Requirements for Major in Political Science without an Area of Concentration

1. Three of the four lower-division courses
2. Political Science 30
3. Any twelve upper-division political science courses

Requirements for Major in Political Science with an Area of Concentration

Major in Political Science/American Politics
1. Lower-division required: PS 10 (in addition to two other lower-division courses)
2. Political Science 30
3. Five upper-division American courses:
   A. at least two of which must be from the 100 sequence: 100A-B-C, 100DA, 100E, 100H, 100J, 100K, 100L
   B. the additional courses for the American concentration must be chosen from: 102C, 102E-F-G, 102J-K-L, 103A-B-C, 104A-B-C-D, 104F, 104I, 104L-M

Major in Political Science/Comparative Politics
1. Lower-division required: PS 11 (in addition to two other lower-division courses)
2. Political Science 30
3. Five upper-division courses including:
   A. at least one from the following thematic courses: 120K, 122A-B, 123, 123A, 124A, 125, 125A, 126AA-AB, 127, 136A-B-C, 139A, 150A-B
   B. and at least one each from two of the following three regional areas:
      Asia: 121, 121B, 130B, 130H, 131C, 132C, 133D, 133DD, 133G-H
      Europe: 120A-B-C-D, 120H, 120I-J-K, 126AA-AB, 130AA, 130AC-AD
      Latin America: 134AA, 134B, 134D

Major in Political Science/International Relations
1. Lower-division required: PS 12 (in addition to two other lower-division courses)
2. Political Science 30

Political Science addresses some of the fundamental problems facing human society. Questions concerning world peace, government policies aimed at achieving economic stability and growth, the management of environmental quality, control over political competition, the possibility of using law to affect social and political change, and the gap between the rich and poor in the U.S. and abroad are all on the research agenda of contemporary political scientists. The general purpose of the major is to address these and other issues systematically, and, simultaneously, to raise the broad theoretical questions which can help students relate today’s political debates to those debates about politics which have kept a theoretical tradition alive for over 2,000 years.

Students may major in political science as a general program of study, or they may concentrate in one of six areas: (1) American politics, (2) comparative politics, (3) international relations, (4) political theory, (5) public law, and (6) public policy. All majors in political science must satisfy the following sixteen courses: PS 30 (Political Inquiry), three of the following four lower-division courses (Political Science 10, 11, 12 and 13) and twelve upper-division courses. Moreover, as stated below, students concentrating in one of the fields must satisfy that field’s particular lower- and upper-division requirements.
3. Five upper-division IR courses with at least one each from three of the following four groups:
   A. Foreign Policy: 140C, 142A, 142B, 142M-N, 145A, 146A, 150A, 152
   C. Political Economy: 126AA-AB, 140A, 142B, 144AA, 144AB, 144E-F, 146A
   D. Theory of International Relations: 141B, 142L, 145B-C, 152

**Major in Political Science/Political Theory**

1. Three of four lower-division courses
2. Political Science 30
3. 110A-B-C

**Major in Political Science/Public Law**

1. Lower-division required: PS 10 (in addition to one additional lower-division course)
2. Political Science 30
3. Five of the following: 100A-B, 102L, 104A-B-C-D, 104F, 104I, 104L-M

**Major in Political Science/Public Policy**

1. Lower-division required: PS 10 (in addition to one additional lower-division course)
2. Political Science 30
3. 160AA
4. One of 160AB, 167A, 168
5. Two of 100A-B-C, 100E-F-G, 100I-J
6. One of 102B-C, 102E, 102L, 103A, 103B, 142A, 142J, 150A-B, 162, 163, 165, 166F

Two upper-division courses in a field may be substituted for that field’s lower-division course. However, these courses cannot also be used to satisfy the upper-division course requirements for a concentration of that field.

Since course offerings may change from year to year, students are strongly advised to consult the department for the latest listing of courses prior to preregistration.

Agreements signed between UCSD and several community colleges allow students to apply some community college courses toward lower-division course requirements for the major.

Transfer students must, however, take at least one of the lower-division courses (10, 11, 12, 13) in residence at UCSD. Courses taken elsewhere may be credited toward the major. Please check with an undergraduate student affairs advisor for more information on credit for courses taken elsewhere.

Students who pass the Advanced Placement (AP) Tests in American or Comparative Politics may petition to be exempted from taking PS 10 or 11 (respectively). Effective fall 2004, students must pass with a score of 5 to be exempted from taking PS 10 or 11.

At least nine courses in political science must be taken in residence at UCSD. A total maximum of six courses may be taken elsewhere and applied toward the major. This applies to transfer students, students who pass the AP exam(s), as well as students who study abroad on the Education Abroad Program (EAP) or the Opportunities Abroad Program (OAP). Students planning to transfer course work completed elsewhere are urged to consult the undergraduate student affairs advisor for more information.

Students must maintain an overall 2.0 GPA in the major. To be counted toward satisfying the requirements for the major, upper- and lower-division courses must be completed with a C– or better grade. Courses taken to satisfy requirements for the major may not be taken Pass/No Pass with the exception of a maximum of two independent study courses (PS 199).

**Honors** candidates for departmental honors are required to take PS 191A and B in which they write a senior thesis. To be admitted to the Honors Seminar a student must be of senior standing in the first quarter of the seminar, have a minimum GPA of 3.6 in political science, have completed all lower-division requirements including Political Science 30 and five upper-division courses. Also, students must have an adviser prior to enrolling in the Honors Seminar. These courses may be counted toward the upper-division requirement.

**Career Guidance**

The premise of our educational philosophy is that the best professional preparation for productive careers which we can provide is one which is broad, theoretical, and only indirectly related to the current job market. Our majors graduate into a wide range of career options.

Many political science majors at UCSD will seek admission to a law school. Although law schools make no recommendation concerning the usefulness of any undergraduate major, a B.A. in political science should be seen as a useful complement to a law degree. Students who take courses in American government, policy analysis, and law and politics find that they develop a keen understanding of the role of law in the general political process. This helps students understand the limits and possibilities of the legal process in fostering change or in preserving the status quo. This same curriculum provides a solid foundation for a career in journalism. Students with any specific questions regarding law are advised to consult with career services.

Increasingly, political science majors are preparing for careers in business or as policy analysts in both the public and private sectors. Many of these students pursue advanced degrees in public policy or study for a master’s in business administration. Students interested in this option should look into public policy, American, or comparative politics as an area of concentration. Students interested in public policy might wish to consider the public policy minor, which is described separately in the catalog. Some political science majors are interested in careers in international organization or diplomacy. These students should look into international relations as an area of concentration. In addition, a broad array of courses in comparative politics is essential for anyone interested in a career of international service.

A political science major offers excellent preparation for teaching in the elementary schools. If you are interested in earning a California teaching credential from UCSD, contact the Teacher Education Program for information about the prerequisites and professional preparation requirements. It is recommended that you contact TEP as early as possible in your academic career.

