# Political Science

Political Science  
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**PS 100**  **Intro to Political Science**  credit: 3 hours.  
Surveys the major concepts and approaches employed in the study of politics. Credit is not given for both PS 100 and PS 200.  
Students must register for one discussion and one lecture section.  
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:  
Social & Beh Sci - Soc Sci

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**PS 101**  **Intro to US Gov & Pol**  credit: 3 hours.
Examines the organization and development of national, state, and local governments in the U.S.; the federal system; the U.S. Constitutions; civil and political rights; the party system; and the nature, structure, powers, and procedures of national political institutions. This course may require limited participating as a subject in research.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
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**PS 125 Washington Experience**  credit: 3 hours.
An examination of political Washington and policymaking. Through visits to think tanks, nonprofit organizations and agencies we will examine the policymaking world in Washington and get to know different participants in this process, what they do, and how they interact and work to affect policy and express their ideas. This course is a required component of the Illinois in Washington Program.
Prerequisite: Acceptance to and enrollment in the Illinois in Washington Program.

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Credit Hours: 3 hours
Advisor Approval Required
The Washington Experience, course for students in the Illinois in Washington Program. Class meets in Washington, D.C. For more information about this program, see: http://www.washington.illinois.edu/ For registration information, contact Political Science Undergraduate Studies Office.

PS 191 **Topics in Civic Leadership**  credit: 1 OR 2 hours.
Examines public and political life from the perspective of public and political leaders. Topics include professional development, career narratives, and/or development or selection of opportunities for civic or public service. May be repeated in separate terms if topics to vary to a maximum of 3 hours.

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Credit Hours: 1 hours
Civic Careers
Not intended for students with Freshman class standing.
Civic Careers: This one-credit course invites students to consider developing their own civic careers in the contemporary social, political and economic setting. The course will emphasize the development of personal and civic objectives and skills, as well as professional development in a dynamic and fragmented local, national and global community. Topics include: taking stock of values and skills, examining contemporary civic careers, evaluating educational opportunities, preparing career narratives, networking, and selecting career opportunities. While all students are welcome, this course is focused on the particular needs and interests of seniors, juniors and sophomores in the social sciences especially political science.

**PS 199  Undergraduate Open Seminar**  credit: 1 to 5 hours.
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Hum Rights/Poli Cult Argentina
Instructor Approval Required
Topic: Human Rights and Politics in Argentina Travel Dates: June 10 - 24, 2018 This course will examine the social, economic, and political issues within modern Argentine society. Through interdisciplinary lenses, students will explore the history of Argentina’s populist regimes, military authoritarian regimes, and transition to democracy. We will build a framework to better understand present problems and trends, such as the transition to democracy, the re-emergence of populism, economic instability, and poverty. The class will involve discussion seminars, meetings with Argentinean scholars, and field trips in and around: Buenos Aires, Alvear (a small town in the Province of Corrientes), Posadas (the capital of the Province of Misiones), San Ignacio (site of Jesuit ruins), and Iguazu (Iguazu Falls). Students will perform volunteer work at “Hogar de Dia” in Posadas, and will be able to interact directly with government officials, activists, scholars, and professionals. Visit this link to apply: http://www.las.illinois.edu/students/international/

**PS 201  US Racial & Ethnic Politics**  credit: 3 hours.
Examines efforts by racial and ethnic communities to organize politically and by society to allocate resources based on race or ethnicity. Topical focus includes African Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, Native Americans, and white ethnics. The primary goal of the course is to develop a more comprehensive understanding of racial and ethnic politics by identifying commonalities and differences among these groups and their relationship to the state. Same as AAS 201, AFRO 201, and LLS 201.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
Social & Beh Sci - Soc Sci
Cultural Studies - US Minority

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PS 220  **Intro to Public Policy**  credit: 3 hours.
Surveys the policy process including adoption, implementation, and evaluation. Topics may include reviews of substantive policy issues such as crime, energy, environment, poverty, foreign policy, civil liberties, or economic regulation. Prerequisite: PS 100 or PS 101, or consent of instructor.

