

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

POLS 5000. Independent Study in Political Science. (1-6 Credits)

May be repeated for a total of 24 credits

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POLS 5010. Investigation of Special Topics in Political Science. (1-3 Credits)

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POLS 5100. Proseminar in Political Theory. (3 Credits)

Historical survey and analysis of fundamental concepts in political theory.

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POLS 5105. Political Theory. (3 Credits)

Historical and conceptual analysis of selected political ideas such as justice, liberty, rights, political obligation, or the state; including an examination of one or more major schools or bodies of political thought from ancient to contemporary times.

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POLS 5115. Theories of Human Rights. (3 Credits)

Debates about the meaning of human rights and their importance.

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POLS 5240. Research Seminar in Comparative Politics. (3 Credits)

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POLS 5260. Democratic Institutions. (3 Credits)

Rules that structure access to power and policy-making process across countries; changes over time; and major political effects. Topics include the electoral system, presidentialism, government formation, legislative committees, federalism, and the courts.

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POLS 5300. Proseminar in International Relations. (3 Credits)

Current theories of and methodological approaches to international relations.

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POLS 5315. International Security. (3 Credits)

Political and military issues as they intersect at the international level, such as war, terrorism, alliances, and intervention.

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POLS 5322. Human Security. (3 Credits)

Examination of emerging conceptions of human security, important elements of which include good governance, food, water, political, economic, and environmental security. Definition, measurement, and politics of human security. Relationship to domestic and international policy-making and advocacy.

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POLS 5330. International Organization and Law. (3 Credits)

International cooperation to resolve economic, social, and political transnational problems.

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POLS 5340. Politics and Security in the Middle East. (3 Credits)

Examination of security issues in the Middle East and the responses of regional actors and external powers.

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POLS 5390. Economic Rights. (3 Credits)

(Also offered as ECON 5128.) Explores the conceptual bases, measurement, and policy applications of economic rights. Specific topics will include: child labor, the right to development, non-governmental initiatives, and the institutionalization of economic rights (e.g., constitutionalization versus statutory implementation versus discretionary policies).

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POLS 5406. Special Topics in American Politics. (3 Credits)

Advanced study of selected topics. Intensive examination of research literature dealing with particular aspects of American politics.

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POLS 5407. American Political Institutions and Policy. (3 Credits)

The institutions and policy-making process of American government.

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POLS 5408. American Political Behavior. (3 Credits)

The political behavior of the American public, including public opinion, voting behavior, and other forms of participation.

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POLS 5409. American Race, Gender and Ethnic Politics. (3 Credits)

The politics of American race, gender and ethnicity, with a focus on disadvantaged groups and their influence on the political process.

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POLS 5410. Black Feminist Theory and Politics. (3 Credits)

(Also offered as WGSS 5410.) Major debates at the core of black feminist theory, emphasizing the ways in which interlocking systems of oppression uphold and sustain each other in contemporary U.S. politics.

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POLS 5505. Seminar in Public Law. (3 Credits)

Selected topics in public law, the administration of justice, and jurisprudence.

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POLS 5510. Judicial Decision-Making. (3 Credits)

The judicial decision-making process in terms of methods and models developed in the framework of the behavioral sciences.

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POLS 5515. Constitutional Interpretation. (3 Credits)

An exploration of the theories and process of constitutional interpretation in the United States, with an emphasis on the role the Supreme Court plays in defending and enforcing civil liberties.

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POLS 5600. Nature of Political Inquiry. (3 Credits)

The scope of political science, modes of inquiry, the role of concepts and theory. Graduate students are urged to take the course in their first semester.

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POLS 5605. Seminar in Quantitative Methods of Political Science. (3 Credits)

Introduction to the data analysis techniques most often used by political scientists. Requires no previous background in statistics.

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POLS 5615. Seminar in Qualitative Methods of Political Science. (3 Credits)

A survey of qualitative research methods. Training in use of case studies, comparative historical approach, interviewing and focus groups, ethnography and interpretive methods.

Enrollment Requirements: POLS 5600 and 5605.

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POLS 5620. Research Design and Development. (3 Credits)

Introduction to research methods and designs in political science.

Students will develop and conduct original research projects. Intended for master's students in their first semester.

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POLS 5625. Political Science Professional Development. (3 Credits)

Exploration of careers that involve researching and thinking about politics. Required for 5th Year M.A. students. Does not fulfill Methods or Subfield course requirements for POLS Ph.D. students.

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POLS 5630. Prospectus and Dissertation Writing Seminar. (1-3 Credits)

Writing workshop facilitates prospectus and dissertation writing.

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POLS 5700. Proseminar in Politics and Popular Culture. (3 Credits)

Intersections of politics and popular culture. Examination of cultural texts for political meaning and for dialogue with academic political science.

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POLS 5710. Political Science Fiction. (3 Credits)

International relations theory and speculative fiction as interpretations and interrogations of war, peace, politics, knowledge, and imagination.

Enrollment Requirements: Not open for credit to students who have passed POLS 3710.

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POLS 5800. Race in the Formation of the Human Sciences. (3 Credits)

(Also offered as ANTH 5800.) Exploration of how race and the human sciences emerged out of the theological, epistemological, and political upheavals that resulted in the Euromodern world.

Enrollment Requirements: Not open for credit to students who have passed PHIL 5380.

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