Students interested in majoring or minoring in political science should stop by the Department of Political Science Office, SSBS301, or visit our Web site: [www.polisci.ucsd.edu](http://www.polisci.ucsd.edu).
Study Abroad

Political science majors are encouraged to participate in the UC Education Abroad Program (EAP) and UCSD’s Opportunities Abroad Program (OAP). Prior to departure, students should read the “Academic Planning Tips for Study Abroad” section of the political science Web page. Information on EAP/OAP is given in the “Education Abroad Program” section of the UCSD General Catalog. Interested students should contact the Programs Abroad Office in the International Center and visit its Web site at http://programsabroad.ucsd.edu. Financial aid can be used for EAP/OAP study, and special study-abroad scholarships are also available.

Minor in Political Science

For students entering UCSD winter 1998 or later the following guidelines for a political science minor will apply: seven political science courses, with a minimum of five upper-division. Continuing students may follow the guidelines for a minor of a total of six political science courses, with a minimum of three upper-division. All courses taken for a political science minor must be taken for a letter grade.

Interdisciplinary Minors

The Department of Political Science takes part in two interdisciplinary minors offered at UCSD. The law and society minor offers students the opportunity to examine the role of the legal system in society. Students should note that Law and Society 101 (Contemporary Legal Issues) may be used in fulfilling the twelve upper-division course requirement for the political science major. The minor in health care—social issues offers students a variety of perspectives that will enhance their ability to deal with complex social and ethical issues in modern health care. Additional information on these programs is available through the Warren Interdisciplinary Programs Office.

Research

The Department of Political Science is closely affiliated with several research centers/institutes/projects currently on campus. Faculty members directly involved include: Steven Erie, director, Urban Studies Program; J. Lawrence Broz and Kristian Gleditsch, coordinators, Project in International Affairs; Germaine Hoston, director, Center for TransPacific Studies in Values, Culture, and Politics; Mathew McCubbins, director, Public Policy Research Project; Zoltan Hajnal and Thaddeus Kousser, coordinators, American Political Institutions Project; Peter Cowhey, director, Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation; Wayne Cornelius, director, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies; and Clark Gibson, coordinator, Political Economy of Development Series. For further information please refer to the General Catalog section on “Research at UCSD.”

The Ph.D. Program

The Department of Political Science at the University of California, San Diego offers a program of graduate studies leading to the Ph.D. degree. Instruction is provided in the major fields of the discipline. For purposes of comprehensive examinations, the discipline is broken into four fields: American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and political theory. The department also offers a variety of courses that are of a methodological or epistemological nature, spanning the various fields.

Students take two years of course work in preparation for their comprehensive exams, including the First-Year Core Curriculum (POLI 200A-C and 204A-C). Students also attend regularly scheduled colloquia which feature presentations by faculty, outside speakers, and dissertation students.

A student must complete one seminar paper in one of his or her examination fields. This paper may be written as part of the requirements for a regularly scheduled seminar course or in an independent research course. The paper will involve original research or other creative effort.

By the end of the second year, a student must stand for the General Examination, which consists of written examinations in each of two fields and in a focus-area, and an oral examination.

The comprehensive exams are both written and oral. They test more than just mastery of course work and hence there is no single set of courses required for any field exam. To pass the exams a student is expected not only to master the relevant literature, but also to be able to synthesize and analyze the major issues in the field.

Each comprehensive exam tests both knowledge of the major theoretical approaches in the field and the ability to apply those theories to important questions in the field. For one of the two exam fields, the student also designates a specific area of interest (a “focus area”). The written focus area exam tests the student’s in-depth knowledge and understanding. The focus area exam is taken the same week as the general field exam, and there is one oral covering both exams. Each field publishes a list of focus areas; students may, with approval, craft their own focus area. Each field, in addition, publishes a list of suggested ways to prepare for its exams; each field also determines the research tools required for scholars in that field.

Students are expected to complete their comprehensive exams no later than the end of their second year.

After passing both exams, students are expected to write a dissertation prospectus. This prospectus must be defended before a committee of five faculty, including two members outside the department. This committee also administers the final oral defense of the dissertation.

It is expected that students will complete their dissertations within six years of starting the program.

Students interested in the program should consult the department Web site for more detailed information.

Departmental Ph.D.

Time Limit Policies

Students must be advanced to candidacy by the end of four years. Total university support cannot exceed seven years. Total registered time at UCSD cannot exceed eight years.

**COURSES**

For course descriptions not found in the 2006–2007 General Catalog, please contact the department for more information.

**LOWER-DIVISION**

10. Introduction to Political Science: American Politics (4)
This course surveys the processes and institutions of American politics. Among the topics discussed are individual political attitudes and values, political participation, voting, parties, interest groups, Congress, presidency, Supreme Court, the federal bureaucracy, and domestic and foreign policy making.
Prerequisite: upper-division standing.

American Politics

11. Introduction to Political Science: Comparative Politics (4)
The nature of political authority, the experience of a social revolution, and the achievement of an economic transformation will be explored in the context of politics and government in a number of different countries.

12. Introduction to Political Science: International Relations (4)
The issues of war/peace, nationalism/internationalism, and economic growth/redistribution will be examined in both historical and theoretical perspectives.

13. Power and Justice (4)
An exploration of the relationship between power and justice in modern society. Materials include classic and contemporary texts, films and literature.

27. Ethics and Society (4)
(Also as Phil. 27) An examination of ethical principles (e.g., utilitarianism, individual rights, etc.) and their social and political applications to contemporary issues such as abortion, environmental protection, and affirmative action. Ethical principles will also be applied to moral dilemmas familiar in government, law, business, and the professions. Satisfies the Warren College ethics and society requirement. Prerequisites: CAT 2 and 3, DOC 2 and 3, MCWP 40 and 50, Hum. 1 and 2, MMW 2 and 3, WCP 10A-B, or WARR 11A-B.

30. Political Inquiry (4)
Introduction to the logic of inference in social science and to quantitative analysis in political science and public policy including research design, data collection, data description and computer graphics, and the logic of statistical inference (including linear regression).

40. Introduction to Law and Society (4)
This course is designed as a broad introduction to the study of law as a social institution and its relations to other institutions in society. The focus will be less on the substance of law (legal doctrine and judicial opinions) than on the process of law—how legal rules both reflect and shape basic social values and their relation to social, political, and economic conflicts within society.

87. Freshman Seminar (1)
The Freshman Seminar Program is designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member in a small seminar setting. Freshman seminars are offered in all campus departments and undergraduate colleges, and topics vary from quarter to quarter. Enrollment is limited to 15 to 20 students, with preference given to entering freshmen. May not be used to fulfill any major or minor requirements in political science.

