

2010 Spring

GRADUATE COURSES

POSC 804-010 **Seminar: Post Industrial Systems**

Miller # 15377 M 0200-0500 PM

The focus is upon the politics of states and societies comprising the OECD. The seminar breaks down into three modules. The first examines theories of the state in the context of globalization, capitalism, regional and perhaps world polity formation. The second focuses on the state of democracy, political parties, and party systems in the areas of the world held up for global emulation. The third focuses on regionalization and trans-nationalization processes, especially labor mobility. Students are required to write two reviews of the literature-style essays based on a selection of assigned readings.

POSC 807-010 **U.S. in the Global System**

Mycoff # 10293 W 0200-0500 PM

Introduction to the institutions, politics and social forces that shape the United States' conduct in the global system. Topics include democratic theory, constitutional foundations, political culture and development, and the historical and institutional dynamics of United States politics.

POSC 811-010 **Topics in Comparative Government**
Latin American Politics

Carrion # 15379 R 0200-0500 PM

The goal of this course is to provide a systematic examination of contemporary Latin American politics. The seminar seeks to introduce students to new theoretical treatments of core issues associated with the politics of the region. We will start with a discussion of the colonial legacy and the inability of Latin American states to establish stable forms of government in the XIXth century. We will then move quickly to study the wave of military governments that swept the region in the 1970's and the subsequent transition to democracy. Issues associated with the recent process of democratization will be carefully examined. These include: market reforms, institutional weaknesses, party systems, populism, the rise of the left, social movements, ethnic politics, and social and economic exclusion.

POSC 816-010**Advanced Social Research for Political Science**

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T 0200-0500 PM

This seminar is designed to offer graduate students in political science an opportunity to learn the skills necessary to write a research design and conduct advanced social research. The seminar begins with a discussion of issues related to the philosophy of the social sciences and then moves to the study of conceptual issues associated with research design and the use of qualitative methods. A major objective of the seminar is to write a research design that could be a first draft of the dissertation proposal. More specially, the following topics will be addressed: research design and inference in the social sciences using qualitative data; concept formation, case selection, and concept measurement; methodological issues in case studies and small-N analysis; mixed-methods research; mechanisms and models of explanation in the social sciences.

POSC 843-010**Global Governance: Theory & Cases**

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F 0200-0500 PM

This course is primarily designed to introduce you to the theories of global governance. These theories help answer a number of questions central to the class: What is global governance? What actors, structures and processes contribute to global governance? What are the effects of global governance, globally, from a comparative perspective, and in the US? To answer these questions, we will first situate global governance within traditional theoretical approaches to world politics. We then explore how global governance theory has evolved beyond traditional international relations theory. To better understand these theories, we will also explore some of the substantive and empirical dimensions of contemporary global governance arrangements and processes (e.g. gender issues, human rights, intervention). The relevance of global governance not only for IR but also for comparative politics and American politics will be emphasized.

POSC 850-010**Colloquium: Global Governance and Society**

Green

8473

M 0500-0700 PM

This course corresponds with the department's annual speaker series. The theme of the colloquium varies from year to year, addressing important aspects of global governance. We will be welcoming 5-6 speakers over the course of the semester, in addition to presentations by graduate students. This course is required of all graduate students. MA students and PhD students in their first two years will take the course for one credit, attending the speaker series and preparing response papers for the talks. Third year PhD students will take the course for three credits as a research seminar and will present their work as part of the speaker series.

POSC 867-010

International Relations of East Asia

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T 0200-0500 PM

This seminar surveys the international politics of East Asia (defined as Northeast Asia plus Southeast Asia) with particular attention to its shifting post Cold War relations. Broadly speaking, the course traces the evolution of what has been a US centric East Asian regional system into one that is now more East Asian in content and form. Because much of the uncertainties of East Asian regional security regard intra-regional relations, a central preoccupying question that will also run through the course is what are the sources of conflict and cooperation in East Asia? Evidence can be found for both – What will be the conditions, processes, and dynamics that lead a relationship in one direction as opposed to another? Theoretically, the course will provide opportunities to explore questions of power, history, ideas, international institutions, and regionalisms as they apply to East Asia’s changing regional landscape and relations.

NOTE: Graduate students may also seek permission from faculty members to attend their 400-level specialized courses and arrange graduate credit.