Political Science

The Department of Political Science offers students the opportunity to study all aspects of politics using cutting-edge technical and theoretical tools. Our courses are animated by longstanding problems related to the use of power, its rightful exercise by governments and individual actors, and the institutions that affect how that power is exercised. Reflecting the breadth of the discipline, we offer a range of classes, including courses on elections and electoral politics, international political economy, justice and the state, and comparative analyses of political institutions across states.

A major in political science thus exposes students to the primary themes of the discipline: American politics, comparative politics, international politics, political methodology, and political theory. A political science major offers students the opportunity to study political life as part of a broad liberal education. It is a useful step toward law or business school. Other political science students pursue careers or further education in public administration, urban planning, journalism, education, and social work, or in federal, state, or local government.

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Degree Requirements

All University College undergraduate students must satisfy the same general-education requirements (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/prior/2017-18/undergrad/ucollege/bachelors/#degerequirements).

The Major in Political Science

Required: 30 units minimum

To major in political science, students must complete a minimum of 30 units of political science course work, including at least 6 units of introductory course work, a 300-level course on research methods, and at least 18 units at the 300- and 400-levels. The 18 advanced units for the major must include at least one 3-unit course from three of the following five fields:

- American politics
- Comparative politics
- International politics
- Political and social theory
- Methods of political research and analysis

The department encourages students to explore a wide variety of courses in political science. A student's program should be planned in close consultation with an academic adviser.

The Minor in Political Science

Required: 15 units

15 units of course work in Political Science, including at least 9 units of advanced-level courses, are required. For exceptions, please refer to the course listing table on our website (http://polisci.wustl.edu/undergraduate/course_listings).

Courses


U25 PolSci 101 American Politics
This course provides an overview of the politics of American government. The topics covered are the historical developments of American politics, federalism, political participation (e.g., voting), institutions (e.g., Congress), and public opinion. That political actors are strategic in their pursuit of objectives is a theme underlying our examination of these topics. Accordingly, we explore the many ways in which strategic political behavior impacts institutions and the interactions between political actors in the U.S.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 102 Comparative Politics
One of the primary goals of a course in comparative politics is to familiarize students with a broad array of political systems. The approach taken in this course can best be characterized as the active acquisition and use of a set of tools for looking at the political world. In other words, instead of putting emphasis on what textbook writers think political scientists know, in this course the emphasis is on "how we know what we know" and on building knowledge. This approach equips students with a set of tools to use long after the course is over. These comparative tools are focused on historical, recent, and current events, and students are provided the opportunity to delve more deeply into a study of the parts of the world most they find most interesting.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: LCD Art: SSC BU: BA, IS UColl: NW

U25 PolSci 103 Introduction to International Politics
This course introduces the study of world politics and approaches political scientists use to understand international political relations. We will mostly use events of the 20th century as a backdrop to know what occurred. Why these events occurred is more difficult to understand. Competing explanations exist for most interesting puzzles in international relations. The course develops a toolkit to explore why events took place. Think of yourself as a detective trying to understand past, contemporary, and future politics. Completely online.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 103B International Politics
Globalization, the accelerating rate of interaction between people of different countries, creates a qualitative shift in the relationship between nation-states and national economies. Conflict and
war is one form of international interaction. Movement of capital, goods, services, production, information, disease, environmental degradation, and people across national boundaries are other forms of international interactions. This course introduces the study of global political-economic relations. We focus upon building a toolkit that will help us understand the micro-foundations of the globalization of material and social relations.