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PS 231  **Strategic Models**  credit: 3 hours.
Introduces strategic models of political behavior and their implications for our understanding of politics. Uses simple models, inspired by game theory, to examine fundamental political questions.

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PS 241  **Comp Politics in Dev Nations**  credit: 3 hours.
Provides comparative and historical insights into the problems affecting the developing world by examining social, economic and political changes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Students must register for one discussion and one lecture section.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
Social & Beh Sci - Soc Sci
Cultural Studies - Non-West

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PS 270  Intro to Political Theory  credit: 3 hours.
Introduces the nature, structure, and purposes of political theory; examines major works on the problems of political order, obedience, justice, liberty, and representation to distinguish and clarify different theoretical approaches.
Students must register for one discussion and one lecture section.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
- Humanities – Hist & Phil

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Humans - Hist & Phil course.

PS 273  Environment and Society  credit: 3 hours.
Same as ESE 287, GEOG 287, NRES 287, and SOC 287. See NRES 287.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
- Social & Beh Sci - Soc Sci
- Cultural Studies - Western

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Not intended for students with Freshman class standing.
Restricted to Political Science majors until November 16, 2017.

PS 280  **Intro to Intl Relations**  credit: 3 hours.
Structure and processes of international relations, trends in international politics, and the future of the international system. Credit is not given for both PS 280 and PS 281.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
Social & Beh Sci - Soc Sci

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PS 281  **Intro to Intl Relations-ACP**  credit: 3 hours.
This course is identical to PS 280 except for the additional writing component that fulfills the campus' advanced composition requirement. Credit is not given for both PS 280 and PS 281. Prerequisite: Completion of campus Composition I general education requirement.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
Advanced Composition
Social & Beh Sci - Soc Sci

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PS 282  **Governing Globalization**  credit: 3 hours.
Examines the historical, socio-economic, political, and moral dimensions associated with the rise of a global society and its governance. Prerequisite: Completion of campus Composition I general education requirement; completion of one course in a social science or consent of instructor.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
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Restricted to Political Science and Global Studies majors until November 18, 2015.

PS 283  **Intro to Intl Security**  credit: 3 hours.
Surveys the major issues associated with arms control, disarmament and international security. Also examines the military, socio-economic, and political dimensions of weapons systems, military strategy, the ethics of modern warfare, nuclear proliferation, and regional security issues. Same as GLBL 283.

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**PS 299  Study Abroad**  credit: 0 TO 18 hours.

Lectures, seminars, and practical work in an approved study-abroad program in Political Science, appropriate to the student's course of study. Approved for letter and S/U grading. May be repeated to a maximum of 34 hours per academic year. Prerequisite: Overall GPA 2.75, 3.00 grade point average in Political Science, admission to approved program.

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Instructor Approval Required
Vienna Diplomatic Practicum: This course provides preparation for study in the Vienna Diplomatic Program and a framework for your research project while abroad. The main course objective is to learn enough about theories of international organization for you to begin, revise, and complete your research paper. In your capstone research project, you will learn to apply theory in a major research-based term paper-testing existing hypotheses and developing new hypotheses of your own.

**PS 300  Special Topics**  credit: 3 hours.

Selected readings and research in political science. See Class Schedule for current topics. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours if topics vary. Prerequisite: Six hours of political science, or consent of instructor.

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Credit Hours: 3 hours
Gov & Pol of East Asia
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This course provides a comparative analysis of the political and economic development of East Asia, particularly in Japan, China, South Korea, and Taiwan. The politics of East Asia will be examined through different approaches, including historical, statist, agental, cultural, and institutional accounts. Students should have completed PS 240 or 241 or at least six hours of Political Science credit prior to taking this course. Restricted to Political Science majors through November 13, 2017.

