POLITICAL SCIENCE (PS)

PS Class Schedule (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/PS)

Courses

PS 100 Intro to Political Science  credit: 3 Hours.
Surveys the major concepts and approaches employed in the study of politics. Credit is not given for both PS 100 and PS 200. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci

PS 101 Intro to US Gov & Pol  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the organization and development of national, state, and local governments in the U.S.; the federal system; the U.S. Constitutions; civil and political rights; the party system; and the nature, structure, powers, and procedures of national political institutions. This course may require limited participation as a subject in research. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci

PS 125 Washington Experience  credit: 3 Hours.
An examination of political Washington and policymaking. Through visits to think tanks, nonprofit organizations and agencies we will examine the policymaking world in Washington and get to know different participants in this process, what they do, and how they interact and work to affect policy and express their ideas. This course is a required component of the Illinois in Washington Program. Prerequisite: Acceptance to and enrollment in the Illinois in Washington Program.

PS 152 The New Middle East  credit: 3 Hours.
Discussion of contemporary sociopolitical change and current events in the Middle East. We will explore the background to these events, the factors that are driving them, and the short-term and long-term implications for the region and the world. Course reflects diverse fields of study, including cultural studies, economics, education, history, law, linguistics, literature, media, religion, political science, and sociology. Same as SAME 152.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Cultural Studies - Non-West
Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci

PS 180 IntroPolitics of Globalization  credit: 3 Hours.
Introduction to the politics of globalization; identification of the principal actors, properties, and patterns of the politics of globalization that distinguish global politics from other forms of politics between and within groups, communities, states, and international organizations.

PS 191 Topics in Civic Leadership  credit: 1 or 2 Hours.
Examines public and political life from the perspective of public and political leaders. Topics include professional development, career narratives, and/or development or selection of opportunities for civic or public service. May be repeated in separate terms if topics to vary to a maximum of 3 hours.

PS 199 Undergraduate Open Seminar  credit: 1 to 5 Hours.
May be repeated.

PS 200 Foundations of Pol Sci  credit: 3 Hours.
Surveys the social scientific approach to the study of politics. Credit is not given for both PS 200 and PS 100. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci

PS 201 US Racial & Ethnic Politics  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines efforts by racial and ethnic communities to organize politically and by society to allocate resources based on race or ethnicity. Topical focus includes African Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, Native Americans, and white ethnics. The primary goal of the course is to develop a more comprehensive understanding of racial and ethnic politics by identifying commonalities and differences among these groups and their relationship to the state. Same as AAS 201, AFRO 201, and LLS 201.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci

PS 202 Religion & Politics in the US  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines how religion and politics influence each other in the United States, both historically and in contemporary society.

PS 205 USA and the World  credit: 3 Hours.
Surveys the U.S. in a global context. Focus will be on the U.S. foreign policy efforts in light of domestic and global conditions. May be repeated in separate terms if topics to vary to a maximum of 10 hours.

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PS 210 Introduction to Public Policy  credit: 3 Hours.
Surveys the policy process including adoption, implementation, and evaluation. Topics may include reviews of substantive policy issues such as crime, energy, environment, poverty, foreign policy, civil liberties, or economic regulation. Prerequisite: PS 100 or PS 101, or consent of instructor.

PS 220 Intro to Public Policy  credit: 3 Hours.
Surveys the policy process including adoption, implementation, and evaluation. Topics may include reviews of substantive policy issues such as crime, energy, environment, poverty, foreign policy, civil liberties, or economic regulation. Prerequisite: PS 100 or PS 101, or consent of instructor.

PS 224 Politics of the National Parks  credit: 2 or 3 Hours.
Examines the politics of national parks in the United States, including creation of parks, local support or opposition to parks, and park policy as well as policy questions such as the value of wilderness ecosystem management, endangered species protection, and role of parks in national identity and remembrance of events such as the Civil War, the Indian wars, or the civil rights movement. Same as RST 224. Additional fees may apply. See Class Schedule. May be repeated in separate terms to a maximum of 10 hours.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci

PS 225 Environmental Politics & Policy  credit: 3 Hours.
Examinations of the political, economic, ecological, and cultural trade-offs between the use and the preservation of the environment, with particular emphasis on the preservation of land and water resources in national parks, forests, and other reserved lands. Same as RST 225.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci

PS 230 Intro to Pol Research  credit: 3 Hours.
Surveys the principles that guide empirical research in political science; emphasizes definition of research problems, principles and practices of measurement, use of data as evidence, and data analysis. Prerequisite: PS 100 or PS 101, or consent of instructor.

PS 231 Strategic Models  credit: 3 Hours.
Introduces strategic models of political behavior and their implications for our understanding of politics. Uses simple models, inspired by game theory, to examine fundamental political questions.

PS 240 Intro to Comp Politics  credit: 3 Hours.
Surveys the basic concepts and principles of political analysis from a comparative perspective.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci
PS 241 Comp Politics in Dev Nations credit: 3 Hours. 
Provides comparative and historical insights into the problems affecting the developing world by examining social, economic and political changes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Cultural Studies - Non-West
Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci

PS 242 Introduction to Modern Africa credit: 3 Hours. 
Same as AFST 222, ANTH 222, and SOC 222. See AFST 222. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Cultural Studies - Non-West

PS 243 Pan Africanism credit: 3 Hours. 
Same as AFRO 243 and AFST 243. See AFRO 243. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Cultural Studies - Non-West
Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci

PS 270 Intro to Political Theory credit: 3 Hours. 
Examines the nature, structure, and purposes of political theory; political ideas; political thought; the methods of political inquiry; and the relationship between political and legal thought. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Humanities - Hist Phil

PS 272 Women and Politics credit: 3 Hours. 
Examines the political status and roles of women. Topics include women's political behavior; feminist and anti-feminist politics; and contemporary legislative and public policy issues, such as educational equity, equal rights legislation, and health care delivery for women. Same as GWS 272.