90. Undergraduate Seminar (1)
Selected topics to introduce students to current issues and trends in political science. May not be used to fulfill any major or minor requirements in political science.

UPPER-DIVISION

Minimum requirement for all upper-division courses is at least one quarter of lower-division political science, or upper-division standing.

American Politics

100A. The Presidency (4)
The role of the presidency in American politics. Topics will include nomination and election politics, relations with Congress, party leadership, presidential control of the bureaucracy, international political role, and presidential psychology.

100B. The U.S. Congress (4)
This course will examine the nomination and election of congressmen, constituent relationships, the development of the institution, formal and informal structures, leadership, comparisons of House with Senate, lobbying, and relationship with the executive branch.

100C. American Political Parties (4)
This course examines the development of the two major parties from 1789 to the present. Considers the nature of party coalitions, the role of leaders, activists, organizers, and voters, and the performance of parties in government.

100D. Voting, Campaigning, and Elections (4)
A consideration of the nature of public opinion and voting in American government. Studies of voting behavior are examined from the viewpoints of both citizens and candidates, and attention is devoted to recent efforts to develop models of electoral behavior for the study of campaigns. The role of mass media and money also will be examined.

100E. Interest Group Politics (4)
The theory and practice of interest group politics in the United States. Theories of pluralism and collective action, the behavior and influence of lobbies, the role of political action committees, and other important aspects of group action in politics are examined. Prerequisite: sophomore standing.

100H. Race and Ethnicity in American Politics (4)
This course examines the processes by which racial and ethnic groups have/have not been incorporated into the American political system. The course focuses on the political experiences of European immigrant groups, blacks, Latinos, and Asians.

100J. Race in American Political Development (4)
Readings examine how the multiracial character of the United States has shaped the broad outlines of American politics. Cases include the founding/the Constitution, southern politics, social organization in former Mexican regions, the New Deal, consequences of limited suffrage.

100K. Railroads and American Politics (4)
The railroads transformed the economy and politics of the United States in the nineteenth century. The railroads were the first big businesses and their sheer size lead inevitably to conflict with governments at all levels. This conflict shaped modern politics. Prerequisite: upper-division standing.

100M. Political Psychology (4)
We begin with hypotheses about how people develop political attitudes, and methods to test those hypotheses. The second half focuses on emerging cognitive neuroscience insights, including brain imaging, and asks how these inform theories of political cognition, affect, and behavior. Prerequisite: upper-division standing.

102C. American Political Development (4)
Examines selected issues and moments in the political history of the United States, comparing competing explanations and analyses of U.S. politics. Likely topics include the founding, “American exceptionalism,” change in the party system, race in U.S. politics, the “new institutionalism.”

102E. Urban Politics (4)
(Same as USP 107) This course explores issues such as community power, minority empowerment, and the politics of growth. A research paper is required. Students wishing to fulfill the paper requirement with field research should enroll in the subsequent PS 102JJ course (offered Summer Session 2). Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

102J. Field Research in Urban Politics (2)
(Same as USP 111) To be taken with the approval of the PS 102J instructor, this course allows students to do original field research on topics in urban politics. This course is offered in Summer Session 2 subsequent to a 102J course. Prerequisite: consent of instructor. May not be used to fulfill any major or minor requirements in Political Science.

102K. The Urban Underclass (4)
The lives of individuals living in ghetto poverty in the United States. Causes and consequences of ghetto poverty, political debates surrounding the underclass and different possible solutions. Prerequisite: upper-division standing.

103A. California Government and Politics (4)
(Same as USP 109) This survey course explores six topics: 1) the state's political history; 2) campaigning, the mass media, and elections; 3) actors and institutions in the making of state policy; 4) local government; 5) contemporary policy issues; e.g., Proposition 13, school desegregation, crime, housing and land use, transportation, water; 6) California's role in national politics.

103B. Politics and Policymaking in Los Angeles (4)
(Same as USP 113) This course examines politics and policymaking in the five-county Los Angeles region. It explores the historical development of the city, suburbs, and region; politics, power, and governance; and major policy challenges facing the city and metropolitan area. Prerequisite: upper-division standing.

104A. The Supreme Court and the Constitution (4)
An introduction to the study of the Supreme Court and constitutional doctrine. Topics will include the nature of judicial review, federalism, race, and equal protection. The relation of judicial and legislative power will also be examined.
104B. Civil Liberties—Fundamental Rights (4)
This course will examine issues of civil liberties from both legal and political perspectives. Topics will include the First Amendment rights of speech, press, assembly, and religion; other “fundamental” rights, such as the right to privacy; and some issues in equal protection. Conflicts between governmental powers and individual rights will be examined.

104C. Civil Liberties—The Rights of Criminals and Minorities (4)
Examines the legal issues surrounding the rights of “marginal” groups such as aliens, illegal immigrants, and the mentally ill. Also includes a discussion of the nature of discrimination in American society.

104D. Judicial Politics (4)
Introduction to the study of law and courts as political institutions and judges as political actors, including the role of the judiciary in our constitutional system and decision making both within the Supreme Court and within the judicial hierarchy.

104F. Seminar in Constitutional Law (4)
This seminar will provide an intensive examination of a major issue in constitutional law, with topics varying from year to year. Recent topics have included equal protection law and the rights of civilians in wartime. Students will be required to do legal research on a topic, write a legal brief, and argue a case to the seminar. Prerequisites: PS 104A/B; department stamp.

104L. Positive Political Theory of Law (4)
We will discuss modern theories of the origins of law and legal behavior.

104M. Law and Sex (4)
How law regulates and impacts sexuality and orientation with focus on constitutional law in areas of privacy, free speech, association, regulation of sexual conduct under criminal law pornography, procreation, reproductive rights, and regulation of family status. Prerequisite: upper-division standing. Credit will not be allowed for students who have taken Political Science 102G “law and sex” in the following quarters: spring 2002, (section A00); spring 2001 (section A00); fall 1999 (section A00).

106A. Politics and Bureaucracy (4)
This course explores the problematic relationships between politics and bureaucracy. Theoretical perspectives of Weber, the Marxists, and pluralists will be employed to understand the character of American bureaucratic development in the twentieth century. Prerequisite: upper-division standing.

108. Politics of Multiculturalism (4)
This course will examine central issues in debates about race, ethnicity, and multiculturalism in the United States. It will look at relations not only between whites and minorities, but also at those among racial and ethnic communities.

Political Theory

110A. Citizens and Saints: Political Thought from Plato to Augustine (4)
This course focuses on the development of politics and political thought in ancient Greece, its evolution through Rome and the rise of Christianity. Readings from Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Machiavelli, and others.

110B. Sovereigns, Subjects, and the Modern State: Political Thought from Machiavelli to Rousseau (4)
The course deals with the period which marks the rise and triumph of the modern state. Central topics include the gradual emergence of human rights and the belief in individual autonomy. Readings from Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, and others.