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Credit Hours: 3 hours
Comp Communist Regimes
Not intended for students with Freshman class standing.
Studies suggest that revolutionary regimes are the most durable of authoritarian regimes. This course analyzes a prototypical form of revolutionary authoritarianism: the communist regime. Its focus is on four surviving communist regimes—China, North Korea, Cuba and Vietnam—contextualized by the trajectory of the first communist state, the Soviet Union. Some of the issues to be explored comparatively include the Marxist-Leninist template, how communist regimes came to power and institutionalized, the party-state, the economics of communist regimes, communist leadership and the cult of personality, regime legitimacy and popular protest/dissent, international relations and the question of regime survival in the twentieth century. Restricted to Political Science majors through November 13, 2017.
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World War I & IR Theory
Not intended for students with Freshman class standing.
PS 300 World War I & IR Theory An analysis of the outbreak and spread of World War I in light of international relations theory and research. Emphasis is placed on the role of alliances, rivalry, repeated crises, arms races, and territorial disputes and how these affected decision making in individual countries. Students prepare a paper using recent data and historical information. Not intended for students with freshman standing. Students may receive only three credit hours for PS 300. Restricted to political science majors until November 13, 2017.

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Credit Hours: 3 hours
Euro Union and Gov in Vienna
Instructor Approval Required
Topic: The European Union & Governance in Vienna Travel Dates: May 13, 2018 - June 9, 2018 What is the European Union? Why does it matter for politics in Europe? And how does it affect the place of Europe in the world? This course uses the concept of governance to explore these three questions. We will look at governance inside the EU, and at the role of the EU in the governance of its neighboring areas and in global governance. Vienna, the modern capital of Austria and the former imperial capital of the Hapsburg Empire, is the ideal venue to explore these topics. Today the city is the seat of multiple EU and international organizations. And, as a member of the European Union for over 20 years, Austria has participated actively in internal EU governance and in fulfilling the EU's goals in regional and global governance. 2017 is a special year to visit Vienna because the Austrian government will assume the presidency of the Council of the EU in June. The course combines classroom instruction on the campus of the prestigious Vienna University of Economics and Business with site visits to Austrian, EU and international institutions.

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14th Amendment & Ind Rights
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Topic: The 14th Amendment and the Evolution of Individual Rights Analyzes individual rights guaranteed by the 14th Amendment, including equal protection, fundamental rights, and substantive and procedural due process. We will trace the evolution of the Court’s interpretation of individual rights to understand how these rights are protected today as well as how they may evolve in the future. Restricted to Political Science majors until November 13, 2017.

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Credit Hours: 3 hours
Int'l Human Rights Politics
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This course lays the analytical foundation and theoretical framework for international human rights politics. We will survey the cutting edge scholarship on global human rights norms and governance. This course seeks to serve two objectives: to develop the substantive context to understand international human rights politics, and to improve students' research ability. Restricted to Political Science majors until November 13, 2017.

PS 301  The US Constitution I  credit: 3 hours.
Analyzes issues related to judicial interpretation of the constitution; the separation of governmental powers; federalism; checks and balances among the three branches of the national government; and the jurisdiction of federal courts. Prerequisite: PS 101, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.
PS 302  **The US Constitution II**  credit: 3 hours.
Analyzes issues involved in free speech, freedom of religion, rights of the criminally accused, and government's responsibility to protect persons from discrimination based on race or sexual preference. Pays special attention to the role of law and judges. Prerequisite: PS 101, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

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PS 303  **The US Congress**  credit: 3 hours.
Examines the legislative function in government; the structure and organization of Congress; legislative procedures; pressure groups and lobbying; the relation of legislature to other branches of government; and problems of legislative reorganization. Prerequisite: PS 101, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

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PS 313  **Congress and Foreign Policy**  credit: 3 hours.
Examines cases of foreign-policy making over 100 years with a focus on the struggle between the legislative and executive branches, constitutional questions, explanations for changes in behavior, and the impact on democratic process. Prerequisite: PS 101, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

