

Political Science Graduate Program
Class Schedule - FALL 2017

American Politics

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CRN20086	POLS60029 Religion and Politics in the U.S. and Around the World	Geoffrey Layman and Nate Sumaktoyo	R	6:30-9:15
	<p><i>(also counts toward Comparative Politics)</i> Religion plays, and always has played, a major role in the politics of most democratic and non-democratic countries. So, to truly understand politics in the U.S., in other nations, and the relationships between nations in international politics, it is necessary to understand religion and its connection to social and political life. In this class, we will examine religion's political impact in the U.S. and in other key countries. Our focus will be on the political science literature, but we also will draw insights from sociology, history, and economics. Students will be expected to complete an original research paper on religion and politics and significant class time will be spent on operational and methodological issues in empirical analyses of religion in political life.</p>			
CRN20087	POLS60036 Immigration and Ethnicity	Luis Fraga and Ricardo Ramirez	W	3:30-6:15
	<p>The newest wave of immigration has not only transformed the demographic composition of the United States, but has also reshaped the nature of politics and policy. This course explores key questions and themes in the politics of immigration and ethnicity. Drawing on a variety of perspectives and readings in American and Comparative Politics, we will focus on immigration politics and policy, but also on the political behavior of immigrants and ethnic minorities.</p>			
CRN20088	POLS60037 Judicial Politics	Matthew Hall	W	6:30-9:15
	<p><i>(counts toward Constitutional Studies, cross list LAW 70285)</i> The goal of this course is to introduce students to the social scientific study of law and courts in American politics. The course will focus on two questions: First, what factors?legal, ideological, strategic, institutional, or otherwise?influence the behavior of judicial actors? Second, what are the effects?social, political, or otherwise?of judicial behavior and institutions? Students will explore (1) seminal works that have defined the principal questions in the field, (2) prominent and cutting-edge answers to these questions, (3) both traditional and alternative methodological approaches, and (4) avenues for future research. Topics will include judicial selection, agenda setting, decision making, independence, legitimacy, policymaking, hierarchy, compliance, implementation, and impact. Although the course will focus on the study of the U.S. Supreme Court, we will also consider the study of lower federal courts and state courts.</p>			

Comparative Politics

CRN20091	POLS60442 Political Protests, Social Movements, and Revolution	Debra Javeline	T	12:30-3:15
	<p><i>(counts toward American Politics, cross list IIPS xxxxx)</i> This course looks at various theories of political protest, social movements, and revolution. It will examine theoretical debates about why individuals and groups occasionally redress their grievances through collective action and more often endure hardships passively. It will evaluate the relative merit of these theories in explaining cases of protest and passivity worldwide. It will also explore similarities and differences in explanations of reform-oriented protest versus action with revolutionary aims.</p>			
CRN16326	POLS60453 Comparative Field Seminar	Guillermo Trejo	M	6:30-9:15
	<p>Theoretical Approaches to Comparative Politics This course surveys the major approaches to the comparative study of politics and evaluates the great variety of methods employed. Many of the most important books and articles are used as examples. This course is designed to be helpful to those preparing to take the comprehensive examination in comparative politics.</p>			

Constitutional Studies

CRN17571	POLS60108 Islamic Law and Constitutions	Emilia Powell	T	2:00-4:30
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(cross list LAW 73308, counts toward Comparative Politics) This seminar offers an introduction to Islamic law and Islamic constitutionalism. How does the world of Islam understand the concept of law? What is Islamic justice? Do constitutions of Islamic law states differ from those of the West? How does governance relate to religion in the Islamic world? How did this relationship evolve? Students will consider the meaning of Islamic justice, its embodiment in the legal system, its execution, the way it has evolved, and the principles that underpin it. We will examine the role of Muslim religion in the shaping of the law, and how a faith-based concept of law relates to modern governance. The aim of this seminar is to acquire a better understanding of Islamic law as an expression of the divine will, and as a system of laws and justice, through focusing on classic texts, Islamic law states' constitutions, as well as photography, art and sculpture.

CRN 21287 POLS60114 Lincoln Michael Zuckert TBD TBD

(counts toward Political Theory) Writing seminars are devoted to a specialized topic. These seminars give students a chance to take an advanced course in a seminar setting, with an emphasis on research skills and discussion. The individual topic of each seminar can be found on the political science web page listing of course descriptions.

International Relations

CRN20089 POLS60242 Theories of International Relations Dan Lindley W 3:30-6:15

This course surveys the principal paradigms and theories in international relations, including realism, liberalism, and constructivism. More specialized topics including international law, the democratic peace, and political psychology will be touched on. The course aims to help students prepare for the international relations comprehensive exam. Grading will be based on participation/presentations, memos assessing the readings, and a final paper. The paper will aim to make a theoretical contribution to the IR literature and should aspire to be publishable. Discussion will be based largely on the "How to Read" handout on the Dan Lindley website: <http://www3.nd.edu/~dlindley/>

CRN20090 POLS60243 Politics of Climate Change Policy Patrick Regan T 3:30-6:15

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The political problems associated with the environment are collective problems that will require collective solutions. We will explore the politics of managing our climate using the collective action problem as the core theoretical framework. The accumulation of evidence, even anecdotal evidence, seems to point toward potentially irreversible changes in our climate and an almost mindboggling resistance to doing much about it. This resistance to act is important to understand. If the problems are indeed as dramatic as many say they are (and I think they have evidence on their side) then the solutions will have to be crafted in the political and social arenas. We will develop mechanisms that allow us to think about political solutions to these collective problems.