PS 273 Environment and Society credit: 3 Hours. 
Same as ESE 287, GEOG 287 and NRES 287. Same as GWS 287. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci
Cultural Studies - Western

PS 280 Intro to Intl Relations credit: 3 Hours. 
Structure and processes of international relations, trends in international politics, and the future of the international system. Credit is not given for both PS 280 and PS 281. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci

PS 281 Intro to Intl Relations-ACP credit: 3 Hours. 
This course is identical to PS 280 except for the additional writing component that fulfills the campus' advanced composition requirement. Credit is not given for both PS 280 and PS 281. Prerequisite: Completion of campus Composition I general education requirement. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Advanced Composition
Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci

PS 282 Governing Globalization credit: 3 Hours. 
Examines the historical, socio-economic, political, and moral dimensions associated with the rise of a global society and its governance. Prerequisite: Completion of campus Composition I general education requirement; completion of one course in a social science or consent of instructor. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Advanced Composition
Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci

PS 283 Intro to Intl Security credit: 3 Hours. 
Surveys the major issues associated with arms control, disarmament and international security. Also examines the military, socio-economic, and political dimensions of weapons systems, military strategy, the ethics of modern warfare, nuclear proliferation, and regional security issues. Same as GLBL 283.

PS 289 Politics of the Vietnam War credit: 3 Hours. 
Examines questions about the war in Vietnam and the era during which it was fought. Focuses on official policy questions, such as the decision making process, the legality of the war, the question of war crimes, and lessons for international relations. Domestic issues, such as the rise and effect of the antiwar movement, are also discussed. Prerequisite: Allen Hall residency or consent of Unit One director.

PS 291 Intro Internship Seminar credit: 3 Hours. 
Students will think deeply about their internship experience and how their academic training connects to their professional work and career goals. Students who complete this course will be able to present themselves professionally, interact in professional environments, engage in professional and career-related discussions through networking, and write professional emails and memos. Prerequisite: This course is restricted to students participating in the Illinois in Washington Program.

PS 292 Undergraduate Research Practicum credit: 1 to 4 Hours. 
Familiarizes students with processes for producing, validating and analyzing political science data through experiential learning. Nature and topical focus of research projects vary. May be repeated up to 4 hours in separate terms. Prerequisite: Consent of faculty member supervising the practicum.

PS 299 Study Abroad credit: 0 to 18 Hours. 
Lectures, seminars, and practical work in an approved study-abroad program in Political Science, appropriate to the student's course of study. Approved for letter and S/U grading. May be repeated to a maximum of 34 hours per academic year. Prerequisite: Overall GPA 2.75, 3.00 grade point average in Political Science, admission to approved program.

PS 300 Special Topics credit: 3 Hours. 
Selected readings and research in political science. See Class Schedule for current topics. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours if topics vary. Prerequisite: Six hours of political science, or consent of instructor.

PS 301 The US Constitution I credit: 3 Hours. 
Analyzes issues related to judicial interpretation of the constitution; the separation of governmental powers; federalism; checks and balances among the three branches of the national government; and the jurisdiction of federal courts. Prerequisite: PS 101, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 302 The US Constitution II credit: 3 Hours. 
Analyzes issues involved in free speech, freedom of religion, rights of the criminally accused, and government's responsibility to protect persons from discrimination based on race or sexual preference. Pays special attention to the role of law and judges. Prerequisite: PS 101, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 303 The US Congress credit: 3 Hours. 
Examines the legislative function in government; the structure and organization of Congress; legislative procedures; pressure groups and lobbying; the relation of legislature to other branches of government; and problems of legislative reorganization. Prerequisite: PS 101, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.
PS 304 The US Presidency credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the multiple roles of the president; the determinants and growth of presidential influence; presidential decision making; the president’s role in the formulation and implementation of public policy; and the president’s multiple constituencies. Prerequisite: PS 101, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 305 The US Supreme Court credit: 3 Hours.
Examines how the modern Supreme Court resolves major issues in American constitutional politics. Prerequisite: PS 101, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor; PS 301 or PS 302.

PS 306 Judicial Politics credit: 3 Hours.
Introduction to the study of courts and judges as political institutions and actors. Focuses primarily on federal courts in the United States, but also covers courts in the American states. Addresses topics such as how judges are selected; who or what determines which cases are heard; the influence of ideology and the law on judges’ decisions; the relationships that exist between the courts in the judiciary; the role of the president and the Senate in judicial decisions; and judges’ decisions that run contrary to the public’s wishes. Prerequisite: PS 101.

PS 307 Separation of Powers credit: 3 Hours.
Examines how the checks and balances built into the US Constitution affect the interactions between the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches. Addresses topics such as whether Congress is less productive during times of divided government; why some presidential nominees sail through confirmation, while others take years to be confirmed; and whether Supreme Court justices pay attention to the preferences of the President and Congress when deciding cases. Prerequisite: PS 101.