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PS 321  **Principles of Public Policy**  credit: 3 hours.
Examines different approaches to evaluating the performance of public sector organizations, including private sector accountability principles. Focuses on how to improve the performance of governmental agencies, as well as corporate social responsibility. Same as ACCY 321, ACE 321, and BADM 303. Prerequisite: PS 101, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.
PS 340  Politics in Intl Development  credit: 3 hours.
Examines the ways in which the wealthy countries of the world, international organizations and non-governmental organizations have tried to catalyze or facilitate economic and human development in the poorer countries of the world. Prerequisite: PS 240 or PS 241 or PS 281, or six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

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PS 345  Gov & Pol of SE Asia  credit: 3 hours.
Provides a comparative analysis of the political development of the countries of Southeast Asia. Emphasis is placed on differing approaches to the governance and public policy formation, as well as economic, social, historical, and cultural influences on political development. Prerequisite: PS 240 or PS 241, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

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PS 353  Gov & Pol of Latin America  credit: 3 hours.
Examines the origin and development of Latin American political institutions. Prerequisite: PS 240 or PS 241, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

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PS 357  Ethnic Conflict  credit: 3 hours.
Explores the bases of nationalist and ethnic identities across a variety of different national and cultural contexts, and how these are related to conflict at the intrastate and interstate levels. Consideration is given to the characteristics and patterns of ethnic conflict with special emphasis on how and when ethnic tensions become manifested in violent conflict. The course concludes with consideration and evaluations of various domestic and international approaches to conflict management and resolution. Same as GLBL 357. Prerequisite: PS 240 or PS 241, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

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Advanced Composition course. Not intended for students with Freshman class standing. Advance Composition course. Restricted to Political Science majors until November 13, 2017.

PS 372 Modern Political Theory  credit: 3 hours.

Provides critical analysis of political theories from the fifteenth century to the present. The discussions focus on topics such as the development of conceptions of human nature, the role of the state, justice, legitimacy, obligation, individual rights, equality, and mechanisms of maintenance and change. Prerequisite: PS 270, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

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Not intended for students with Freshman class standing. This course explores modern political debates that accompanied dramatic changes in governance in Europe and beyond during the 17th through 19th centuries. This is a period full of contradictions. On the one hand, we find a new belief in the capacity of people to rule themselves, the development of a powerful language of rights, and new possibilities for mobility, economic and otherwise. On the other hand, we find modern forms of slavery and imperialism; the denial of suffrage and citizenship to working classes, women, and people of color; and concerns about the quality of even the voting citizen’s freedom given the influence of others, whether elites or the masses. We will explore how modern political theorists used concepts of “social contract,” “liberty,” “equality,” “humanity,” and “civilization” to justify political rule and to address, obscure, or otherwise engage the contradictions of this period. A central objective is to gain a broad understanding of the modern political perspective and its contemporary influence, especially in the United States. To this end, our exploration will pair canonical Western political theory (Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Marx) with more recent material (both academic and popular, essays and video). In terms of assignments, students can expect more or less conventional academic essays of varying lengths and the option to undertake a multi-media project (game design, blog series, etc.), but no tests.

PS 376 American Political Theory  credit: 3 hours.

Surveys American political thought from colonial times to the present. Prerequisite: PS 270, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

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PS 377 Topics Contemp Pol Theory  credit: 3 hours.

Examines specific topics and writers of contemporary political theory. Recent themes have included conceptions of power, rights, justice, and radical political thought. May be repeated to a maximum of 9 hours. Prerequisite: PS 270, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.
ECOLOGICAL POLITICAL THOUGHT

This course will explore a selection of classics of ecological thinking (examples include Thoreau, Aldo Leopold, Edward Abbey, Rachel Carson, Arne Naess) and more recent contributions to facing our human plight and prospects for nature (possible examples include but are not limited to Wendell Berry, Wes Jackson, David Ehrenfeld, Dipesh Chakrabarty, Michael Serres, Vandana Shiva, Bruno Latour, E.O. Wilson, Ramachandra Guha, Rob Nixon), as well as supplemental material from conservation biology and environmental history. We will consider how these various ecological perspectives compare with classic and conventional accounts of economics, culture, and politics, including the most conventional or currently popular approaches to earthly problems and prospects. We will be less concerned to measure how popular or widespread a particular prognosis or recommendation for action, and instead assess their sufficiency to the problems we face.