Methods

CRN17223 POLS60830 Qualitative Research Methods Gary Goertz W 6:30-9:15

(cross list SOC 63095, IIPS 70205) This course surveys some of the key issues in qualitative methods and research design. Major sections of the course deal with causal complexity, necessary and sufficient conditions, concepts, case study methodology, case selection, within-case causal inference, and philosophy of causation. Students will do 8-10 page projects on (1) causal complexity, (2) concepts, (3) case selection or case studies. These papers require the student to examine the issue in some particular area of application, and put together the three papers can form most of a research design or dissertation prospectus.

CRN13586 POLS60833 Math for Political Scientists Jeffrey Harden TR 8:00-9:15am

In order to understand quantitative and game theoretic work in political science, it is necessary to have a basic understanding of a few mathematical concepts. Topics covered in this course include probability, set theory, logic, matrix algebra, logarithms, exponents, calculus, and frequently used distributions. Learning math is like learning a language, so this course emphasizes short problem sets for each class as well as larger projects designed to pull together disparate skill sets.

CRN20094 POLS60880 Applied Game Theory Gary Hollibaugh T 6:30-9:15

Applied Game Theory will introduce you to the systematic study of social, political and economic interactions, where the optimal course of one person's action, depends on the options and preferences of other people involved in the interaction. You will learn how to model strategic situations in the language of mathematics, and how to make equilibrium predictions. We will cover four basic equilibrium concepts: Nash, Subgame Perfect Nash, Bayesian Nash and Perfect Bayesian Nash equilibrium. Each week will study different political applications of game theoretic models.

CRN20095 POLS60884 Maximum Likelihood Estimation and Generalized Linear Models Jeffrey Harden TR 9:30-10:45am

This course extends the basic linear model to several other types of models. These are typically called "generalized linear models," although for historical reasons people in political science often call them "maximum likelihood models." The principle we will care about is how to adapt the standard linear model that you know and love so that a tremendously broader class of outcome variables and data structures can be accommodated. The outcome variables we will coerce the linear model into fitting include: dichotomous outcomes, counts, ordered categorical outcomes, unordered categorical outcomes, bounded variables, and more. Lastly, we will examine some special topics that come up frequently in applied political science research.

CRN12238 POLS63800 Proseminar Benjamin Radcliff T 6:30-9:15

This is a required course for all first-year graduate students in the Department of Political Science. It is what is commonly called a "scope and methods" course; that is, a course designed to survey the great variety of themes and approaches in political science and to guide you through the fundamental debates about what political science is or should be. This course is also about democracy because the best way to teach about methods is to apply them to an interesting topic, and democracy is a topic of central interest to almost all of us these days. There is abundant literature that demonstrates the relevance of our course themes to democracy. Therefore, in the process of learning about the scope and methods of political science, this course will also familiarize you with some key ideas about what democracy is, what it could be, how it is changing, what causes it, and how we measure it.

Political Theory

CRN20092 POLS60641 Theory Field Seminar Dana Villa M 3:30-6:15

An examination of the primary methodological and interpretative approaches in political theory today. Readings from broadly "hermeneutic" theorists (Gadamer, Wolin, Strauss, Arendt), the Cambridge historical school (Skinner, Pocock), the Frankfurt School (Horkheimer, Habermas, Honneth), and contemporary analytic political theory (Rawls, Larmore). Depending on time and student interest, some consideration of post-modernism and/or deconstruction will also be included.

Non-Substantive

CRN14941 POLS98702 Dissertation Workshop Michael Zuckert TBD TBD

A workshop for dissertation writers. Each participant shares some of his or her writing with the group and critiques the writing of others.

Political Science Graduate Students also may enroll in the following course(s)

CRN11992 POLS53001-02 Senior Seminar: Consitutional Interpretation Sotirios Barber TR 11:00-12:15

Registration instructions: register for three credit hours, Directed Readings POLS 66900 Sotirios Barber, department approval is required. After grade is received, request a title change to reflect course content on your transcript.

Writing seminars are devoted to a specialized topic. These seminars give students a chance to take an advanced course in a seminar setting, with an emphasis on research skills and discussion.

CRN19786 POLS53001-05 Senior Seminar: Lincoln Michael Zuckert MW 3:30-4:45

Registration instructions: register for three credit hours, Directed Readings POLS 66900 Michael Zuckert, department approval is required. After grade is received, request a title change to reflect course content on your transcript.

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Courses of Interest in other Departments

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