

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, POLITICAL SCIENCE, PHILOSOPHY AND LAW STUDIES

POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES

POLS-103. INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

A survey of the major concepts, issues, and controversies in the discipline of political science and its various sub-fields. Credit, three hours.

POLS-200. AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

An examination of the structure and operation of the Presidency, Congress, Bureaucracy, and Supreme Court and the role of political parties, elections, interest groups, and the news media in American politics. Credit, three hours

POLS-210. CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES

A study of political ideologies, which shape the values, beliefs, and actions of contemporary regimes and political movements. Ideologies including, but not limited to, democracy, liberalism, conservatism, socialism, communism, anarchism, fascism and feminism will be examined. Credit, three hours.

POLS-214. RESEARCH METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Research design techniques including hypothesis testing, sampling, questionnaire construction, and aggregate data analysis. Students will be introduced to the elements of survey research (polling) and conduct either an individual or group research project. No prior knowledge of statistics is necessary. Credit, three hours.

POLS-220. COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT

A study of the governments and politics of countries around the world. The choice of governments may vary depending on the interests of the students and the instructor. Credit, three hours.

POLS-230. INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

A study of the economic, diplomatic, military, and legal relationships among states. Designed to provide a conceptual framework leading to a better understanding of world affairs. The course will cover such topics as the nation-state system, the sources of national power, conflict and conflict resolution, international law, and organization. Credit, three hours.

POLS-300. STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

A study of US state and urban governments with special emphasis on Delaware. Credit, three hours.

POLS-307. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

The principles of constitutional law as interpreted by Supreme Court decisions on the allocation of powers to the state and between the three branches of the federal government. Prerequisite: Either Political Science 103 or 200 or approval of the instructor. Credit, three hours.

POLS-308. CIVIL LIBERTIES

An examination of the Supreme Court's interpretation of constitutional freedoms under the First Amendment (press, speech, religion, assembly, and petition), the Due Process Clause (racial and sexual equity), and criminal rights (arrests, search and seizure). Prerequisite: either Political Science 103 or 200 or approval of the instructor. Credit, three hours.

POLS-309. LSAT PREPARATION COURSE

This course is designed to prepare students for Law School Admission Test. The instructor will go over test taking strategies and hints during each class. Students will also take practice exams throughout the semester. Credit, three hours.

POLS-310. AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

The evolution of American political thought from colonial times to the present with an emphasis on how ideas influence government policy and political behavior. Prerequisite: History 201 or 202. Credit, three hours.

POLS-315. PARTIES, CAMPAIGNS, AND ELECTIONS

The nature and function of political parties in the American two-party system; the role of money and television in modern campaigns; voting behavior and electoral reform. Prerequisite: either Political Science 103 or 200 or approval of the instructor. Credit, three hours.

POLS-320. BLACK POLITICS IN AMERICA

This course is an exploration of Black participation in the larger American political system. It is principally a historical analysis of Black political experience. It examines economic and cultural aspects of this experience, Black political ideologies, Black political leadership, voting behavior, de-racialization, political movements, and Blacks in U.S. foreign policy. Prerequisite: either Political Science 103 or 200 or approval of the instructor. Credit, three hours.

POLS-325. POLITICS OF DEVELOPING NATIONS

A study of political development and change in the nations of Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Prerequisite: 103 or consent of instructor. Credit, three hours.

POLS-330. FIELD WORK IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

A supervised experience designed to give the student firsthand knowledge of some aspect of political behavior. Prerequisite: consent of the instructor. Credit, three hours.

POLS-340. GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS

Survey of corporate-government relations in the United States focusing on how corporations influence government decision-makers and how government policies affect business operations. Prerequisite: 200 or consent of instructor. Credit, three hours.

POLS-355. AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

A study of the American foreign policy-making process and the role of the United States in international relations. Prerequisite: either Political Science 103 or 200 or consent of instructor. Credit, three hours.

POLS 363: GENDER, LEADERSHIP, and POLITICS

This course provides a semester-long focus on the topics of gender and leadership. Among the topics explored within the course are theories of leadership, studies on the impact of gender on leadership, and profiles of current and historical leaders. Credit, three hours.

POLS-400. THE PRESIDENCY

A study of the office, powers, and behavior of the president with an analysis of his major roles as chief administrator, legislator, opinion leader, foreign policymaker, and commander-in-chief. Prerequisite: Political Science 200 or approval of the instructor. Credit, three hours.

POLS-403. THE CONGRESS

A study of the U.S. Congress to include the structure of the House and Senate (the committee system, legislative rules and procedures, party leadership, and caucuses) and congressional behavior (campaigning, constituency representation, and decision-making). Prerequisite: Political Science 200 or approval of the instructor. Credit, three hours.

POLS-405. THE SUPREME COURT

The organization and powers of the federal judiciary; the selection of federal judges; judicial philosophy and behavior; judicial decision-making and the impact of the Supreme Court on the political process. Prerequisite: Political Science 200 or approval of the instructor. Credit, three hours.

POLS-408. BUREAUCRACY AND PUBLIC POLICY

The role of bureaucracy in modern American government; bureaucratic power and politics; decision-making and the implementation of public policy; political constraints on bureaucracy. Prerequisite: Political Science 200 or approval of the instructor. Credit, three hours.

POLS-420. INDEPENDENT STUDY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

An intensive investigation of a topic within the discipline of political science under the guidance of a political science faculty member. Course requirements include regular

conferences, reading assignments, and a research paper. Prerequisite: consent of the instructor and 15 hours of prior coursework in political science. Credit, three hours.

POLS-450. SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

This course investigates the nature, development, functions, behavior and relevance of international organizations in the conduct of international relations. Credit, three hours.

POLS-466. SEMINAR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

This seminar examines special topics on all branches of the political science discipline. The specific topic to be covered will be stated in that semester's course listings. Credit, three hours.

POLS-470. POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP

Students interested in an internship experience with a local, state, or federal government agency should consult with an Advisor and the Department Chairman for program information. Credit, three to nine hours.

POLS 475 SENIOR CAPSTONE

The Senior Capstone Experience is a course in a major program designed to integrate General Education and the major course of study. It enables the student to demonstrate the following: 1) a competence in the major, and 2) an understanding of the breadth of knowledge, skills, and sensibilities that General Education provides. The course may be planned and/or implemented in an interdisciplinary manner. Credit, three hours minimum.