for a max. of 6 hrs. of credit when topics vary.

7961 Approaches to the Study of Politics (3) F

7962 Seminar in Research Design and Quantitative Techniques (3) S

7963 Advanced Research Methods in Social Science (3) See SOCL 7203.

7964 Specialized Topics in Social Science Methods (2-3) See SOCL 7213.

7970 Seminar in Comparative Politics (3) May be taken for a max. of 6 sem. hrs. of credit when topics vary.

7971 Special Topics in Comparative Politics (3) May be taken for a max. of 9 sem. hrs. of credit when topics vary.

7972 Seminar in Comparative Political Institutions (3) V Credit will not be given for both this course and POLI 4063. Advanced analysis of comparative political institutions, emphasis on constitutional design, electoral and party systems, legislatures and cabinets, and parliamentary and presidential structures.

7974 Seminar on the State and Society (3) Focus on relations between the state and society; effects of social structure and social change on politics and the factors affecting political regimes and state capacity.

7975 Seminar in Comparative Political Behavior (3) V Focus on individual level political phenomena and the relations to political institutions and social systems; topics include political culture and socialization, participation and protest, revolution and regime support, voting and voting behavior.
7976 Seminar in Comparative Political Economy (3) V May be taken for a max. of 6 sem. hrs. of credit when topics vary. Focus on the interaction between politics and economics; topics include models of development, economic performance, and the impact of global economic forces on regional and domestic politics.

7980 Seminar in American Political Thought (3) V May be taken for a max. of 6 hrs. of credit when topics vary.

7981 Seminar in Classical and Medieval Political Theory (3) May be taken for a max. of 6 hrs. of credit when topics vary.

7982 Seminar in Early Modern Political Theory (3)

7984 Seminar in Analytical and Empirical Political Theory (3)

7990 Political Theory: Interpretation and Analysis (3)

7991 Special Topics in Political Theory (3) May be taken for a max. of 6 sem. hrs. of credit when topics vary.

7995 Seminar in Contemporary Political Theory (3) V May be taken for a max. of 6 hrs. of credit when topics vary.

7998, 7999 Readings Course (3,3) May be taken for a max. of 6 hrs. of credit when topics vary.

8000 Thesis Research (1-12 per sem.) “S”/“U” grading.

9000 Dissertation Research (1-12 per sem.) “S”/“U” grading.