

Political Science

Fall 2007

Graduate Courses

17738 POLS 60001 01 Field Seminar in American Democracy

David Campbell

M 6:00-8:30

This is the "core" seminar in American politics, designed to provide a survey of the most important literature in the field. The seminar is intended to present the student with a broad, eclectic view of the current state of the literature in American politics. The readings attempt to provide a sampling of classic and recent theory and substance in the hope of suggesting where scholars stand, and where they seem to be headed, with respect to some major topics in the American subfield.

18488 POLS 60217 01 – Theories of International Relations

Sebastian Rosato

W 6:00-8:30

This course provides an overview of some of the major international relations theories. The first half of the course is devoted to exploring the three major approaches to the study of international politics (realism, liberalism, and constructivism) with a particular emphasis on identifying and criticizing their central assumptions and causal logics. The focus in the second half of the course is on using these theories to understand the contemporary international system.

18096 POLS 60226 International Security

Wed 3:00-5:30

Keir Lieber

This seminar offers an introduction to the field of international security studies. We will survey the dominant and emerging theories of international conflict, and analyze various efforts to use these theories to understand important substantive areas of international politics.

17740 POLS 60404 01 – Comparative Constitutional Law

Donald Kommers

R 3:00-5:30

This seminar examines several issues of American constitutional law in the light of the constitutional jurisprudence of Germany and Canada. (A few cases from the European Court of Human Rights and the South African Constitutional Court will also be included.) The main reading includes selected cases on the right to life (abortion, death penalty, and assisted suicide), freedom of speech (defamation, hate speech, and pornography), freedom of religion, equal protection (mainly gender classifications), political representation (apportionment and party finance restrictions), and social and economic rights. The seminar also examines the merits of the debate -- on and off the Supreme Court -- over the propriety or relevance of foreign judicial decisions in the interpretation of the U. S. Constitution. Each member of the seminar will be asked to write and present a paper assessing or evaluating an American Supreme Court decision in the light of the comparable foreign jurisprudence or on some other relevant topic approved by the instructor.

18939 POLS 60439 Theories of Civil War

Naunihal Singh

T 3:00-5:30

This course reviews the current boom of research in political science on civil wars and civil conflict. Topics will include the causes of civil wars, the organization of rebel forces, the conduct of civil wars, the duration of civil wars, the termination of civil wars and the consequences of civil wars. We may also briefly review some recent work on ethnic riots and the genocides as well.

18642 POLS 60441 Comparative Public Policy

Vineeta Yadiv

R 3:00-5:30

This course will focus on an examination of the role of the state in formulating and implementing public policy across political systems. Why do different states adopt different policies to address similar social problems? What are the important sources of cross-national variation between the developed and developing world? How do states form preferences over alternative policies? Are certain policies more politically feasible than others? What are the welfare consequences of choosing politically attractive policy solutions over technically optimal ones? These questions will be organized into two overarching themes. One, how do political processes and dynamics shape policy consequences? Two, how do policy outcomes then shape political consequences? We will approach these questions from a variety of theoretical platforms and use empirical examples from both the developed

and developing world. Cases will be selected with the intention of capturing a variety of policy processes and a range of important policy issues.

17742 POLS 60616 01 – Nature and Modern Democracy

Walter Nicgorski

W 3:30-6:00

From 1951 to 1953, the University of Chicago press published three sets of the Walgreen Lectures dealing with the intellectual basis of various 20th-century challenges to democracy. These three books - Yves Simon's *Philosophy of Democratic Government*, Leo Strauss' *Natural Right and History*, and Eric Voegelin's *The New Science of Politics* - have functioned to outline three highly influential and overlapping approaches to defining the crisis of modern democracy and to restoring viable democratic foundations. This seminar-style course focuses on the reading and discussion of these books. Special attention is given to the concepts of history, science, nature, modernity, and democracy itself as they appear in these works and in related writings.

15064 POLS 60630 01 – Hegel's Philosophy of History

Vittorio Hösle

T 3:30-6:00

This course will examine Hegel's development of a philosophy of history according to which he maintains that the course of history has or is producing the rational political order he conceptually describes in his *Philosophy of Right*. The chief reading for the seminar will be Hegel's *Lectures on the Philosophy of World History*, but attention will also be paid to other texts of Hegel's and to the relation of the emergence of this theory in Hegel to certain themes in Kant's philosophy.

18098 POLS 60635 01 – Virtue and Politics

Mary Keys

M 12:15-2:45

This course examines the interrelationship between ethics and politics through the conceptual lens of the virtues and vices. Each semester in which this course is offered the focus will be on a particular virtue or set of virtues, as well as on specific classic texts and contemporary works in political theory and related disciplines such as philosophy, theology, literature, and history. Students will be expected to participate regularly and well in seminar discussion, to give at least one oral presentation, and to write a final paper.

18102 POLS 60636 01 – Heidegger and Politics

Dana Villa

T 3:00-5:30

The seminar will be devoted to a close reading of Heidegger's major works of the 1920s and 1930s--including "Being and Time," "An Introduction to Metaphysics," "The Origin of the Work of Art" and the Nietzsche lectures--as well as some later (post-"turn") writings (such as the "Letter on Humanism"). We will also investigate Heidegger's impact on some of his more illustrious students and/or colleagues, including Herbert Marcuse, Hannah Arendt, Leo Strauss and Hans-Georg Gadamer.

18107 POLS 60831 01 – Graduate Methods

Mukherjee Subhanan

T 6:30-9:00

This course will cover five main areas in quantitative methodology that is currently used by political scientists: (1) estimators for time series, cross-sectional (TSCS) and panel data, (2) time-series models, (3) event history analysis (duration models), (4) some limited dependent variable models and (5) an introduction to applied Bayesian statistics. More specifically, for analysis of TSCS and panel data, we will examine topics that include fixed and random-effects models, GLS-based approaches to panel and pooled data, random coefficient models and dynamic models with lagged dependent variables. For time-series analysis, we will study stationarity, unit roots, ARMA and integrated processes, error correction models and ARCH/GARCH models. In the area of event history analysis, we will focus on parametric duration models and the Cox proportional hazard model. For limited dependent variable models, we will take a close look at the Heckman selection model, and Logit for BTSCS data. Finally, we end the course with a brief introduction to Applied Bayesian Statistics where we will study Bayesian Analysis of the one and two parameter normal model. Requirements include 3-4 assignments, take-home exams and a research paper.

17743 POLS 60841 Survey Research Methods

Debra Javeline

M 3:30-6:00

This course is designed for graduate students who plan to conduct surveys themselves or to be active consumers of survey data by using the results of surveys as evidence in their research. No prior knowledge or experience is expected. Topics addressed include types of surveys, pilot work, populations and samples, measurement, question wording, question order, response categories, item non-response, the psychology of survey response, sensitive questions, response rates, data entry and cleaning, codebook construction, and data analysis.