PS 389  International Communications  credit: 3 hours.
Same as MACS 389. See MACS 389.

PS 390  American Foreign Policy  credit: 3 hours.
Considers the major foreign policy decisions currently confronting the United States government: analyzes their background, principal issues, and alternative actions, as well as the policy formulation process. Prerequisite: PS 280 or PS 283, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.
PS 399  Politics of International Treaties  credit: 3 hours.
Treaties are agreements between sovereign states governed by international law. This course examines why countries commit to treaties and why they comply with them. It will provide advanced undergraduate students with the opportunity to read a range of scholarly works on international agreements and to conduct their own research on related topics. Prerequisite: PS 280.

PS 408  Islam & Politics in Mid. East  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Same as REL 408 and SAME 408. See REL 408.

PS 411  Campaigning to Win  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Same as CMN 424. See CMN 424.
PS 415  **Europe and the Mediterranean**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Same as EURO 415 and ITAL 415. See EURO 415.

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Credit Hours: 4 hours
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Examines the governments, societies, and cultures on the shores of the Mediterranean. Examines ideas associated with the Mediterranean and practices followed by its people and governments from the perspectives of a variety of disciplines, paying special attention to the region’s relationship with the European Union. Prerequisite: Minimum of junior standing, or consent of instructor.

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Credit Hours: 3 hours
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Examines the governments, societies, and cultures on the shores of the Mediterranean. Examines ideas associated with the Mediterranean and practices followed by its people and governments from the perspectives of a variety of disciplines, paying special attention to the region’s relationship with the European Union. Prerequisite: Minimum of junior standing, or consent of instructor.

PS 456  **Democracy and Identity**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
A normative and empirical examination of the special issues surrounding the development and maintenance of democracy in plural societies. Analyzes the impact of racial, ethnic and religious diversity on citizenship, civil rights, political institutions and public policy, as well as on democratic stability more generally, in established and newly emergent democracies. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

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Credit Hours: 3 hours
Not intended for students with Freshman class standing. Not intended for Graduate - Urbana-Champaign.
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PS 480  **Energy and Security**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as GLBL 480 and NPRE 480. See NPRE 480.

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PS 490  **Individual Study**  credit: 1 TO 4 hours.
Special topics not treated in regularly scheduled courses; designed primarily for juniors and seniors. 1 to 4 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. May be repeated. Prerequisite: Evidence of adequate preparation for such study; consent of faculty member supervising the work; and approval of the department head.

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PS 491  **Internship**  credit: 0 TO 6 hours.
Students follow a program of study and research related to an approved internship under the direction of the internship director and/or a faculty sponsor. Consult departmental undergraduate advisor or internship director. 0 to 6 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. Approved for Letter and S/U grading. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 undergraduate hours. Prerequisite: 45 credit hours completed, one year in residence at an institution of higher learning, minimum 2.5 grade point average, coursework related to the internship, and acceptance to the internship director or undergraduate director and by faculty sponsor. Students enrolled in internship courses may not register for more than 18 hours total for all courses during the semester of the internship course.

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Credit Hours: 3 hours
Departmental Approval Required

Students in this course will have the opportunity to gain experience working in the Champaign County Public Defender's office. Participants will work on-site at the Public Defender's office assisting attorneys with their cases and observing courtroom hearings. In the classroom component, students will integrate readings, research, and experience with the American legal system into a series of assignments. Topics to be covered include: defendants' Sixth Amendment rights; criminal law procedural requirements; duties and obligations of a Public Defender; statutes regulating legal representation; and case law interpreting the rights and obligations of criminal defendants and their counsel. 3 credit hours. Department Approval Required. Not intended for students with Freshman or Sophomore class standing. Internship courses are subject to college and departmental restrictions. See an advisor for details. Meets in 429 DKH.
PS 492  **UG Research Assistance**  credit: 0 TO 3 hours.
Assist departmental faculty in on-going research. Topics and nature of assistance vary. Capstone paper required. 0 to 3 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. May be repeated in separate terms to a maximum of 6 hours. Credit is not given for more than nine hours toward completion of the political science major from any combination of PS 490, PS 491, and/or PS 492. Prerequisite: Evidence of adequate preparation for such study; consent of faculty member supervising the work; and approval of the department head.

