

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

POSC 150-010 The American Political System

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MWF 0125-0215 PM

**** Course meets College of Arts & Sciences Group C breadth requirement ****

This course introduces students to fundamental issues of American government and politics. We will examine the underlying framework of government, the structure of political institutions, the participants in the system, and the ultimate source of power in a mass democracy — the American people themselves. The objective of the course is to provide students with a solid understanding of how the political system works, and to teach them to think critically about how and why it produces the outcomes it does. By the end of the course, students should feel comfortable analyzing day-to-day politics in the U.S. as well as understanding enduring questions such as: Do Americans know enough about politics to cast rational and informed votes? Why does the U.S. have only two major parties? How much influence do the media have on politics? Are politicians becoming more polarized and extreme? How do judges decide exactly which rights and freedoms we are guaranteed under the constitution?

POSC 150-011 The American Political System

Staff

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MWF 0905-0955 AM

**** Course meets College of Arts & Sciences Group C breadth requirement ****

Constitutional principles, structure and functions of the political process in the Unites States.

POSC 150-012 The American Political System

Staff

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MWF 1115-1205 PM

**** Course meets College of Arts & Sciences Group C breadth requirement ****

Constitutional principles, structure and functions of the political process in the Unites States.

POSC 240-010 Introduction to International Relations

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TR 0930-1045 AM

**** Course meets College of Arts & Sciences Group C breadth requirement ****

This course provides an introduction to the study of world politics and international relations by surveying the concepts and ideas that have defined and distinguished global politics, especially the evolution of the international system through the 20th and 21st centuries. Among the topics and concepts that students will discuss are the characteristics of the international system; issues of power, order, and justice as regards questions of intervention in world politics; globalization and interdependence; the variety of actors in world politics; and the roles played by international institutions. By offering a broad introduction to world politics, this course aims to give students elementary tools and frameworks for understanding both the changes and continuities of international life.

POSC 240-011 Introduction to International Relations

Staff

6405

MWF 1220-0110 PM

**** Course meets College of Arts & Sciences Group C breadth requirement ****

The development of international systems, their structure and political economic dynamics. Fundamental analytical concepts and approaches.

POSC 270-010 Comparative Politics

Staff

6409

MWF 0905-0955 AM

**** Course meets College of Arts & Sciences Group C breadth requirement ****

Introduction to comparison of politics “within nations”. Covers Europe, Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

POSC 285-010 Introduction to Political Theory

Rasmussen

11719

TR 1230-0145 PM

**** Course meets College of Arts & Sciences Group A breadth requirement ****

Political theory, the oldest branch of Political Science, is a mode of inquiry that explores not only on what is but what ought to be, giving us tools to critique the present and imagine different futures. This course explores classic and contemporary works that explore the nature and purpose of politics. We will examine different ways of defining what counts as “political,” the relationship between politics and power, and different ways of making political arguments. We will examine some of the most important political questions: what are our obligations to the state? How do we determine who belongs inside of our political community? Does the public good trump individual interest? How do we achieve justice in light of historical inequities? The goal of the course is to understand some of the foundational ideas and arguments that have shaped our ways of thinking about politics and to explore how political theory can help us rethink political problems of our own era.

The course will include readings by Sophocles, Plato, Rousseau, Coetzee and Foucault as well as films that are illustrative of political questions.

**POSC 300-010 Data Analysis for Political Scientists
Lab 020L**

Staff

8589

MW 0905-0955 AM

Lab F 0905-0955 AM

Applied statistical analysis, including regression, analysis of variance, descriptive statistics and exploratory data analysis, statistical inference, and measurement.

**POSC 300-010 Data Analysis for Political Scientists
Lab 021L**

Staff

8591

MW 0905-0955 AM

Lab F 1010-1100 AM

Applied statistical analysis, including regression, analysis of variance, descriptive statistics and exploratory data analysis, statistical inference, and measurement.

POSC 313-010 American Foreign Policy

Campbell

11707

MWF 1010-1100 AM

This course is designed to provide the student with: (1) an overview of the historical development of American foreign policy since WWII; (2) an appreciation of the relationships between the institutions, processes, and decision-makers that construct American foreign policy; (3) the capacity to understand and analyze the debates surrounding contemporary issues in American foreign policy; and (4) a sense of some of the analytical and conceptual challenges involved in understanding of American foreign policy.