110C. Revolution and Reaction: Political Thought from Kant to Nietzsche (4)
The course deals with the period which marks the triumph and critique of the modern state. Central topics include the development of the idea of class, of the irrational, of the unconscious, and of rationalized authority as they affect politics. Readings drawn from Rousseau, Kant, Hegel, Marx, Nietzsche, and others.

110D. Freedom and Discipline: Political Thought in the Twentieth Century (4)
This course addresses certain problems which are characteristic of the political experience of the twentieth century. Topics considered are revolution, availability of tradition, and the problems of the rationalization of social and political relations. Readings from Nietzsche, Weber, Freud, Lenin, Gramsci, Dewey, Oakeshott, Arendt, Merleau-Ponty.

110EA. American Political Thought from Revolution to Civil War (4)
The first quarter examines the origins and development of American political thought from the revolutionary period to the end of the nineteenth century with special emphasis on the formative role of eighteenth-century liberalism and the tensions between “progressive” and “conservative” wings of the liberal consensus.

110EB. American Political Thought from Civil War to Civil Rights (4)
The second quarter examines some of the major themes of American political thought in the twentieth century including controversies over the meaning of democracy, equality, and distributive justice, the nature of “neoconservatism,” and America’s role as a world power.

110EC. American Political Thought: Contemporary Debates (4)
This course explores contemporary issues in American political thought. Topics may include liberalism and rights, gender and sexuality, race and ethnicity, cultural diversity, and the boundaries of modern citizenship. Readings include political pamphlets, philosophical treatises, court decisions, and works of literature.

110H. Democracy and Its Critics (4)
This course will examine the historical development of the ideal of democracy from Periclean Athens to the present in the light of criticism by such thinkers as Plato, Tocqueville, and Mosca and difficulties encountered in efforts to realize the ideal.

110J. Power in American Society (4)
This course examines how power has been conceived and contested during the course of American history. The course explores the changes which have occurred in political rhetoric and strategies as America has moved from a relatively isolated agrarian and commercial republic to a military and industrial empire.

110N. Theories of Nationalism (4)
Nationalist ideologies. Examination of the rhetoric of nationalist mobilization. Theories about the relationship between nationalist movements and democracy, capitalism, warfare, and the state.

110T. Modern Political Ideologies (4)
An examination of some of the ideas and values associated with major social and political movements in Europe and the United States since the French Revolution. Topics will vary and may include liberalism, populism, democracy, communism, nationalism, feminism, and fascism.

112A. Economic Theories of Political Behavior (4)
An introduction to theories of political behavior developed with the assumptions and methods of economics. General emphasis will be upon theories linking individual behavior to institutional patterns. Specific topics to be covered will include collective action, leadership, voting, and bargaining.

113B. Chinese and Japanese Political Thought I (4)
Examines philosophical traditions of ancient and modern China and Japan, to understand how these have been reflected in Chinese and Japanese development. Course will be in English; however, students with Chinese or Japanese language skills will have opportunity to use these. Graduate students will be required to complete a seminar-length research paper; undergraduate students will write a paper. Prerequisites: upper-division standing for 113B.

114B. Marxist Political Thought (4)
An introduction to Marxist thought from its roots in the western tradition through its development in non-western contexts. Emphasis is placed on how adaptations were made in Marxism to accommodate the specific challenges of each environment.

115A. Gender and Politics (4)
Our understanding of politics, power, conflict, and quality continue to be challenged and transformed by considering gender as it intersects with nationality, race, class, and ethnicity. We will consider the importance of gender in each of the subfields of political science.

116A. Feminist Theory (4)
Readings in historical and contemporary feminist theory; development of gender as a category of political analysis; alternative perspectives on core concepts and categories in feminist theory.

116B. Advanced Feminist Theory (4)
Advanced critical analysis of contemporary feminist theory; emphasis on the interrelationships among discussions of gender, race, ethnicity, class, and sexuality in the work of different feminist theorists; alternative perspectives on feminist political strategies and practices. Prerequisite: PS 115B or PS 116A.

117. Violence and Social Order (4)
This course explores the relationship between violence and the elements of social order, including social hierarchies, group boundaries, power, and authority. Topics include both classic and contemporary works in
political theory, as well as some fiction and journalism. (Not offered in 2006-07.)

118B. The Political Theory of Liberation Theology (4)
A comparative study of liberation theologies, including Continental, Latin American, South African, and East Asian. Prerequisite: PS 118A.

119A. Special Topics in Political Theory (4)
An undergraduate course designed to cover various aspects of political theory.

Comparative Politics

120A. Political Development of Western Europe (4)
An examination of various paths of European political development through consideration of the conflicts which shaped these political systems; the commercialization of agriculture; religion and the role of the church; the army and the state bureaucracy; and industrialization. Stress will be on alternative paradigms and on theorists.

120B. The German Political System (4)
An analysis of the political system of the Federal Republic of Germany with an emphasis on the party system, elections, executive-legislative relations, and federalism. Comparisons will be made with other West European democracies and the Weimar Republic.

120C. Politics in France (4)
This course will examine the consequences of social and economic change in France. Specific topics will include institutional development under a semi-presidential system, parties, and elections.

120D. Germany: Before, During, and After Division (4)
Consideration of political, economic, and security factors that have kept Germany at the center of European developments for more than a century.

120H. European Integration (4)
This course reviews the origins and development of the European Community/European Union and its institutions, theories of integration and the challenges inherent in the creation of a supranational political regime.

120I. Politics in Italy (4)
This course will provide a comparative perspective on the development and functioning of the Italian political system. It includes analysis of political institutions, ideological traditions, parties and elections, political elites in the policy process, and the evolving importance of Italy within European integration.

120K. Politics of Developing Countries (4)
This course critically examines central concepts and theories of development, and assesses their utility in understanding political, economic, and social change in three regions of the developing world: Latin American, sub-Saharan Africa, and Southeast Asia.

121. Government and Politics of the Middle East (4)
This course examines general themes affecting the region (social structure and regime type, religion and modernization, bonds and tensions), the character of major states, and efforts to resolve the conflict between Israel and its Arab and Islamic neighbors. Prerequisite: upper-division standing.

121B. Politics in Israel (4)
An interdisciplinary study of Israel as both a unique and yet a common example of a modern democratic nation-state. We will examine Israel’s history, its political, economic, and legal systems, social structure and multicultural tensions, the relation between state and religion, national security, and international relations.

122B. The Political Trial: Comparative Perspectives on the Politics of Justice (4)
A study of the political drawing on cases selected from the French and Russian Revolutions, the Nuremberg and Tokyo War Crimes Trials, revolutionary China and Cuba, and the Vietnam War era. The course will examine critically the relationship between politics and the administration of justice across time, culture, and political systems.