PS 308 Politics, Policy & Regulation credit: 3 Hours.
Examines how federal agencies (e.g., the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of Defense) shape national policy. Provides students with a background in the concepts and ideas that political scientists use in the study of the federal bureaucracy, and motivates further study of political institutions. Students will use traditional political science and legal texts to analyze contemporary policy problems. Prerequisite: PS 101.

PS 309 State Gov in the US credit: 3 Hours.
Surveys the origins and evolution of state government in the United States. Topics include history, structure and dynamics of state governments, laws and the judiciary, state legislatures, political parties, organized interests, bureaucracies, demographic change and electoral patterns, and political conflicts, and coalitions. Prerequisite: PS 101, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 310 Politics of Organizations credit: 3 Hours.
Introduction to the study of public organizations with a focus on formal political organizations including parties, legislatures, and bureaucracies. In-depth analysis of two of the main problems confronted by organizations: collective action problems and delegation problems. Students will acquire an understanding of these problems as well as different ways in which they can be addressed. A strong emphasis is also placed on developing the analytical skills necessary for informed analysis of political interactions involving formal organizations. Prerequisite: PS 101, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 311 Political Parties in the US credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the organization and operation of the American party system; national, state, and local organizations and their interactions; the convention and primary systems; and campaign methods and finance. Prerequisite: PS 101, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 312 Politics and the Media credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the processes of mass-mediated political communication in democratic societies. Special emphasis will be given to the role of news media in democratic theory, factors shaping the construction of news such as journalism routines, media economics, and the strategic management of news by political elites. Same as CMN 325 and MACS 322.

PS 313 Congress and Foreign Policy credit: 3 Hours.
Examines cases of foreign-policy making over 100 years with a focus on the struggle between the legislative and executive branches, constitutional questions, explanations for changes in behavior, and the impact on democratic process. Prerequisite: PS 101, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 314 Political Psychology credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the psychological processes that underlie political attitudes and behaviors. Specifically, we will take theories from social, personality, cognitive, and evolutionary psychology and apply them to political phenomena. Topics will include how politics is affected by cognitive biases, emotions, persuasion, social influence, identity, prejudice and discrimination, personality, and evolution and genetics. We will also explore what we can learn about basic human psychology by studying politics carefully. Prerequisite: PS 101.

PS 315 African American Politics credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the role of race in stimulating change in American political life; types of strategies employed in the civil rights struggle; how race affects electoral participation and the broader political and economic conditions of African Americans. Same as AFRO 315. Prerequisite: PS 101, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 316 Latina/Latino Politics credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the role of Latino electorates in shaping state and national politics. Reviews the histories of Latino national origin groups, examines public policy issues of concern to Latinos, successes and failures of Latino empowerment strategies, and the electoral impact of Latino votes. Focus will be primarily on Mexican Americans, Puerto Ricans, and Cuban Americans and an assessment of the degree to which their political agendas are likely to merge over the coming years. Same as LLS 316. Prerequisite: PS 101, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 317 Asian American Politics credit: 3 Hours.
Examines cases of foreign-policy making over 100 years with a focus on the struggle between the legislative and executive branches, constitutional questions, explanations for changes in behavior, and the impact on democratic process. Prerequisite: PS 101, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 318 Interests Grps & Soc Movements credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the processes of mass-mediated political communication in democratic societies. Special emphasis will be given to the role of news media in democratic theory, factors shaping the construction of news such as journalism routines, media economics, and the strategic management of news by political elites. Same as CMN 325 and MACS 322.

PS 319 Campaigns and Elections credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the dynamics of United States congressional and presidential campaigns, including electoral rules, campaign organization and finance, candidate strategy, role of parties, interest groups, and the media, campaign effects, and proposals for reform. Prerequisite: PS 101 or six hours of Political Sciences credit.
PS 320  Public Opinion  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the nature of public opinion in contemporary American politics. Considers the extent to which public opinion is organized by ideology, values, party identification and other group-related identities. Will analyze both the sources and consequences of public opinion and the nature of public support for democracy and democratic institutions. Will investigate the relationship between public opinion and policymaking. Prerequisite: PS 101.

PS 321  Principles of Public Policy  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines different approaches to evaluating the performance of public sector organizations, including private sector accountability principles. Focuses on how to improve the performance of governmental agencies, as well as corporate social responsibility. Same as ACCY 321, ACE 321, and BADM 303. Prerequisite: PS 101, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 322  Law and Public Policy  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the nature of law, law makers, and law appliers; the determinants of law-making; and the societal impact of law. Prerequisite: PS 101, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 323  Law and Representation  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines political and legal policies related to electoral representation including constitutional protections of voting rights and related topics such as a gerrymandering, vote counting, majority minority districts, and the Voting Rights Act. Prerequisite: PS 101 or six hours of Political Science credit or consent of instructor.

PS 328  Introduction to Biology and Politics  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the biological processes that underlie political attitudes and behaviors. Specifically, we will take theories from behavioral and molecular genetics, psychophysiology, neuroscience, and evolutionary psychology and apply them to political attitudes and behaviors. Topics will include how evolutionary adaptations shape political life, how genes affect political traits, the effects of physiological differences on how people experience the political world, and what political insights can be drawn from studying differences in brain structures and functioning. Prerequisite: PS 101.