POSC 316-010 International Political Economy

Denemark

8349

TR 1100-1215 PM

All markets, even so-called "free" markets, depend for their existence on certain political contexts. Economic progress requires political inputs like law, police, roads, schools, and money. Likewise, political structures almost always rest upon economic foundations. In this course the complex and dynamic interaction of politics and economics at the global level will be the topic of analysis. We begin with an examination of ideas about the international political economy. We then turn to a consideration of the development of systems to facilitate monetary, trade, and financial relations among competing powers. We conclude with a consideration of some serious challenges to the global political economy including underdevelopment, systemic gender discrimination and the extension of our understanding of "property" to include things like ideas.

POSC 324-010 Voting and Elections

Brewer

13158

TR 1100-1215 PM

This course will explore electoral politics in the United States, with a particular focus on the 2012 presidential campaign. It will examine the rules of the electoral game, the campaign strategies of the candidates, and the behavior of voters. The course will focus not only on how the U.S. electoral system works but also whether it works as well as it should and could. In doing so, it will address questions such as how voters choose between candidates; why voters turn out to vote (or do not); what impact televised debates, campaign ads, and internet campaigning have on voters; how the news media cover campaigns; and whether campaigns provide voters with the information they need to make reasoned decisions.

POSC 330-080 Honors: Political Terrorism: The Islamic Space

Miller

13156

TR 1100-1215 PM

****Requires permission of Honors Program**
** Enrollment limited to 20 ****

**** Satisfies University multicultural requirement ****

This semester's scope is delimited to what can be termed the Islamic space- a huge geographical area that now includes the transatlantic space with its growing Muslim populations. A number of historical and contemporary cases will be examined including Algeria, Lebanon, Israel/Palestine, Turkey, Western Europe and more. Student requirements include a midterm and final essay-style exams and a typewritten research paper on an approved topic within the ambit of the course.

Not open to Freshmen except with consent of instructor.

POSC 340-010 Politics and the Media

Hoffman

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TR 0330-0445 PM

Cross-listed with COMM 340

Broadly, this course examines the political roles of the media in socialization, political competence, agenda setting, the electoral process, and political crises. The purpose of this course is to examine the intersecting roles of political actors, the media, and citizens in and beyond political campaigns, with a primary focus on the United States. We will be examining how politicians use the news media to get their messages to citizens; how journalists interpret this information and provide it to news audiences; and how citizens receive and make sense of this information from the news media. There will be a special focus on new technology and nontraditional media; the use of language and symbols in political discourse; and political socialization. Topics will be applied to current events.

POSC 367-010 Gender and Human Trafficking

Lobasz

#13717

MWF 1115-1205 PM

The term “human trafficking” is used to refer to a variety of illicit activities, including sexual exploitation, forced labor, debt bondage, slavery and slavery-like practices, serfdom, and forced marriage. The meaning of human trafficking—also referred to as trafficking in persons, trafficking in human beings, and modern-day slavery—is further fragmented by the wide range of approaches used to study the issue. Trafficking is variously represented as 1) a threat to state security, 2) a violation of human rights, 3) irregular migration, 4) prostitution, and 5) exploitative labor. Underlying these different understandings of human trafficking, however, are questions concerning gender. In this course, we will use a gender perspective to investigate the contemporary practice and politics of human trafficking, paying particular attention to the consequences of gendered conceptualizations of work, migration, exploitation, and victimhood.

POSC 380-010 Introduction to Law

Batchis

13610

MWF 0230-0320 PM

Cross-listed with LEST 380

This course offers a broad introduction to the American legal system. It is designed to expose students to the demands of legal reasoning and provide some insight into what it may be like to attend law school. The class also explores the sources and objectives of American law, the structure and processes of federal and state courts, and the functions of the various players who make up the legal system – judges, lawyers, litigants, jurors and others. Finally, the course provides an overview of select substantive areas of law such as criminal, contract, tort and property. Throughout the course students will be expected to closely read court opinions and critical assessments of the legal system.

Note: ALL students who would like to register for this course MUST attend the first class. Students who do not attend the first class, including those on the waiting list, will NOT be permitted to add this course.

This section DOES NOT meet the A&S Second Writing Requirement.

POSC 387-010 American Political Thought

Martin

12287

T 0600-0900 PM

This course is designed as a seminar class. The course will explore in-depth the basic principles, concepts and traditions of American Political Thought. The course will proceed historically, covering material from the founding of the country to more recent controversies associated with the New Deal/The Great Society, and beyond. Emphasis will be placed upon a variety of theoretical positions and traditions concerning such concepts as rights, representation, and the appropriate structure and scope of the government.