125. The Politics of Conservation in Developing Countries (4)
Conservation in developing countries concerns resources that are extremely important to policymakers, military, environmental organizations, communities, and individuals. This course examines these groups’ struggle for control over wildlife and forests— from the capital to the village—on several continents.

125A. Communities and the Environment (4)
A popular new idea in environmental protection is to include local communities in conservation efforts. But what are these communities? What challenges do they face in governing their own resources? This course uses both theory and case studies to explore the political economy of community-based conservations.

126AA. Fundamentals of Political Economy: Modern Capitalism (4)
This course explores how economic factors affect political institutions and how political action affects economic behavior in the United States and Western Europe. Particular attention is given to relations between business and labor, economic policy choices, and the impact of international trade. Prerequisite: PS 11 or consent of instructor.

126AB. Politics and Economics in Eastern Europe (4)
This course explores the interrelationship of politics and economics in Eastern Europe, analyzing the historical evolution of the area, the socialist period, and contemporary political and economic change there.

130AA. The Soviet Successor States (4)
An overview of the historical background and contemporary politics of the fifteen successor states of the Soviet Union.

130AC. Seminar: Post-Soviet Politics (4)
Undergraduate research seminar on the Post-Soviet Union. Issues and research areas will vary each time the course is offered. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

130AD. The Politics of the Russian Revolution (4)
An examination of the dynamics of the Russian Revolution from 1905 through the Stalinist period and recent years in light of theories of revolutionary change. Emphasis is placed on the significance of political thought, socio-economic stratification, and culture-historical conditions.

130H. Vietnam: The Politics of Intervention (4)
This course will examine the interventions of foreign powers in Vietnam between 1945 and 1975 (including France, the United States, China, and the Soviet Union) and the effects of intervention.

131C. The Chinese Revolution (4)
An analysis of the dynamics of the Chinese Revolution from the fall of the Qing Dynasty (1644–1911) to the present. Emphasis is placed on the relationship between political thought and the dynamics of the revolutionary process.

132C. Political Development and Modern China (4)
Political development has dominated the study of comparative politics among U.S. academicians since the revival of the Cold War in 1947. This course examines critically this paradigm and its Western philosophical roots in the context of the experience of modern China.

133D. Political Institutions of East Asian Countries (4)
This course discusses the following major topics in three East Asian countries (Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan) from a comparative perspective: (a) economic and political development (b) political institutions (c) public policies.

133DD. Comparative Analysis of East Asian Institutions (4)
This seminar is designed to be advanced follow-up to PS 133D. It examines present-day East Asian government institutions in much greater depth. Prerequisite: PS 133D.

133F. Governments and Politics of Southeast Asia (4)
This course looks at one of the world’s most dynamic and complex regions. The course has three parts: a review of the history and politics of the region; a country-by-country study of several Southeast Asian states; and a look at major challenges facing the region. Prerequisite: upper-division standing.

134AA. Comparative Politics of Latin America (4)
Comparative analysis of contemporary political systems and developmental profiles of selected Latin American countries, with special reference to the ways in which revolutionary and counter-revolutionary movements have affected the political, economic, and social structures observable in these countries today. Analyzes the performance of “revolutionary” governments in dealing with problems of domestic political management, reducing external economic dependency, redistributing wealth, creating employment, and extending social services. Introduction to general theoretical works on Latin American politics and development. Prerequisite: PS 11 or consent of instructor.

134B. Politics in Mexico (4)
General survey of the Mexican political system as it operates today. Emphasis on factors promoting the breakdown of Mexico’s authoritarian regime and the transition to a more democratic political system. Changing relationship between the state and various segments of Mexico society (economic elites, peasants, urban labor, and the Church). New patterns of civil-military relations.

134D. Selected Topics in Latin American Politics (4)
A comparative analysis of contemporary political issues in Latin America. Material to be drawn from two or more countries. Among the topics: development, nationalism, neoimperialism, political change. Prerequisite: upper-division standing.

134N. Politics in Central America (4)
Focused examination of political conflict in one or more countries of the region, emphasizing issues, ideology, and processes in grassroots political organizations. Limited coverage of international politics. (Not offered in 2006-07.)
136A. Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict (4)
Appropriate case studies from around the world will be selected.

136B. Comparative Politics and Political Culture (4)
This course is designed to provide undergraduates with a sound introduction to cultural interpretations of power and politics. The course will also attempt to render an explicit account of the process of theory formation in social science. Special attention will be given to Africa and Asia.

136C. Comparative Bureaucracy (4)
Politics of the administrative state in the world's democracies. How political institutions influence governance across different types of democratic institutional environments.

138D. Special Topics in Comparative Politics (4)
An undergraduate course designed to cover various aspects of comparative politics.

139A. Politics of the Ancient World Order (4)
An introduction to the domestic and international political orders of the ancient West. Primary focus will be on the strengths and limitations of comparative and international relations theories when applied to the ancient world of city-states, kingdoms, and empires.

International Relations

140A. International Law and Organizations (4)
International law and organizations are central to the efforts to create a world order to limit armed conflict, regulate world economy, and advance programs for economic redistribution among nations, and set minimum standards of human rights. This course explains the theory of international law and organizations that is accepted by diplomats and compares this viewpoint to the analysis of social scientists concerning the past record and likely future of world order concerning conflict, economic redistribution, and human rights.

140C. International Crisis Diplomacy (4)
A survey of international peacekeeping and peace enforcement in civil conflicts with a simulation of international diplomacy. Prerequisites: upper-division standing.

141B. Scientific Analysis of Conflict and Peace (4)
The use of data to evaluate theories of conflict. Course will examine the relationship between theory and evidence, measurement and research design. Specific issues examined may include the relationship of power, preference, economic relations, and domestic politics to conflict and peace. Prerequisites: POLI 12 and POLI 30.

142A. United States Foreign Policy (4)
United States foreign policy from the colonial period to the present era. Systematic analysis of competing explanations for U.S. policies—strategic interests, economic requirements, or the vicissitudes of domestic politics. Interaction between the U.S., foreign states (particularly allies), and transnational actors are examined. Prerequisite: PS 12 or consent of instructor.

142B. U.S. Foreign Economic Policy (4)
Seeks to explain U.S. foreign economic policies. Topics include: globalization—benefits and costs, winners and losers; interest group influence on trade policy; domestic and international institutions; multinational corporations; exchange rates; currency crises; environment and labor standards.

142I. National and International Security (4)
A survey of theories of defense policies and international security.

142J. National Security Strategy (4)
A survey of American strategies for national defense. Topics may include deterrence, coercive diplomacy, limited war, and unconventional warfare.

142K. Politics and Warfare (4)
This course offers an exploration of general theories of the origins of warfare; the impact of the state on war in the modern world; and the micro-foundations of combat and compliance in the context of the costs of war and military mobilization. The course should be of special interest to students in international relations and comparative politics.