PS 329  Immigration & Citizenship  credit: 3 Hours.
Examination of the conceptual issues associated with citizenship and immigration, considering current political debates from a variety of perspectives: empirical, historical, and normative. Focuses on the United States but will also examine the immigration and citizenship processes of other nations as well. Among topics considered: why people migrate; consequences of migration; efforts to integrate immigrants; public opinion, citizenship traditions and rationales; membership; belonging, and national identity; post national citizenship. Prerequisite: PS 101, 6 hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 330  Intro to Political Behavior  credit: 3 Hours.
Analyzes the relationship between political attitudes and public opinion formation. The course also discusses political participation, political tolerance, and attitudes toward political leaders. Prerequisite: POLS 101, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 331  Intro to Electoral Behavior  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the social, psychological and institutional determinants of individual voting decisions. Prerequisite: POLS 101, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 339  Political Violence  credit: 3 Hours.
Survey of various forms of political violence and examination of competing theories about why these types of political violence occur and their implications. The different "categories" of violence under examination constitute pressing topics in the study of conflict in both international relations and comparative politics. These categories, which may overlap conceptually or empirically, include phenomena such as mass collective action in protests, riots, repression and torture, coups, civil war and insurgency, genocide and massacres, sexual violence during war, self sacrifice, and terrorism. Prerequisite: PS 240 or PS 241 or PS 280, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 340  Politics in Intl Development  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the ways in which the wealthy countries of the world, international organizations and non-governmental organizations have tried to catalyze or facilitate economic and human development in the poorer countries of the world. Prerequisite: PS 240 or PS 241 or PS 281, or six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 341  Gov & Pol in Africa  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines contemporary economic, social, and political processes in Africa, focusing on three basic explanatory themes: historical patterns of development; emerging patterns of class and interest; and leadership strategies. Same as AFRO 341. Prerequisite: PS 240 or PS 241, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 343  Gov & Pol of China  credit: 3 Hours.
Introduces the government and politics of modern China. Same as EALC 343. Prerequisite: PS 240 or PS 241, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 345  Gov & Pol of SE Asia  credit: 3 Hours.
Provides a comparative analysis of the political development of the countries of Southeast Asia. Emphasis is placed on differing approaches to the governance and public policy formation, as well as economic, social, historical, and cultural influences on political development. Prerequisite: PS 240 or PS 241, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 346  Gov & Pol of South Asia  credit: 3 Hours.
Provides a comparative analysis of the political development of India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and other nations in South Asia. Emphasis is placed on the differing approaches to governance and public policy formation, as well as the economic, social, historical, geographical and cultural influences on political development. Same as ASST 346. Prerequisite: PS 240 or PS 241, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 347  Gov & Pol of Middle East  credit: 3 Hours.
Analyzes the transformation of Middle Eastern society from Morocco to Iran, as case studies in political modernization. The politics of the area are studied with special reference to causes and character of modernization, role of leadership, ideologies and institutions, methods and theories for analyzing political systems undergoing fundamental transformation, and implications for U. S. policy. Same as ASST 347. Prerequisite: PS 240 or PS 241, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 348  Gov & Pol in Western Europe  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the major governmental systems of continental Europe; the evolution, structure, and functioning of the political institutions of France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, and the Scandinavian countries. Prerequisite: PS 240 or PS 241, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.
PS 351  Gov & Pol Post-Soviet States  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the evolution, structure, and functioning of post-Soviet
governments. Prerequisite: PS 240 or PS 241, six hours of Political
Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 352  Gov & Pol of East Europe  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the collapse of communism and efforts to develop capitalism
democracy. Special emphasis is given to national conflict and
European integration. Prerequisite: PS 240 or PS 241, six hours of
Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 353  Gov & Pol of Latin America  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the origin and development of Latin American political
institutions. Prerequisite: PS 240 or PS 241, six hours of Political Science
credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 355  Democratization  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the global process of democratization, with special attention to
gains and failures in selected areas since 1974. Prerequisite: PS 240 or
PS 241, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 356  Comparative Political Economy  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the effect of domestic political processes on economic
performance, including monetary, fiscal, and trade policies. Topics
include partisan influences on policy, interest group intermediation,
political accountability for economic outcomes, and consequences of
product and capital market internationalization. Same as GLBL 356.
Prerequisite: PS 240 or PS 241, six hours of Political Science credit, or
consent of instructor.

PS 357  Ethnic Conflict  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the bases of nationalist and ethnic identities across a variety of
different national and cultural contexts, and how these are related to
conflict at the intrastate and interstate levels. Consideration is given to
the characteristics and patterns of ethnic conflict with special emphasis
on how and when ethnic tensions become manifested in violent conflict.
The course concludes with consideration and evaluations of various
domestic and international approaches to conflict management and
resolution. Same as GLBL 357. Prerequisite: PS 240 or PS 241, six hours of
Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Advanced Composition

PS 358  Comparative Political Behavior  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines themes of political behavior such as political participation,
electoral politics, political culture, and contentious politics from a cross-
national perspective. Prerequisite: PS 240, or PS 241, or six hours of
Political Science credit.

PS 371  Classical Political Theory  credit: 3 Hours.
Considers the major works of Greek and Roman political theory, stressing
their relevance to modern political analysis and action. Prerequisite: PS
270, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 372  Modern Political Theory  credit: 3 Hours.
Provides critical analysis of political theories from the fifteenth century
to the present. The discussions focus on topics such as the development
of conceptions of human nature, the role of the state, justice, legitimacy,
obligation, individual rights, equality, and mechanisms of maintenance
and change. Prerequisite: PS 270, six hours of Political Science credit, or
consent of instructor.