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Departmental Approval Required

PS 494  **Junior Honors Seminar**  credit: 3 hours.
Research, reading, and discussion in selected topics and works in literature of political science. A major research project is required in preparation for PS 495. 3 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. May be repeated in separate terms to a maximum of 6 hours if topics vary. Credit is not given for non-honors courses and honors seminar on the same topic. Prerequisite: Admission to Political Science Honors Program or consent of department.

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Credit Hours: 3 hours
Middle Eastern Politics
Advisor Approval Required
Topic: Middle Eastern Politics This course offers a thematic approach to the study of Middle Eastern politics. We will cover the major areas of political science research on the contemporary Middle East while simultaneously building empirical knowledge about the politics of individual countries in the region. In addition to identifying broad trends in the political, social, and economic development of the region and critically evaluating existing explanations for these trends, the course will help students develop strategies for testing theoretically-driven hypotheses using analytic tools of the modern social sciences, with an aim of developing an independent research project. Topics to be covered include: state capacity and democracy; economic development and mineral resources; the politics of religion and gender; political violence and revolution. Restricted to Political Science majors admitted to PS Honors Program. Advisor Approval Required.

PS 496  **Senior Honors Thesis**  credit: 2 TO 6 hours.
2 to 6 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite: Written consent of instructor of department approval; open only to seniors whose major is political science and who have a general University grade point of 3.0.

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PS 519  **Topics in American Politics**  credit: 4 hours.
Selected research topics designed for graduate study in American Politics. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours.

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Credit Hours: 4 hours  
Biology and Politics  
Restricted to Graduate - Urbana-Champaign.  
Course description: In this course, students will engage with the theories and methodologies used to study the biological processes that underlie political attitudes and behaviors broadly construed. Topics will be drawn from behavioral and molecular genetics, psychophysiology, neuroscience, and evolutionary psychology. The course will focus in particular on identifying potential mediators of biological effects and on accounting for contextual moderators at the micro and macro levels that interact with biological predispositions.

PS 522  **Research Design and Techniques**  credit: 4 hours.
Provides an overview of research techniques for answering questions of concern in political science; indicates the range of available tools; discusses problems in concept formation; and presents current methods of concept measurement. Prerequisite: PS 521 or consent of instructor.

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Credit Hours: 4 hours  
Restricted to Graduate - Urbana-Champaign.  
Meets in the IGPA conference room (110A). 1007 W. Nevada St.

PS 526  **Formal Theory II: Applications**  credit: 4 hours.
Survey of major topics in formal political theory and the application of key game-theoretic methods to the study of politics. Prerequisite: PS 525 or consent of instructor.

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PS 531  **Quant Pol Analysis II**  credit: 4 hours.
Second class in inferential statistics, emphasizing the linear model and assumptions behind linear models. Prerequisite: PS 530 or consent of instructor.

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PS 540  **Proseminar Comp Politics I**  credit: 4 hours.
Surveys the major works, theories, and approaches that define the field of comparative politics. The substantive focus of the course is on advanced industrial countries.

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Credit Hours: 4 hours
Restricted to Graduate - Urbana-Champaign.

PS 589  **Topics in Intl Rel**  credit: 4 hours.
Selected topics designed for graduate study in international relations. May be repeated under different instructors to a maximum of 12 hours. Prerequisite: PS 580 or PS 524, or consent of instructor.