142L. Insurgency and Terrorism (4)
"Terrorism" uses "illegitimate" violence to achieve political goals. This course uses philosophical, historical, and contemporary material from distinct cultures to understand which actions are defined as "terrorist," who uses them, why, and when, as well as the determinants of their effectiveness.

142M. U.S. Foreign Policy/Regional Security (4)
Lectures and readings examine U.S. foreign policy in Europe, Latin America, and East Asia with attention to current problems with specific nations (e.g., Bosnia) and issues (e.g., terrorism). This course integrates historical, comparative, and foreign perspectives on regional security dynamics. Credit will not be given to students who took PS 154 Special Topic/International Relations with the subtitle U.S. Foreign Policy/Regional Security, in spring 1998, spring 2001, or fall 2002.

142N. American Defense Policy (4)
An introduction to analytic techniques for assessing policy options in the field of national security. Prerequisite: upper-division standing.

142O. International Terrorism (4)
(Same as SOCD 177.) This course covers the definitions, history, and internationalization of terrorism; the interrelation of religion, politics, and terror; and the representation of terrorism in the media. A number of organizations and their activities in Europe and the Middle East are examined. Prerequisite: upper-division standing.

142P. Selected Topics in International Political Economy (4)
This course will consider major theories purporting to explain and predict the workings of the international order from the point of view of political economy. An extended discussion of one aspect of the economic order (e.g., the multinational corporation) will serve as the test case. Prerequisite: upper-division standing.

144A. The Politics of International Trade and Finance (4)
Examines the welfare and distributional aspects of international trade and finance as they relate to the politics of economic policymaking. Topics include: globalization in historical perspective; origins and consequences of trade policy; exchange-rate arrangements; international capital flows; currency crises; economic development.

144B. Conflict and Cooperation in International Politics (4)
Course on how countries overcome problems of conflict and cooperation in their dealings with one another. Focuses on theories of emergence of cooperation among states and applies these to various issue-areas. Subjects examined include international monetary relations, military alliances, economic sanctions, human rights, arms control, international trade, and others. Prerequisite: PS 12. (Not offered in 2006-07.)

144E. The Politics of International Trade and Finance (4)
Examines the welfare and distributional aspects of international trade and finance as they relate to the politics of economic policymaking. Topics include: globalization in historical perspective; origins and consequences of trade policy; exchange-rate arrangements; international capital flows; currency crises; economic development.

145A. International Politics and Drugs (4)
This course examines the domestic and international aspects of the drug trade. It will investigate the drug issues from the perspectives of consumers, producers, traffickers, money launderers, and law enforcement. Course material covers the experience of the United States, Latin America, Turkey, Southeast Asia, Western Europe, and Japan.

145B. Conflict and Cooperation in International Politics (4)
Course on how countries overcome problems of conflict and cooperation in their dealings with one another. Focuses on theories of emergence of cooperation among states and applies these to various issue-areas. Subjects examined include international monetary relations, military alliances, economic sanctions, human rights, arms control, international trade, and others. Prerequisite: PS 12. (Not offered in 2006-07.)

146A. The U.S. and Latin America: Political and Economic Relations (4)
An analytical survey of U.S. relations with Latin America from the 1820s to the present, with particular emphasis on the post-Cold War environment. Topics include free trade and economic integration; drugs and drug trafficking; illegal migration and immigration control. Focus covers U.S. policy, Latin American reactions, dynamics of cooperation, and options for the future.

146E. U.S.-Latin American Relations: Security Issues (4)
This course will examine the history of security relations in the western hemisphere. They will be considered in global, regional, and rational contexts. International institutions, economic relations, domestic politics, and military issues will be examined for their contribution to explaining the evolution of the inter-American security agenda from independence to the post-Cold War. Prerequisite: PS 12.

150A. Politics of Immigration (4)
Comparative analysis of attempts by the United States, western Europe, and Japan to initiate, regulate and reduce immigration from Third World countries. Social and economic factors shaping outcomes of immigration policies, public opinion toward immigrants, anti-immigration movements, and immigration policy reform options in industrialized countries.

152. Foreign Policy Analysis (4)
This upper-division course focuses on the comparative study of foreign policies in contemporary and historical world affairs. Competing theoretical approaches drawn from international, domestic, and individual levels of analyses will be examined. War, security, alliances, and international crises will be used to evaluate the utility of competing approaches. Prerequisite: PS 12.

154. Special Topics in International Relations (4)
An undergraduate course designed to cover various aspects of international relations.

Policy Analysis
160A. Introduction to Policy Analysis (4)
(Same as USP 101) This course will explore the process by which the preferences of individuals are converted into public policy. Also included will be an examination of the complexity of policy problems, methods for designing better policies, and a review of tools used by analysts and policy makers. Prerequisite: PS 10 or 11.

160AB. Introduction to Policy Analysis (4)
In this course, students will use their knowledge of the political and economic foundations of public policy making to conduct research in a wide variety of public policy problems. Prerequisite: PS 160AA.

162. Environmental Policy (4)
This course will explore contemporary environmental issues such as global warming, endangered species, and land use. Students will be asked to analyze various policy options and to write case analyses. Policies may be debated in class.

163. Analyzing Politics (4)
Politics are understood as the combination of individual preferences and decisions into collective choices. What are the issues involved in aggregating individual preferences, what is the choice of rules—formal and informal—for doing so.

165. Special Topic: Policy Analysis (4)
An undergraduate course designed to cover various aspects of policy analysis.

166F. The American Welfare State (4)
(Same as USP 112) This course examines the building of the welfare state in the twentieth century. Topics include the legacy of progressivism, the New Deal and Great Society; Reaganite retrenchment; social programs, party and electoral dynamics; and the welfare state’s impact on groups and the class structure.

167A. Seminar: Public Policy Analysis (4)
Students are asked to analyze various policy options related to contemporary American policy issues. Students are also required to do directed research on policy issues, to write case analyses based on their findings, and to debate policy alternatives in class. Prerequisite: PS 10 or 11.

168. Policy Assessment (4)
The use of real data to assess policy alternatives. Introduction to benefit-cost analysis, decision theory, and the valuation of public goods. Applications to health, environmental, and regulatory economic policy making.

Research Methods
181A. Field Research Methods for Migration Studies: Seminar (4)
Introductory survey of methods used by social scientists to gather primary research data on international migrant and refugee populations, including sample surveys, unstructured interviewing, ethnographic observation, and archival research. Basic fieldwork practices and problem-solving techniques will also be covered. Students planning to take the continuation of this course, Political Science 181B, should note that conversational fluency in Spanish is a requirement for Political Science 181B. Prerequisites: upper-division status, permission of instructor.