PS 373  Democratic Theory  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines theories of the nature and conditions of democracy; compares
and analyzes contemporary democratic institutions. Prerequisite: PS 270,
six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 374  Future Politics  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines visions of the future drawn from science fiction literature as
a way to engage with political and social theory and to cultivate the
political imagination. Prerequisite: Six hours of political science credit or
consent of instructor.

PS 376  American Political Theory  credit: 3 Hours.
Surveys American political thought from colonial times to the present.
Prerequisite: PS 270, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of
instructor.

PS 377  Topics Contemp Pol Theory  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines specific topics and writers of contemporary political theory.
Recent themes have included conceptions of power, rights, justice, and
radical political thought. May be repeated to a maximum of 9 hours.
Prerequisite: PS 270, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of
instructor.

PS 378  Topics Non-Western Pol Thought  credit: 3 Hours.
Considers political thought outside of the Greco-Roman, European, and
North American tradition. May be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite:
PS 270, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 379  Intl Rel & Domestic Politics  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines conceptual linkages between international relations and
domestic politics. Emphasizes theoretical explanations of and empirical
evidence for these linkages. Prerequisite: PS 280 or PS 281, or six hours of
Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 380  International Cooperation  credit: 3 Hours.
A study of cooperation among states. Cooperation dilemmas and their
solutions, with focus on institutional arrangements that are aimed to
facilitate cooperation among states. Prerequisite: PS 280 or PS 281, six
hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 382  Intl Political Economy  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the interaction between international politics and economics;
locates ideologies and practices in the context of international economic
relations. Considers such topics as international trade, the global
monetary order, multi-national corporations, economic aid relationships,
and food and energy politics. Prerequisite: PS 280 or PS 283, six hours of
Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 384  Politics of Globalization  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the basic concepts and politics associated with the emergence
of the global society. This course evaluates divergent theoretical
explanations for the emergence of global politics, as well as how and
why the global society governs itself. It examines the strengths
and shortcomings of the nation-state, markets, and democratization
as responses to the imperatives of order, welfare, and legitimacy.
Prerequisite: PS 280 or PS 283, six hours of Political Science credit, or
consent of instructor.

PS 385  Politics of the European Union  credit: 3 Hours.
Considers the history of the European Union and its current functions
and operations. Focuses on the ongoing process of political and cultural
integration. Consists of sections in Illinois and abroad, interacting
extensively via the worldwide web. Same as EURO 385, FR 385, and
GER 385. Prerequisite: PS 240 or PS 241, six hours of Political Science
credit, or consent of instructor; cross-listings require language training
appropriate for enrollment in the respective overseas programs.
PS 386 International Law credit: 3 Hours.
Analyzes the concepts and bases of public international law. Topics include sources and subjects of international law, as well as issues of jurisdiction, territory, law of the sea, and use of military force. Prerequisite: PS 280 or PS 283, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 387 National Security Policy credit: 3 Hours.
Examines principal theories of international security and evaluates their capacity to explain the security behavior of states and other key international actors. Prerequisite: PS 280 or PS 283, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 389 International Communications credit: 3 Hours.
Same as MACS 389. See MACS 389.

PS 390 American Foreign Policy credit: 3 Hours.
Considers the major foreign policy decisions currently confronting the United States government: analyzes their background, principal issues, and alternative actions, as well as the policy formulation process. Prerequisite: PS 280 or PS 283, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 391 Soviet & Post-Sov Foreign Pol credit: 3 Hours.
Surveys Soviet and Post-Soviet foreign policy from 1917 to the present, with emphasis upon the forces shaping this policy; special attention to the interplay of ideology and national interest in policy formulation. Prerequisite: PS 280 or PS 283, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 392 Intl Organizations&Regionalism credit: 3 Hours.
Examines regionalism and regional international organizations and their consequences for multilateralism cooperation, and conflict. Prerequisite: PS 280.

PS 393 Diplomatic Studies Practicum credit: 4 Hours.
Practical introduction to the study of international organizations, consisting of three parts: academic modules in Urbana-Champaign; guest lectures and site visits in Vienna, Austria, and field trips TBA; and a final research paper based on fieldwork in Vienna, extending into late June. Enrollment requires prior admission to the Vienna Diplomatic Program.

PS 394 Crisis Diplomacy credit: 3 Hours.
A comparative study of foreign policy decision-making and diplomacy among the major states from 1816-1948 with a focus on crisis bargaining, management, and escalation. Foreign relations of Britain, France, Germany, Russia, Italy, Japan, and the United States are covered in light of international relations theories. Emphasis is placed on how domestic political struggles, like those between hard liners and accommodationists, and external factors, like alliances and international norms, affect decision-making. Comparisons are made between those crises that are peacefully settled and those that escalate to war and/or get out of control. Prerequisite: PS 280, PS 281, PS 283, or consent of instructor.

