

Political Science Graduate Program

Class Schedule - Spring 2020

American Politics

CRN 31151 POLS 60045 Political Psychology Darren Davis R 3:30-6:15

This course provides an overview of the growing literature on political psychology. Political psychology is an interdisciplinary field that uses experimental methods and theoretical ideas from psychology as tools to examine politics. We will focus on psychological theories that help us to understand how people think and feel about politics. The primary goal of this course is to acquaint students with various ways in which psychological theory contributes to our understanding of politics. Specifically, this course explores the role of human thought, emotion, and behavior in politics and examine the psychological origins of citizen's political beliefs and actions. Topics include how and why citizens form political attitudes, the influence of values and emotions on behavior, the structure of political beliefs and ideologies, how citizens interact with each other, political persuasion and how voters process political information, attitude change, personality and social dominance, political tolerance, and prejudice.

Comparative Politics

CRN 31155 POLS 60468 Comparative Political Economy Susanne Wengle R 3:30-6:15

The globalization of markets has reshaped politics and economies over the last two hundred years, and in the post-World War II period in particular. This seminar is designed to introduce graduate students to a broad range of theoretical debates about how politics and markets interact. Readings will include classical works in comparative political economy, such as Smith and Polanyi, but will largely focus on more recent seminal texts and cutting edge research. Empirically, we will cover a range of old and new concerns, including theories of industrialization and de-industrialization, varieties of capitalism, changing welfare states, the role of public and private regulations etc.. The class also strives to include readings on a range of countries - including advanced industrialized countries, developing and emerging economies, as well as economies undergoing post-communist transformations. While grounded in comparative political economy, the class makes a conscious effort to bridge the gap between CPE and IPE wherever the existing debates offer opportunities to do so.

CRN 31156 POLS 60474 Faith, Freedom, and Fanaticism: Religion and Rev. Robert Dowd M 6:30-9:15
Comparative Politics

In this course we will survey some of the most important literature in comparative politics and other fields on the intersection of religion and politics. The literature will include some works considered classics, but special emphasis will be placed on more contemporary research and works that use a variety of theoretical frameworks and methodologies (e.g., game theory, survey research, and experiments) . We will draw heavily from the comparative politics comprehensive exam reading list on "culture, ethnicity, and religion." Assignments will include biweekly reviews of the assigned readings and a longer essay on a topic of choice at the end of the semester.

CRN 31159 POLS 60835 Field Research Methods Jaimie Bleck T 3:30-6:15

(also counts toward Methodology) This course introduces students to a range of methodological approaches to generate and gather original data. The course will highlight "best practices" in research design and implementation, but it will also address the logistical constraints and trade-offs that graduate students face while conducting fieldwork. Over the course of the semester, all students will develop multiple strategies to build and evaluate their own research questions.

Constitutional Studies

CRN 30681 POLS 60117 Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights in Europe Saputelli WR 2:00-3:15
(crosslisted with LAW 70458) The course aims at analyzing the main features of the rule of law and fundamental rights protection in the European legal space, giving students an understanding of the condition of individuals in Europe, knowledge of European Institutions and systems of governance, and the possibility to discuss further changes and adaptations to current human rights challenges and demands. In Europe, three different systems of law intersect in the protection of rule of law and fundamental rights (European Convention on Human rights, European Union law, national Constitutions); they are often confused but they vary greatly in their competences and powers, and together make Europe the most elaborate and complex human rights regime in the world today. Indeed, if individual states have a very longstanding experience with their autonomous fundamental rights standards, the protection of fundamental rights at supranational levels has taken on increasing importance and influence in recent decades, thus generating conflicts and backlashes. The topic is analyzed from a constitutional law perspective, which directly involves the relationships and interactions between European Institutions (Council of Europe and European Union) and national constitutional orders. Human rights and the rule of law, in fact, continue to be main indicators of constitutionalism, with strong repercussions on government structures and policy organization. For these reasons, the course is not intended only for students interested in human rights protection, but also for those interested in exploring constitutional transformation and policy debates from a comparative perspective.

CRN 30677 POLS 60244 International Law Emilia Powell TR 11:00-12:15
(also counts toward International Relations, crosslisted with LAW 70401) International law constitutes the underlying framework of the international system. It governs relations primarily between states. However, with time, other entities were granted the status of subjects of international law including international organizations, and individuals expanding international law's volume, substantive content, and reach beyond the traditional sovereign states. Contemporary international law covers a vast array of issues such as territorial sovereignty, environment, trade, human rights, criminal law, etc. This course is designed for law students and political science students who have interest in the role of law in interstate relations. The course will provide a comprehensive overview of general characteristics of international law, such as its historical development, principles, main thinkers, subjects, and sources of law. We will also study several substantive areas of international law, including international criminal law, maritime law, and peaceful resolution of disputes. We will conclude the course by analyzing international courts, such as the International Court of Justice and International Criminal Court.

