

Political Science Undergraduate Program

Summer 2018 Course Descriptions

<u>CRN</u>	<u>Course ID</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Meeting Time(s)</u>
E076	30052 01	State Politics and Government	Jeffrey Harden	TWR 10:00-12:15
<p>How does geographic context affect citizens' political choices? Should we elect judges or appoint them? Does allowing legislators to serve as many terms as they want decrease their motivation to represent constituents? What would happen if taxpayers funded elections instead of wealthy donors? These and other questions are crucial to understanding American politics. However, they are difficult to answer by focusing solely on the Federal government, which rarely experiences major change to its governing institutions and processes. In this course we will examine the governments of the 50 American states. While the states all share a common history, their governing structures display considerable variation. This variation allows us to develop insights into how the rules of politics impact the outcomes of politics. We will treat the states as "laboratories of democracy," examining the consequences of their similarities and differences. Along the way, we will seek to understand the tools that political scientists use to conduct empirical research. Students should leave the course with a better understanding of theories used to explain political phenomena as well as the methodology that researchers employ to test those theories.</p>				
E075	30201 01	U.S. Foreign Policy	Joseph Parent	TWR 12:30-2:45
<p>The United States is the most powerful state in the world today. Its actions are important not just for US citizens, but they also affect whether others go to war, whether they will win their wars, whether they receive economic aid, whether they will go broke, or whether they will starve. What determines US foreign policy? What is the national interest? When do we go to war? Would you send US soldiers into war? If so, into which wars and for what reasons? How do our economic policies affect others? Does trade help or hurt the US economy and its citizens? We first study several theories about foreign policy. We then examine the US foreign policy process, including the President, Congress, the bureaucracy, the media, and public opinion. To see how this all works, we turn to the history of US foreign policy, from Washington's farewell address through the World Wars and the Cold War to the Gulf War. We then study several major issue areas, including weapons of mass destruction, trade and economics, and the environment. Finally, we develop and debate forecasts and strategies for the future.</p>				
2827	45999 01	Summer Internship	Carolina Arroyo	TBD TBD
<p>Summer internships are an excellent way to explore career options, to gain valuable work experience and to build your resume. Students who have secured an unpaid summer internship can apply for academic credit by contacting the Director of Internships. To qualify for credit, internships must have prior approval, must be unpaid, be at least 6 weeks in duration and provide at least 120 hours of work.</p>				