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Human Rights
Restricted to Graduate - Urbana-Champaign.
This course studies the theoretical and empirical literature regarding the development of human rights, with an emphasis on international human rights laws and institutions.

PS 590  **Research in Selected Topics**  credit: 2 TO 12 hours.
Research in selected topics by arrangement with the instructor.

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Instructor Approval Required
Register for PS 590 with individual instructor. CRNS vary by instructor.

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Credit Hours: 2 hours
Statistical Computing
Restricted to Graduate - Urbana-Champaign.
CIC ITV Series, 2 credit hours Description: This course will focus on aspects of statistical computing. Modern statistical packages provide many tools for analyzing data. One purpose of this course is to experience the power afforded by moving away from a simple point-and-click environment. We will learn and use basic programming skills to explore how statistical analysis is enhanced though simulation techniques like cross-validation, bootstrapping, and Monte Carlo experiments. Although there are no formal prerequisites for this course, students should be conversant with some statistical software package and linear models. We will primarily utilize the R statistical package. Dates: Jan 17, Jan 24, Jan 31, Feb 7, Feb 14, Feb 21, Feb 28. https://polisci.osu.edu/sites/polisci.osu.edu/files/Spring 2018 ITV Course Schedule.pdf
### Agent Based Modeling

Credit Hours: 2 hours  
Agent Based Modeling  
Restricted to Graduate - Urbana-Champaign.  
CIC ITV Series, 2 credit hours. TOPIC: Agent Based Modeling. Description: This course will cover the role of computational game theory in complex systems. We will explore examples of simulation based and agent based models in political science and discuss the importance, evolution, and necessity of such models. Students should have familiarity with game theory and be comfortable with at least one coding language (R, Matlab, Python, etc.). The final project for this course will be a paper utilizing an agent based model or a similar simulation based model. Dates: March 7, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2.  
https://polisci.osu.edu/sites/polisci.osu.edu/files/Spring 2018 ITV Course Schedule.pdf

### Time Series: Modules 1 and 2

Credit Hours: 4 hours  
Time Series: Modules 1 and 2  
Restricted to Graduate - Urbana-Champaign.  
“Time Series – 1 & 2 modules” - Instructor Janet Box-Steffensmeier, John Freeman, Jon Pevehouse, Email: steffensmeier.2@osu.edu; freeman@umn; pevehouse@polisci.wisc.edu Description: This course studies statistical techniques used to analyze social processes occurring through time. We begin by discussing social problems that are inherently dynamic in nature and also how time series are measured. We then review the calculus of finite differences. We move next to the study of stationary ARMA models, "reduced form" methods (granger causality and vector autogression), unit root tests, near-integration, fractional integration, cointegration, and error correction models. Time series regression is briefly discussed. We address not only how to construct these models but also how to use time series models in social science analyses. Dates: Jan 19, 25, Feb 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, No class March 16; March 23, No class March 30, No class April 6, April 13, 20, 27.  
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### Evaluating New Research

Credit: 2 hours.  
Evaluating New Research  
Accompanies the Politics Workshop, which brings in speakers from outside the department to present their research. The goal is to expose graduate students to the practice of engaging critically with research presentations from all fields of political science. Students will learn “best practices” in providing feedback about ongoing research projects. They will have the opportunity to utilize these skills both in class discussions and as discussants for the speakers in the Workshop 2 graduate hours. No professional credit. Approved for S/U grading only. May be repeated for up to 4 graduate hours in separate semesters. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in political science required.

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Restrict to Graduate - Urbana-Champaign. Restricted to PHD: Political Science - UIUC.

### Dissertation Design Seminar

Credit: 0 hours.  
Dissertation Design Seminar  
Addresses the basic steps involved in the development of a dissertation proposal; aims to facilitate the completion of the dissertation proposal for students who have passed the qualifying examinations. Approved for S/U grading only. Prerequisite: Successful completion of required qualifying examinations.

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Departmental Approval Required
PS 599  **Thesis Research**  credit: 0 TO 16 hours.
Approved for S/U grading only. May be repeated.

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