181B. Field Research Methods for Migration Studies: Practicum (12)
Continuation of Political Science 181A. Students will apply one or more data collection methods learned in Political Science 181A to collect data from a sample of international migrants, refugees, or returned migrants in a high-migration community. Students participate in team field research, write a detailed individual report on the fieldwork experience and submit a detailed outline of a research paper to be based on data from the fieldwork, required of students who take the continuation of this course. Political Science 181C. Prior to fieldwork, students will read intensively about the research site and write a literature review essay. Prerequisites: upper-division status, Political Science 181A, conversational fluency in Spanish, permission of instructor.

181C. Field Research Methods for Migration Studies: Data Analysis (4)
Continuation of Political Science 181B. Students will analyze primary data that they have helped to collect in a field research site and write a major paper based on these data for publication as a section of a co-authored report on the field research project. Methods for organizing and processing field research data for analysis, techniques of quantitative data analysis, and report preparation conventions will be covered. Prerequisites: upper-division status, Political Science 181B, permission of instructor.

Special Studies
191A-B. Senior Honors Seminar: Frontiers of Political Science (4-4)
This course is open only to seniors interested in qualifying for departmental honors. Admission to the course will be determined by the department. Each student will write an honors essay under the supervision of a member of the faculty.

(Same as Com/Gen 194; USP 194, HIST 193, SocE 194, ERTH 194, COGS 194) Course attached to six-unit internship taken by students participating in the UCDC program. Involves weekly seminar meetings with faculty and teaching assistant and a substantial research paper. Prerequisites: participating in UCDC program.

1971. Political Science Washington Internship (6)
This internship is attached to the UC in DC Program. Students participating in the UC in DC Program are placed in an internship in the Washington, DC, area for twenty-four hours per week. Prerequisites: must be enrolled in the UC in DC Program.

199. Independent Study for Undergraduates (2 or 4)
Independent reading in advanced political science by individual students. (P/NP grades only.) Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

GRADUATE
All graduate courses are categorized as either seminars or independent study.

Seminars
200. Political Science: Scope and Methods (4)
This course examines a variety of approaches to the study of politics, focusing on their intellectual history, canonical works that illustrate their major themes, and methodological critiques and defenses. The course seeks to clarify how interesting and important questions are discovered and how appropriate research is designed and executed. (Not offered in 2006-07.)

200A. Foundations of Political Science (4)
An introduction to the theoretical concepts in the discipline of political science that are commonly used across various sub-fields. Each week will introduce the core concept(s) and discuss applications from several, if not all sub-fields in the department.

200B. Democracy (4)
An overview of the normative and positive issues associated with modern democracies. The appeal and the social, political, and economic arrangements of democracies will be explored.

200C. States and Markets (4)
An overview of the normative and positive issues associated with decentralized (market) versus centralized (political) mechanics of allocation. The appropriate role of government in the economy will be explored.

203. Math for Political Science (4)
Mathematical skills necessary for doing graduate work in political science. Topics include optimization, linear algebra, probability, set theory, and formal logic. (Not offered in 2006-07.)

204A. Research Design (4)
This course will study various approaches to knowledge accumulation in social science. A basic outline of scientific method will be used to examine the difference between theories as assumptions and axioms and hypotheses as “if-then” statements derived from theory. Experimental, quasi-experimental, and qualitative designs will be discussed.

204B. Quantitative Methods I (4)
The use of quantitative methods (particularly multiple regression and its extensions) in political science. Emphasis on understanding the methods and using them in political science applications.

204C. Game Theory I (4)
This course introduces students to the rudiments of decision theory and game theory. Emphasis will be placed on modeling and solving games.

210A. Systems of Political Thought: Thucydides to Augustine (4)
This course is a preparation for the field examination in political theory. It will provide an intensive and critical introduction to European political thought from Thucydides to Augustine. Some of the secondary literature on this period will also be explored.

210B. Systems of Political Thought: Machiavelli to Rousseau (4)
This course is a preparation for the field examination in political theory. It will provide an intensive and critical introduction to European political thought from Machiavelli to Rousseau. Some of the secondary literature on this period will also be explored.

210C. Systems of Political Thought: Kant to Nietzsche (4)
This course is a preparation for the field examination in political theory. It will provide an intensive and critical introduction to European political thought from Kant to Nietzsche. Some of the secondary literature on this period will also be explored.

210D. Systems of Political Thought: Contemporary (4)
This course is a preparation for the field examination in political theory. It will provide an intensive and critical introduction to twentieth-century political
thought. Some of the secondary literature on this period will also be explored.

211A. American Political Thought (4)
This course explores American debates over political ideals, institutions, and identity from the Puritans to the present. Themes will include freedom and slavery, sovereignty and representation, individual and community, diversity and equality. Readings will vary from year to year. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

215. The Self and the Political Order (4)
The course deals with the interrelationship of understandings of the political order and understandings of the self. The course will focus on the two great theorists of modernity, Rousseau and Nietzsche. Extensive readings from primary and secondary sources. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

219. Special Topics in Political Theory (4)
This seminar is an examination of the different approaches to the study of political theory. Issues and research areas will vary each time the course is offered. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

220A. Comparative Politics: State and Society (4)
This course will provide a general literature review in comparative politics to serve as preparation for the field examination. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

220B. Comparative Politics: Institutions (4)
This is a second course in comparative politics designed as a preparation for the field examination. It will focus on the comparative study of political institutions. Prerequisite: graduate standing in any discipline in the social sciences or humanities, or consent of instructor.

220C. Origins of the State (4)
Survey of theories, with empirical cases explaining origins of the modern state. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

222. Measuring Democracy (4)
Research seminar that focuses on the problems of measurement, operationalization, and validity in the comparative study of types, causes, and consequences of democracy.

224. The Politics of Democratization (4)
A survey of theories explaining the processes of democratization and democratic stability. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

224A. Elections in Consolidating Democracies (4)
Course looks at elections in consolidating democracies with an eye to evaluating existing theories of elections with new data. Also explores new empirical patterns in countries around the world, especially Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe, and the Soviet successor states. Prerequisite: graduate student standing or consent of instructor.

225. The Politics of Divided Societies (4)
Research seminar that surveys the theoretical literature on divided societies in Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America, particularly conflict and peacemaking in multiethnic countries. Cases to be studied in depth will be selected in accordance with students’ area and country interests. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

226. Authoritarian Politics (4)
Research seminar that surveys the theoretical literature on non-democratic political systems. Readings draw from cases in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

228. Comparative Bureaucracy (4)
This course examines the politics of the administrative state in the world’s democracies. The course focuses on how political institutions affect the nature of governance in democracies.

