

University of Notre Dame
Department of Political Science
Undergraduate Studies
Summer 2013 Course Listing

POLS 20100 01 - American Politics

Benjamin Radcliff MTWRF 2:45-4:40 (7/8/13-8/2/13)

This course examines the American political system from the point of view of democratic theory. While we will cover the usual range of topics for an introductory course, particular attention will be devoted to understanding whether, or in what ways, the practice of American politics conforms to conventional understandings of democracy. The course thus stresses theoretical understanding and critical appraisal rather than description. No conventional text book will be used: instead, students will be asked to read a series of more challenging books (and some shorter pieces) on individual topics. Course requirements include a substantial paper.

POLS 30062 01 – Civil Liberties & Civil Rights

Joshua Kaplan MTWR 1:15-2:35 (6/17/13-8/2/13)

How do courts decide cases involving civil liberties and civil rights? What rationales support the different interpretations of constitutional rights? How has the doctrine of incorporation affected our understanding of constitutional rights? Why is the concept of neutrality so important in current jurisprudence? How does the court balance formal assumptions and attention to particular situations?

The purpose of this seminar is to help answer these and other questions about the law and politics of basic constitutional rights, including freedom of expression, due process, and equal protection. Course assignments include a critique of a law review article, an essay addressing an issue in civil liberties jurisprudence, and a hypothetical case. This course fulfills a seminar requirement for the Political Science major.

POLS 45999 01 – Summer Internship

Carolina Arroyo

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 100 hours of work.