International Relations

CRN 31152 POLS 60226 International Security Michael Desch W 6:30-9:15
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.

CRN 31153 POLS 60240 Realism Sebastian Rosato M 3:30-6:15
This course provides an examination of the realist paradigm of international politics.

CRN 31154 POLS 60245 International Institutions, Norms, Organizations, and Law: Promoting Peace, Democracy and Human Rights Gary Goertz W 3:30-6:15

(crosslisted with MGA 60309, IIPS 80203, & LAW 70458) This seminar will devote itself to the analysis of international institutions, norms, organizations along with international law and human rights. The literature on these tends to be segregated, but we shall discuss them as variations on the same theme. Much of the course will be survey of various approaches to institutions, norms, organizations, and international law with particular attention to (1) liberal institutionalism, (2) international norms, (3) IGOs, (4) international law, courts, and human rights. Substantively we shall focus on the areas of security (e.g., alliances), conflict management, peacekeeping, democratization, along with international law, courts and human rights. The major requirement of the course is a research paper. A 5-7 page research proposal will be presented in the middle of the semester. The subject of the research paper must involve some aspect of the topics covered in the seminar

Methodology

CRN 20195 POLS 60810 Regression I Luis Schiumerini MW 9:30-10:45

This course provides an introduction to quantitative research methods in political science. After a brief discussion of the basics of statistical analysis and hypothesis testing, the first part of the course will focus on ordinary least squares (OLS) regression, its assumptions, and its extensions. In the second part of the course, we will focus on widely-used methods that are appropriate when the assumptions of OLS are violated, and especially on limited dependent variable models. We will try to strike a balance between theory and mathematics on the one hand and the practical application and interpretation of statistics on the other hand. We will discuss the theoretical rationale behind and mathematical underpinnings of various statistical methods, how to apply those methods to real political questions, and how to conduct and interpret analyses using a standard statistical package.

CRN 31160 POLS 60884 Advanced Quantitative Methods Jeff Harden MW 11:00-12:15

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, un-ordered categorical outcomes, bounded variables, and more. Lastly, we will examine some special topics that come up frequently in applied political science research.

Political Theory

CRN 31157 POLS 60641 Political Theory Field Seminar Dana Villa T 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.

CRN 31158 POLS 60661 Augustine and Contemporary Political Thought Mary Keys MW 2:00-3:15

In the first half of this seminar we focus on Augustine's ethical and political thought, studying his masterwork *The City of God* and a selection of his letters. In the second half of the seminar we examine Augustine's influence in contemporary political thought and the commentary of contemporary scholars on his writings. Readings for this portion of the course include works by political theorists such as Hannah Arendt, Reinhold Niebuhr, Jean Bethke Elshtain, Alasdair MacIntyre, Charles Taylor, and Eric Gregory, and Augustine scholars such as Robert Dodaro, Robert Markus, Ernest Fortin, John von Heyking, John Cavadini, and Frederick Crosson.

Professionalization

CRN 22464 POLS 98701 The Academic Career Christina Wolbrecht TBA TBA

This class is designed to prepare Ph.D. students for success in finding a tenure-track position in academia.

CRN 31161 POLS 98702 Political Theory Dissertation Writing Workshop Susan Collins TBA TBA

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

CRN 32148 POLS 98704 Dissertation Writing Workshop Scott Mainwaring TBA TBA

This course is designed to provide a structure for dissertation writing for Ph.D. students who are writing a dissertation or a dissertation proposal employing empirical (qualitative and/or quantitative) methods. We will focus on structuring dissertation and proposal writing, and workshopping student chapters and other dissertation-related writing.

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

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CRN 32209 LAW 73831 Church, State & Society Rick Garnett M 3:00-4:40

To register, please contact Jenny Fox (jenniferfox@nd.edu).

Students and faculty in this colloquium course will engage a variety of cases and materials on the legal and other relationships among Church, State, and Society and on controversies, past and present, involving them. After several introductory meetings, guest-scholars from other institutions or other units at the University of Notre Dame will present relevant works-in-progress to the class, and participants will reflect on and respond to, both in writing and in seminar discussions, these projects. Prior study of or familiarity with First Amendment cases and doctrine is not required.

CRN 22633 POLS 53002-04 Senior Seminar: Constitutional Interpretation Sotirios Barber TR 2:00-3:15

Registration instructions: Written permission must be granted from faculty member and emailed to the Graduate Studies Coordinator. The Coordinator will give you an override to register for three credit hours, Directed Readings POLS 66900. After grade is received, request a title change to reflect course content on your transcript.

Americans have always debated Supreme Court opinions on specific constitutional questions involving the powers of government and the rights of individuals and minorities. The leading objective of this course is to acquaint students with the basic issues of constitutional interpretation and to show how they influence questions involving constitutional rights and powers and the scope of judicial review.

POLS 53002 TBD - Sr. Seminars

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