This section DOES NOT meet the A&S Second Writing Requirement.

POSC 401-010 Topics in Constitutional Law: Criminal Procedure

Danberg

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M 0600-0900 PM

This course examines the constitutional law of criminal procedure as it has developed through decisions of the United States Supreme Court. Topics of discussion will include due process of law, arrest, search and seizure, electronic surveillance, the right to counsel, self- incrimination, trial by jury and sentencing. Students will learn how to read, analyze and brief Supreme Court cases. In class participation is a substantial component of the final grade. This course should be interesting for any student considering attending law school.

POSC 401-011 Topics in Constitutional Law: Search for Objectivity

Magee

6421

W 0335-0635 PM

**** Fulfills the College of Arts and Sciences Second Writing course requirement ****

The U.S. Supreme Court has assumed the role of “ultimate interpreter” of the basic law of the American political system—the Constitution of 1787 and its amendments. The Court interprets 18th and 19th language to resolve contemporary disputes the prohibition against “unreasonable searches and seizures,” the guarantees of “freedom of speech . . . [and] press,” “free exercise of religion,” “equal protection of the laws,” “due process of law,” and the reach of the “executive power of the United States,” just to mention some of the document’s less certain and less clear concepts. If interpretation is merely subjective, then constitutional law it is not *law* in the sense that most Americans expect of judges and courts of law. The Court’s legitimacy is questioned if its interpretations of the highest law of the country appear to reflect little more than changing values of the justices periodically appointed to the Court. Some justices and many constitutional scholars have tried to develop standards or theories to legitimize constitutional interpretation, to make the process of interpretation more objective and less the product of the justices’ values.

This course introduces students to some of the major problems of constitutional interpretation and the theories developed to promote objectivity, including the jurisprudence (or judicial philosophies) of some of the Court’s outspoken justices—like Antonin Scalia and Hugo Black—who have claimed to have discovered the most objectives—and the only legitimate—standards available to interpret the Constitution. Students will read a variety of constitutional cases as well as commentary developed both by judges and their scholarly critics.

This course satisfies the College of Arts and Sciences second writing requirement, and therefore students should expect to write a substantial research paper. In addition to the paper, students will be evaluated on the basis of two exams and class participation. Enrollment is limited to 25 students.

POSC 402-010 Civil Liberties: Individual Freedoms

Batchis

9815

MWF 1115-1205 PM

**** Preference given to upperclass majors ****
****Not open to Freshmen****

This course focuses primarily on the Supreme Court’s interpretation of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. Through intensive readings of Supreme Court cases, the course will explore the constitutional freedoms of speech, press, religion, and the separation of church and state.

Participation is mandatory. Students will be called on randomly throughout the duration of each class. Students are required to consistently come to class prepared to discuss the assigned cases and materials.

Note: ALL students who would like to register for this course MUST attend the first class. Students who do not attend the first class, including those on the waiting list, will NOT be permitted to add this course.

POSC 405-010 Constitutional Law of the United States

Magee

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M 0335-0635 PM

****Not open to Freshmen****

Primarily through reading lawsuits decided ultimately on appeal by the United States Supreme Court, students will explore constitutional disputes regarding the separation of powers designed by an 18th century document (amended occasionally since). Our focus is on the legislative, executive (including presidential war powers), and judicial branches of the United States as the national government has tried to cope with an array of problems facing a society that has been transformed from the original 13 post-revolutionary states into the world's only "superpower." Some attention will be given to federalism (the relationship between the states and the national government). Grades will be measured through two examinations, a series of quizzes, a "moot court" simulation/writing exercise, and class participation. First year students are not permitted to register for this course.

POSC 409-010 Contemporary Problems of World Politics: International Criminal Law

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W 0800-1100 AM

This course examines the evolution of international criminal law (ICL) in both national and international judicial venues. As such, it aims to help the student understand the history and the need for ICL; assess multiple methods of international criminal prosecution; and think about the changing nature of the international system owing to evolving perceptions of legitimacy, responsibility, and state obligation to prevent and prosecute egregious crimes. The bulk of the course is practical/ historical in nature, and focuses on the post-War international military tribunals at Nuremberg and Tokyo; UN-commissioned ad hoc tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda; hybrid courts and special tribunals (which include a mixture of domestic and international criminal law) for Kosovo, East Timor, Sierra Leone, Cambodia, and Lebanon; leader responsibility (Kambanda, Pinochet, Taylor, Hussein, and possibly Habre); and the Guantanamo Bay situation, among others.