PS 395 International Organization credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the development of basic principles underlying world organization; also considers the principles, structure, methods, and operation of international governmental institutions. Gives special attention to the United Nations and related agencies and to their evolution from the League of Nations system. Prerequisite: PS 280 or PS 281 or PS 283, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 396 International Conflict credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the conditions that promote war and peace between states. General topics covered are: historical patterns in warfare; causes of war, including arms races and power distributions; outcomes of war; and approaches to peace. Prerequisite: PS 280 or PS 281 or PS 283, six hours of Political Science credit, or consent of instructor.

PS 397 Authoritarian Regimes credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the various aspects of the politics in authoritarian regimes: their emergence and breakdown, the policy choices and institutions typically adopted, leadership change, and the theories that explain them. Historical case studies and statistical data will be used to examine real-world cases. Prerequisite: PS 240 or PS 241; or six hours of Political Sciences credit; or consent of instructor.

PS 398 Strategic Intertnl Relations credit: 3 Hours.
Examination of basic concepts and tools for analyzing foreign policy and understanding international politics and economy. Simple game-theoretic models will be used to explore the logic and the mechanisms behind key policy issues in international economy, cooperation, security, and institutions. Prerequisite: PS 280 or PS 281; or six hours of Political Sciences credit; or consent of instructor.

PS 399 Politics of International Treaties credit: 3 Hours.
Treaties are agreements between sovereign states governed by international law. This course examines why countries commit to treaties and why they comply with them. It will provide advanced undergraduate students with the opportunity to read a range of scholarly works on international agreements and to conduct their own research on related topics. Prerequisite: PS 280.

PS 400 Islam & Politics in Mid. East credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Same as REL 408 and SAME 408. See REL 408.

PS 408 American Foreign Policy credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Introduction to the social and political impacts of neighborhood life through readings, discussion, and field work. The political theories of local social networks, social ecology, the social context, third places, the physical form, and public space are examined. Students do library research and field work examining theories of social capital, civic engagement, new urbanism, public space, social context and urban form. Same as HDES 410. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: PS 100 or PS 101 or consent of instructor.

PS 411 Campaigning to Win credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Same as CMN 424. See CMN 424.

PS 412 Sex, Power and Politics credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Same as GWS 478. See GWS 478.

PS 415 Europe and the Mediterranean credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Same as EURO 415 and ITAL 415. See EURO 415.

PS 418 Language&Minorities in Europe credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Same as FR 418, GER 418, ITAL 418, LING 418, SLAV 418, and SPAN 418. See FR 418.

PS 456 Democracy and Identity credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
A normative and empirical examination of the special issues surrounding the development and maintenance of democracy in plural societies. Analyzes the impact of racial, ethnic and religious diversity on citizenship, civil rights, political institutions and public policy, as well as on democratic stability more generally, in established and newly emergent democracies. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.
PS 457  Dem Gov in a Global Setting  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.  
Examination of the basic concepts and politics associated with the emergence of a global society. Students evaluate competing explanations for the emergence of this new politics and how and why the global society governs itself. It examines the strengths and weaknesses of the nation-state, markets, and democratization as responses, respectively, to the imperatives or order, welfare, and legitimacy in the governance of world's peoples and states. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

PS 480  Energy and Security  credit: 3 Hours.  
Same as GLBL 480 and NPRE 480. See NPRE 480.

PS 490  Individual Study  credit: 1 to 4 Hours.  
Special topics not treated in regularly scheduled courses; designed primarily for juniors and seniors. 1 to 4 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. May be repeated. Prerequisite: Evidence of adequate preparation for such study; consent of faculty member supervising the work; and approval of the department head.

PS 491  Internship  credit: 0 to 6 Hours.  
Students follow a program of study and research related to an approved internship under the direction of the internship director and/or a faculty sponsor. Consult departmental undergraduate advisor or internship director. 0 to 6 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. Approved for Letter and S/U grading. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 undergraduate hours. Prerequisite: 45 credit hours completed, one year in residence at an institution of higher learning, minimum 2.5 grade point average, coursework related to the internship, and acceptance to the internship director or undergraduate director and by faculty sponsor. Students enrolled in internship courses may not register for more than 18 hours total for all courses during the semester of the internship course.

PS 492  UG Research Assistance  credit: 0 to 3 Hours.  
Assist departmental faculty in on-going research. Topics and nature of assistance vary. Capstone paper required. 0 to 3 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. May be repeated in separate terms to a maximum of 6 hours. Credit is not given for more than nine hours toward completion of the political science major from any combination of PS 490, PS 491, and/or PS 492. Prerequisite: Evidence of adequate preparation for such study; consent of faculty member supervising the work; and approval of the department head.

PS 494  Junior Honors Seminar  credit: 3 Hours.  
Research, reading, and discussion in selected topics and works in literature of political science. A major research project is required in preparation for PS 495. 3 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. May be repeated in separate terms to a maximum of 6 hours if topics vary. Credit is not given for non-honors courses and honors seminar on the same topic. Prerequisite: Admission to Political Science Honors Program or consent of department.

PS 495  Senior Honors Seminar  credit: 3 Hours.  
Provides an advanced overview of methodological issues in political science especially identification of research questions and design of research strategies in political science appropriate for a senior thesis. Requires completion of a substantial research proposal. 3 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. Credit is not given for more than six hours towards any combination of PS 495 and PS 496. Neither PS 495 nor PS 496 counts towards the 30 hours required for completion of the political science major. Prerequisite: Admissions to Political Science Honors Program or consent of instructor.

PS 496  Senior Honors Thesis  credit: 2 to 6 Hours.  
2 to 6 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite: Written consent of instructor of department approval; open only to seniors whose major is political science and who have a general University grade point of 3.0.