229. Special Topics in Comparative Politics (4)
This seminar is an examination of the different approaches to the study of comparative politics. Issues and research areas will vary each time the course is offered. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

230A. The Mexican Political System (4)
An interdisciplinary graduate seminar covering selected aspects of Mexican politics, economic development, and social change. Attention to both domestic and international factors affecting Mexico’s transition to a more democratic system. Materials to be drawn from literatures in anthropology, economics, history (twentieth century), political science, sociology, urban studies, and communication. Topics vary from year to year partly reflecting research interests of participating students. Students are expected to write substantial research papers or thesis proposals. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

231D. Politics of the Soviet Successor States (4)
A colloquium surveying major controversies in the analyses of Soviet and post-Soviet politics. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor. Cannot also receive credit for PS 231.

231E. Politics of Development (4)
This course provides an overview of previous and current efforts to explain political and economic development in non-western settings. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

232C. Political Development and Modern China (4)
Political development has dominated the study of comparative politics among U.S. academicians since the revival of the Cold War in 1947. This course examines critically this paradigm and its Western philosophical roots in the context of the experience of modern China. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

235A. Latin American Politics (4)
Introductory reading seminar on Latin American politics to acquaint students with leading schools of thought, provide critical perspective on premises and methodology, and identify themes for further inquiry. Themes include authoritarianism, revolution, democratization, regional conflict, and emergence of middle-level powers.

236. Immigration Policy and Politics (4)
An interdisciplinary seminar covering origins, consequences, and characteristics of worker migration from Third World countries (especially Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean basin) to the United States, from the nineteenth century to the present.

238. State and Society in Modern East Asia (4)
An examination of the role of the state in economic development in major East Asian societies and its impact on democratization. Case studies will vary but will include China, Japan, and Korea, as well as at least one other society. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

240. International Relations Theory (4)
A survey of the principal theories and approaches to the study of international relations. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

243. International Security (4)
A colloquium surveying the major theoretical controversies in the study of international and national security. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

244A. European Integration (4)
This seminar provides perspectives on the theories and politics of European integration. Analysis will focus on the development of the European Union, the functioning of core institutions, and the challenges of creating a supranational political regime.

245. International Political Economy (4)
A seminar surveying the major theoretical controversies in the study of international political economy. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

247A. Quantitative International Relations (4)
Explores empirical research in international relations with special emphasis on international conflict. Topics covered include theories on the causes of war, the distribution of power and conflict, formal and informal alignment, interdependence and conflict, linkages between domestic and international processes, and issues of research design. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

247B. Formal Models in International Relations (4)
Explores formal analytic and primarily game-theoretic research in international relations with emphasis on conflict and bargaining. Topics include: causes of war and peace, conventional and nuclear deterrence, crisis bargaining, arms race, and two-level games.

248. Special Topics in International Relations (4)
(Same as IRGN 290) This seminar is an examination of the different approaches to the study of international relations. Issues and research areas will vary each time the course is offered. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

250. American Politics (4)
This course will provide a general literature review in American politics to serve as preparation for the field examination. Prerequisite: graduate standing in any discipline in the social sciences or humanities, or consent of the instructor.

251. American Political Institutions (4)
A critical examination of major contributions to the theoretical and empirical literature on the U.S. Congress, presidency, and federal bureaucracy. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

252. American Politics: Behavior
Theoretical and empirical perspectives on voting and other forms of political participation, parties, interest groups, and public opinion in the United States. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

253. Research in State Politics (4)
This seminar will survey the existing literature in state politics with an eye toward proposing new research designs. Topics will include the variation across states in electoral systems, campaign finance laws, political culture, legislative institutions, judicial arrangements,
and policy outcomes. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

254. American Political Development (4) This course examines the historical evolution of the American state with particular attention to theories of political development. Special topics include the development of the party system, electoral and policy realignments, and the evolution of national political institutions. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

255. Urban Politics (4) Examines central works on the development of political institutions in U.S. cities; analyses of community power structures; who governs, why, and to what ends; processes and prospects for minority empowerment; the prominence of ‘growth machines’; the political economy of contemporary cities. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

256A. Judicial Politics (4) Judicial politics is the study of law and courts as political institutions and judges as political actors, focusing on decision-making and power relations within courts, within the judicial hierarchy, and within the constitutional system.

257. Voting and Elections (4) This course is designed to acquaint graduate students with the central themes and issues in the study of voting in national elections. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

259. Special Topics in American Politics (4) This seminar is an examination of the different approaches to the study of American politics. Issues and research areas will vary each time the course is offered. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

260. Mathematical Modeling (4) This course demonstrates how to construct mathematical models of phenomena of interest to political science. Specific applications examined may include models for the distributions of state size, war magnitude, and democracy over time and space. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

262. Special Topics in Methodology (4) This seminar is an examination of the different approaches to the study of methodology. Issues and research areas will vary each time the course is offered. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

284. Workshop on Scientific Communication (4) Forms of scientific communication, practical exercise in scientific writing and short oral communication, and in criticism and editing; preparation of illustrations, preparation of proposals; scientific societies, and the history of scientific communication. Examples from any field of science, most commonly political science, economics, and law. Prerequisite: PS 202 or consent of instructor.

286A–B–C Workshop in Political Analysis (4–4–4) Students will read and critique new research articles in political analysis. Students will present these critiques to the workshop. Students will also present their own methodological analyses to the workshop. Prerequisite: graduate standing or consent of instructor.

Independent Study

298. Directed Reading (1–12) Guided and supervised reading in the literature of the several fields of political science.

299. Dissertation Research (1–12) Independent work by graduate students engaged in research and writing of second-year paper and doctoral dissertation, under direct supervision of adviser.

500. Apprentice Teaching (1–4) A course in which teaching assistants are aided in learning proper teaching methods by means of supervision of their work by the faculty: handling of discussions, preparation, and grading of examinations and other written exercises, and student relations. Twenty-four units of teaching apprenticeship meets the department teaching requirement for the Ph.D. degree.

501. Seminar on Teaching Development—American Politics (1–4) A seminar designed for graduate students serving as teaching assistants in American politics, includes discussion of teaching theories, techniques, and materials, conduct of discussion sessions, and participation in examinations, under the supervision of the instructor in charge of the course. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

502. Seminar on Teaching Development—Comparative Politics (1–4) A seminar designed for graduate students serving as teaching assistants in comparative politics, includes discussion of teaching theories, techniques, and materials, conduct of discussion sessions, and participation in examinations, under the supervision of the instructor in charge of the course. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

503. Seminar on Teaching Development—International Relations (1–4) A seminar designed for graduate students serving as teaching assistants in international relations, includes discussion of teaching theories, techniques, and materials, conduct of discussion sessions, and participation in examinations, under the supervision of the instructor in charge of the course. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

504. Seminar on Teaching Development—Political Theory (1–4) A seminar designed for graduate students serving as teaching assistants in political theory, includes discussion of teaching theories, techniques, and materials, conduct of discussion sessions, and participation in examinations, under the supervision of the instructor in charge of the course. Prerequisite: graduate standing.