POSC 409-011 Contemporary Problems of World Politics: Politics of Genocide

Campbell

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MWF 0230-0320 PM

Since the end of the Cold War, genocide has been perpetrated in Bosnia, Rwanda, Kosovo, and more recently in Darfur. Yet, the international community, and in particular the US, has seemed powerless to stop it. Why, considering the enormous military might at the disposal of the international community, and despite past promises to "never again" allow the evil of genocide to go unchecked, did world leaders fail to halt this "scourge of humanity"? Why the lack of political will to do the right thing? What obstacles have stood in the way of decisive action to halt genocide? Why has the failure to stop contemporary genocide brought deep shame and dishonor to the international community? What was the US track record in dealing with genocide in the past, particularly regarding the Nazi genocide against the Jews of Europe during the 1930s and 1940s? What, if anything, can the international community do to insure that "Never again!" has real meaning? These are some of the questions we will explore in this senior-level course.

POSC 415-010 Force and World Politics

Kaufman

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MWF 0125-0215 PM

Countries go to war because their leaders believe war is the best way to achieve their political goals. The war in Iraq provides a good example of the difference between political and military goals: American troops were astoundingly successful in defeating the Iraqi army, but Americans have since discovered that achieving their political goals was going to be much harder. This course explores how such things happen, focusing on two themes: military strategy, the plans leaders devise for how to use military force to achieve their political goals; and the political constraints they face in turning military action into political success. Topics include the theory of war in the classic works On War by Carl von Clausewitz and The Art of War by Sun Tzu; military strategy in the World Wars and Vietnam; and contemporary dilemmas of military occupation and state-building.

This section DOES NOT meet the A&S Second Writing Requirement.

POSC 421-010 Political Psychology

Wilson

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TR 1230-0145 PM

This course will introduce students to the field of political psychology. Political psychology is an exciting, interdisciplinary area of study, concerned with how psychological processes, concepts, principles, and theories help to shape our understanding of politics. In this course, we will explore some of the major topics (e.g., public opinion, racial attitudes, emotions, and persuasion) and lines of political psychology theory and research, emphasizing their applications to contemporary political life. These applications include socialization and identity, personality characteristics in the public and among political leaders, policy views, prejudice, stereotyping, ethnocentrism, nationalism and their political impacts, and the influences of emotion and cognition on voting decisions. Most theories used in political psychology come from the discipline of social psychology; a branch of psychology concerned with how society (i.e., social phenomena) influences individuals, including information processing (social cognition), intergroup relations, and attitudes and opinions.

Students should have taken POSC 300 prior to enrolling in this course.

POSC 423-010 Congress and Public Policy

Mycoff

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MWF 1010-1100 AM

This course is designed to provide an in-depth examination of the foundations, organization, and practices of the Congress. The purpose of this class is to provide students with an understanding of Congress and its members. We will explore how members of Congress can balance competing interests in making policy while seeking reelection. In this course we will tackle important questions about Congress and the policymaking system including how the Congress makes policy, Congress's relationship with President Obama, and how the Congress provides oversight to bureaucratic agencies. This course will integrate content on the U.S. Congress with a semester-long congressional simulation. Students will take on the role of a member of Congress and work together to pass legislation. The simulation will be used to test theories of congressional behavior.

This course requires a basic understanding of American government and Congress's role in the institutional structure. I expect all students to have a POSC 150-level understanding of Congress before taking this class. As this is an upper-level course the reading load is quite heavy. The typical reading assignment includes about 100 pages of reading per week. Students will be graded on papers, exams, and participation in the simulation.

POSC 432-010 Political System of the Post Soviet Union

Kaufman

13160

MW 0335-0450 PM

**** Satisfies University multicultural requirement ****

Why did the Soviet Union break up? What is going on politically in Russia? Is Russia a democracy? Has its economy really changed from Communism to capitalism? How are the other former Soviet republics different from Russia? These are the questions this class aims to answer. The course begins with a survey of Russian and Soviet history. We will also cover the nuts and bolts of the new Russian political system—the powers of the President, the role of parties and of the legislature, public attitudes, and so on. Next we study the biggest problem Russia faces: fixing an economy that hit bottom a few years ago after a downturn worse than America's Great Depression. We then move to examining how Russian politics has changed under Putin, considering topics like the war in Chechnya and the fate of the oligarchs. The last unit considers the "nationalities question"—the ethnic or nationalist conflicts between and within the 15 former Soviet republics.