PS 501  Democratic Political Inst I  credit: 4 Hours.  
Involves intensive analysis of major institutions and processes of democratic politics (national, state, local); research on selected topics in American government.

PS 502  Democratic Political Inst II  credit: 4 Hours.  
Discusses contemporary theories about the impact of democratic institutions on politics and policy.

PS 503  US Congress  credit: 4 Hours.  
Traces the development of Congress as an institution with special attention to the role of norms; considers intra-institutional aspects of Congress including committee decision-making, floor voting, and leadership; examines congressional relationships with other actors including the presidency and Supreme Court, interest groups, and constituents.

PS 506  Pol Parties and Elections  credit: 4 Hours.  
Examines the role of political parties and elections in the political process; traces the evolution of American parties as a political institution, assesses their impact upon the policy-making processes, and considers macro-level influences upon the electoral process.

PS 507  Collect Action & Interest Grps  credit: 4 Hours.  
Provides a broad analysis of collective action, interest groups, and politics; examines the meaning of political interests and the forms they take; reviews various approaches to the study of interest groups; analyzes the formation and operation of interest groups; examines innovation and change in interest group politics and research.

PS 511  Proseminar Pol Behavior I  credit: 4 Hours.  
Introduces interdisciplinary approaches to the analysis of political behavior: formation of opinions, interests, roles, and beliefs.

PS 512  Proseminar Pol Behavior II  credit: 4 Hours.  
Continuation of PS 511. Prerequisite: PS 511.

PS 514  Founds of Organizational Behav  credit: 4 Hours.  
Same as BADM 510, PSYC 553, and SOC 575. See BADM 510.

PS 517  Civic Leadership Practicum I  credit: 2 or 4 Hours.  
The practicum seminar is the capstone experience of the BA/MA Civic Leadership Program and serves as the principal bridge between the academic and multi-faceted practicum components of the program. The Fellows will engage in an in-depth exploration of a predetermined policy issue (health care, international trade, welfare reform, citizen engagement, for example). The practicum seminar members will, over two semesters, prepare a background paper and report with options and recommendations, which the seminar members will be expected to make a part of the public debate and policymaking process. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in the Civic Leadership Program.

PS 518  Civic Leadership Practicum II  credit: 2 or 4 Hours.  
Continuation of PS 517. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in the Civic Leadership Program.

PS 519  Topics in American Politics  credit: 4 Hours.  
Selected research topics designed for graduate study in American Politics. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours.
PS 521  Phil Bases of Pol Inquiry  credit: 4 Hours.
Reviews the scope and subject matter of political science; methodological issues in political science and major conceptions of methodology as embodied in the current literature.

PS 522  Research Design and Techniques  credit: 4 Hours.
Provides an overview of research techniques for answering questions of concern in political science; indicates the range of available tools; discusses problems in concept formation; and presents current methods of concept measurement. Prerequisite: PS 521 or consent of instructor.

PS 523  The Comparative Method  credit: 4 Hours.
Reviews strategies for systematic research based on small number of cases. Emphasis on problems of conceptualization, measurement, and analysis.

PS 524  Methods in Intl Rel  credit: 4 Hours.
Deals with major research methodologies in contemporary international relations; includes case studies, aggregate data, content analysis, survey research, gaming and simulations, and causal modeling; presumes knowledge of basic international relations theory. Prerequisite: PS 580.

PS 525  Formal Theory I: Game Theory  credit: 4 Hours.
Introduction to game theory and its applications to the study of politics. Study of the central ideas and techniques of game theory.

PS 526  Formal Theory II: Applications  credit: 4 Hours.
Survey of major topics in formal political theory and the application of key game-theoretic methods to the study of politics. Prerequisite: PS 525 or consent of instructor.

PS 530  Quant Pol Analysis I  credit: 4 Hours.
Introduction to data analysis and inferential statistics, including data collection, analysis and interpretation, sampling, and measures of statistical association and significance. Also introduces statistical software.

PS 531  Quant Pol Analysis II  credit: 4 Hours.
Second class in inferential statistics, emphasizing the linear model and assumptions behind linear models. Prerequisite: PS 530 or consent of instructor.

PS 532  Quant Pol Analysis III  credit: 4 Hours.
Select topics in inferential statistics, including models for limited dependent variables. Topics vary by semester and may include spatial econometrics, bootstrap models, ecological inference, and causal inference. Prerequisite: PS 531 or consent of instructor.

PS 540  Proseminar Comp Politics I  credit: 4 Hours.
Surveys the major works, theories, and approaches that define the field of comparative politics. The substantive focus of the course is on advanced industrial countries.

PS 541  Proseminar Comp Politics II  credit: 4 Hours.
Surveys the major works, theories, and approaches that define the field of comparative politics. The substantive focus of the course is on developing countries. Prerequisite: Completion of PS 540 is recommended.

PS 543  Global Democratization  credit: 4 Hours.
Examines the roles of domestic and international factors, modes of transition, institutional choices and economic reforms in the transition from authoritarian rule. Comparisons are made of cases in Southern and Eastern Europe, Latin America, East Asia, the former Soviet Union, and others. Prerequisite: Completion of PS 540 or PS 541 is recommended.