POSC 439-010 Topics in African Politics: African Women in Politics

Bauer

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F 0800-1100 AM

Cross-listed with BAMS 439

**** Satisfies University Multicultural requirement ****

This course examines the important role that women are playing in politics across the African continent today. It begins with an exploration of African women's political roles during the pre-colonial and colonial periods. We then move on to women's roles in struggles for independence and national liberation. The bulk of the course will focus on African women in politics in the first 50 years of independence, including women in conflict and peace building, women's movements and women in transitions, and women as legislators, executives, and traditional leaders. The class concludes by examining African feminisms. The course is offered against the backdrop of some of the highest legislative representations for women in the world in Africa and Africa's first elected woman president. The class will be conducted in a seminar format.

**POSC 442-010 Topics of Western European Politics
Migration and Security**

Miller

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TR 0330-0445 PM

Migration and Security scarcely constitutes a new concern in European history. However, events like 9/11, 7/7, and the bombing in Madrid have propelled migration issues to the top of European security agendas. The past, present, and future of Migration and Security in Europe is examined with a special emphasis upon analysis of the threat emanating from Islamic communities in Europe. Undergraduates will write mid-term and final essay-style exams and a research paper.

This course will count toward the IR European and the Middle East Area Specialization.

POSC 443-010 China and the World

Ba

10375

TR 0200-0315 PM

This course offers students a historical and theoretical examination of Chinese foreign policy and its relationship with the international system since 1949. Students will be introduced to the domestic, ideological, and international sources of Chinese foreign policy. Topics discussed will include China's evolving relations with the United States; China's changing regional relations in East Asia, and the ways that China is both changing and being changed by its expanding participation in international organizations and regimes.

**POSC 444-010
080**

**Global Agenda 2012
“Spies, Lies and Sneaky Guys”**

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W 0335-0900 PM (alternate weeks with
with guest speaker - includes seminar,
reception, dinner and public lecture)

****Cross-listed with COMM 444-010/080****

An overview international policy and media speaker series that focuses on the role of espionage, intelligence and counter-intelligence in the digital age. Topics will include exploring how the netherworld of espionage and intelligence-gathering affects the United States and its allies, as well as how the United States engages in counter-intelligence efforts in a globalized, electronically-connected environment. Students meet and attend talks and small group dinners with prominent international affairs speakers/practitioners on these topics.

Limited enrollment. Regular class (including Honors section) meets once a week on Wednesdays only. Students must note the extensive student time commitment with visiting speakers on six Wednesday evenings (see below).

Schedule of this course is very unusual:

W 3:35-4:50pm (class weeks with no speakers)

W 3:35-9:00pm (alternate weeks, with guest speaker - includes required attendance in class, reception, dinner and public lectures)

Additional weekly Honors section video conference meeting: Tuesdays 9:00am – 10:15am

Note: Honors (080) section meets one additional period each week, for “live” video conference seminar with college students and professor in Dubai, United Arab Emirates to discuss topics and engage in transnational group projects and readings on the subject of “mutual perceptions.” The video conferences will be conducted in English. Interest in Middle East issues and an open-minded perspective are highly valued.

Students enrolling in the Honors section should be prepared for possible Spring Break travel to Dubai (scholarship supported), and hosting an exchange visit by Dubai students to the University of Delaware in the Spring.

POSC 448-010 Theories of International Relations

Denemark

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TR 0200-0315 PM

We will approach IR theory in three ways. First, we will study the nature of theory and theory-building as a general activity. Second, students will engage in a theory-building project. Finally, we will consider the elements of major IR theories that have developed over the last century, with special emphasis on explanations of phenomena like war and systemic leadership.

This section DOES NOT meet the A&S Second Writing Requirement.

POSC 464-000

Internship in Political Science

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Requires permission of Internship Director

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See the department website at – www.udel.edu/poscir – “Undergrad”, then “Internships” for Forms and Student Responsibilities.

On the “Internships” page, you will find a listing of places students have interned in the past. You can contact any of these locations to inquire about current internship opportunities. On this page, you will also find a list of current advertised internship opportunities.

You may also find opportunities on the Career Services Center web site – www.udel.edu/CSC.