PS 544  Politics of African States  credit: 4 Hours.
Advanced research seminar. Focus will alternate among such topics in African politics as (a) the politics of agriculture (b) state and society (c) African political systems and the challenge of democratic practice and (d) political and economic crisis in Sub-Saharan Africa. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours if topics vary. Prerequisite: PS 242 and PS 341 or consent of instructor.

PS 545  Politics of Post-Soviet States  credit: 4 Hours.
Study of states which have experienced extended interludes of communist power, especially including the new states of the former Soviet Union, the post-communist regimes of Eastern Europe and China, through a comparative examination of political, economic, and ethnonational problems of regime transformation. Analytic and research papers required. Prerequisite: Completion of PS 540 or PS 541 is recommended.

PS 546  Comparative Political Behavior  credit: 4 Hours.
Examines the political behaviors and opinions of common citizens in dissimilar national contexts, focusing on the theoretical literature and empirical research on topics such as political participation, political culture and contention politics from a cross-national perspective. Prerequisite: PS 540 or PS 541.

PS 548  Political Economy  credit: 4 Hours.
Same as ECON 572. See ECON 572.

PS 549  Topics in Comparative Politics  credit: 4 Hours.
Selected research topics designed for graduate study in Comparative Politics. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours.

PS 571  History of Pol Theories I  credit: 4 Hours.
Reading, analysis and discussion of the leading political thinkers from the Greeks to the middle of the seventeenth century.

PS 572  History of Pol Theories II  credit: 4 Hours.
Reading, analysis and discussion of the leading political thinkers from the middle of the seventeenth century to the present.

PS 579  Topics in Pol Theory  credit: 4 Hours.
Reading, analysis, and discussion of selected topics of political theory. May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

PS 580  Proseminar Intl Rel I  credit: 4 Hours.
Examines major theories and approaches to the study of international relations.

PS 581  International War  credit: 4 Hours.
Focuses on the conditions that influence war and peace between nation-states. Considers various factors at different levels of analysis (individual, national, dyadic, and systematic) in an attempt to understand why nations go to war. Readings will consist of current research in this topic area-without ignoring "classical" works. Prerequisite: PS 580.

PS 582  Intl Political Economy  credit: 4 Hours.
Comprehensive introduction to major traditions in contemporary thought on the political structure and workings of the global economy. Presumes background knowledge pertaining to the workings of the international economy and its institutions as well as familiarity with the assumptions and approaches of classical I. P. E. thought and International Relations theory. Prerequisite: PS 580.

PS 583  International Organizations  credit: 4 Hours.
Examines the development and operations of international organizations with special emphasis on United Nations and related agencies. Focuses on activities in security, economic, and social issue area. Prerequisite: PS 580.
PS 584  International Cooperation  credit: 4 Hours.
Major theoretical perspectives and controversies in the literature of international cooperation and international institutions. Although broad spectrums of issues are covered, the focus is on basic logical questions, lines of reasoning, and analytical frameworks. Prerequisite: PS 580.

PS 585  Conflict Management  credit: 4 Hours.
Examines the conditions that influence the processes and outcomes of conflict management between nation-states. Assesses various approaches used in conflict management research with a special emphasis on the relationship between conflict management and theories of IR. Assumes some background knowledge regarding empirical studies of war. Prerequisite: PS 580.

PS 586  Prosem Intl Relations II  credit: 4 Hours.
Part two of a two course sequence examining major theories and approaches to the study of international relations. Prerequisite: PS 580.

PS 587  Research Seminar in IR  credit: 4 Hours.
Advanced seminar in international relations, providing graduate students with original research experience. Students design and execute a research program, resulting in a major paper suitable for conference presentation and/or publication. The seminar will rotate among specific research topics in the area of international conflict, international law and organization, and international political economy respectively. May be repeated in separate terms to a maximum of 12 hours. Prerequisite: PS 580.

PS 589  Topics in Intl Rel  credit: 4 Hours.
Selected topics designed for graduate study in international relations. May be repeated under different instructors to a maximum of 12 hours. Prerequisite: PS 580 or PS 524, or consent of instructor.

PS 590  Research in Selected Topics  credit: 2 to 12 Hours.
Research in selected topics by arrangement with the instructor.

PS 596  Evaluating New Research  credit: 2 Hours.
Accompanies the Politics Workshop, which brings in speakers from outside the department to present their research. The goal is to expose graduate students to the practice of engaging critically with research presentations from all fields of political science. Students will learn "best practices" in providing feedback about ongoing research projects. They will have the opportunity to utilize these skills both in class discussions and as discussants for the speakers in the Workshop 2 graduate hours. No professional credit. Approved for S/U grading only. May be repeated for up to 4 graduate hours in separate semesters. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in political science required.

PS 597  Preparing Future Faculty  credit: 0 Hours.
Provides graduate students an insight on the responsibilities and expectations of academic faculty. Core responsibilities - research, teaching and service - required of faculty is discussed, along with important resources and strategies to aid students in obtaining a faculty appointment and plotting a successful career path. Approved for S/U grading only. May be repeated in separate terms.

PS 598  Dissertation Design Seminar  credit: 0 Hours.
Addresses the basic steps involved in the development of a dissertation proposal; aims to facilitate the completion of the dissertation proposal for students who have passed the qualifying examinations. Approved for S/U grading only. Prerequisite: Successful completion of required qualifying examinations.

PS 599  Thesis Research  credit: 0 to 16 Hours.
Approved for S/U grading only. May be repeated.