Same as L32 Pol Sci 103B
Credit 3 units. A&S: SS A&S IQ: SSC BU: ETH

U25 PolSci 105 Key Concepts in Political Theory
This course will introduce students to some of the fundamental concepts, and also to some of the most important historical and contemporary works, in the field of political theory. We will focus on three major themes — social justice, power and freedom, and democracy — reading some canonical texts, such as Bentham’s Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation and Marx’s Capital, but emphasizing contemporary works, such as those of John Rawls, Michael Waltzer, Michel Foucault, and Robert Dahl. This course is appropriate for any student who wants to begin to think systematically about the normative or moral dimensions to political life, and anyone with an interest in political theory, political philosophy, or social theory.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 203 Topics in Politics
The topic of this course varies by semester, dependent on faculty and student interests.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 210 Law, Judges, and the Political System
Introductory survey course exploring relationships between political and legal processes and institutions. The role of courts in making and implementing public policy.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 211 Elements of Political Behavior
Examination of political beliefs and their relationship to political behavior in the United States. The course will focus on the tension between theoretical expectations for citizens in a democracy, popular accounts of political behavior, and what we know about the actual behavior of Americans. We also examine the methods for measuring political attitudes and public opinion so students will be better able to critique the literature. Specific topics will include attitudes toward race, the role of the media and other elites in affecting public opinion, and historical trends in public opinion and voting.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 212 Elements of Political Behavior
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 212 American Policies and Programs
Major governmental policies and programs in the United States: budget, tax policy, defense spending, and selected areas of social welfare policy, e.g., income maintenance, health, and housing.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 212B American Policies and Programs
Examination of several major governmental policies and programs in the U.S. Special attention to regulatory policies, conservation policies, welfare policies and defense policies and the budget.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 214B International Politics
Examination of major factors shaping relations among nations and development of international institutions. Special attention to crucial problems of contemporary international politics, such as the NATO alliance, the movement toward European integration, and the political development of underdeveloped areas.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 218
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 221 Introductory Statistics for Political Science
Designed for students who wish to acquire basic skills of research in the social sciences. Simple probability; descriptive univariate and multivariate statistics including correlation and regression; tests of significance and statistical inference. Emphasis on practical skills with exercises using actual political data. Includes discerning truth from fiction in statistical reports in the press. No mathematics or political science prerequisite.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 2221 Introduction to Quantitative Methods
This course is designed as an introduction to the methods used by social scientists to analyze political phenomena. Contemporary political scientists employ a broad set of mathematical and statistical tools with which to explain politics; this course focuses on the proper application of such tools. Students will learn how to meaningfully make sense of political data through graphical and statistical techniques. In addition to learning how to analyze data, students will develop a critical mindset for reading and evaluating the political science literature.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 2224 Introduction to Political Analysis
Introduce a game theory approach to the analysis of politics. This course is intended to acquaint students with formal constructs of “games” that help our understanding of the inner logic of political processes. Two lectures and one section meeting each week.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 2227 Just Do It! Skills That Turn Passion into Policy
The course will focus on skills related to the democratic expression of political rights and responsibilities. The course will balance background knowledge of the issues with application. Students will explore how to use coalition building and advocacy skills to relate to personal issues to public issues. Students will research a current Missouri bill, create a strategic plan for its passage or failure, and prepare to give testimony on such bill in a mock House of Representatives committee hearing. Students will also learn about ethical dilemmas in policy and politics and create a plan for turning their passions into policy.
Same as L32 Pol Sci 227
Credit 1 unit. A&S: SS A&S IQ: SSC Arch: SSC Art: SSC BU: BA EN: S
U25 PolSci 230 U.S. Presidential Campaigning
With the 2016 Presidential race as our backdrop, this course will explore the road to the White House, from early primaries and caucuses through the general election. We will study the role and impact of the media, political parties, and interest groups. We will discuss campaign strategy and organization and the importance of fundraising, debates, polling, social media, and national conventions. We will assess the strengths and weaknesses of current presidential campaigns in real time. Students will select a candidate to "manage" throughout the course and develop themes, speeches, and a general election strategy for their candidate. We will not debate which candidate is the best, but we will discuss who has the best message, organization, and overall campaign.
Credit 3 units. UColl: PSA

U25 PolSci 260 Game Theory in Science and Culture
Introduces the major intellectual insights of game theory in a nontechnical fashion, and examines the influence game theory has had on geopolitics, social philosophy, psychology, art, and the humanities. In addition to covering the basic machinery of the theory, the class will: participate in numerous illustrative classroom games; examine game theory in film, literature, and literary criticism; see how game theory has contributed to social theory; and learn about the background of game theory and its history and perception as a hoped-for tool in the Cold War. Grades based on problems, short essays, two short-essay exams, and participation.
Same as L32 Pol Sci 260
Credit 3 units. A&S: SS A&S IQ: SCC UColl: PSA

U25 PolSci 3006 Humanitarian Intervention
This course will examine the political factors that influence humanitarian intervention by studying the ethical, legal, economic, and geopolitical aspects underlying the problems concerning the role of the United Nations in cases such as in Somalia, Bosnia, and Kosovo. The course reviews traditional humanitarian principles and considers how strategies have shaped the course of humanitarian organizations. We also consider the “Responsibility to Protect” doctrine and its impact on NATO operations.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 3024 International Institutions
This course surveys in historically and theoretically informed fashion the role of various international institutions in international relations. It addresses the fundamental question of the contribution of international institutions to world order. The course first traces the historical evolution of international organization before turning to international institutions since World War II. It then focuses on the following: the most important regional international organization, the European Union; the most important international organizations dealing with the issues of peace and security, the United Nations and NATO; and the major international economic institutions, the WTO, the IMF and the World Bank. Prerequisites: Intro to International Politics.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 3031 Race and Ethnicity in American Politics
This seminar will discuss the continuing importance of race and ethnicity in American politics and the politics of racial minority groups in America. It will examine the disadvantage minorities have in the American political structure including problems with political participation. It will examine how the structure and functions of the branches of government and its bureaucracy affect the aspirations of minorities. The role of pressure groups on political structure will be discussed. Additional discussion will focus on urban politics and tensions.
Same as L32 Pol Sci 3031
Credit 3 units. A&S: SS A&S IQ: SCC Arch: SSC Art: SSC BU: BA UColl: PSA

U25 PolSci 304 Politics and Film
Film can be both a powerful way to convey political messages and a revealing portrait of the political culture of the times. This course will use weekly films as a starting point to explore questions about political behavior, beliefs, and culture. We’ll see and compare how Hollywood films, independent productions, documentaries, and foreign films approach political issues.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 3040 A Political and Economic Analysis of Climate Control
This course examines the political and economic consequences of climate change. With Al Gore's An Inconvenient Truth as a starting point, we will employ an understanding of political & economic theories (from Plato to Rawls and from Adam Smith to Keynes) to analyze whether it is possible to avoid the potentially catastrophic consequences of climate change (or should we simply prepare for those consequences?). Additionally, we will consider how a public understanding of the "seriousness" of climate change might be achieved; if governments have a fundamental obligation to prevent climate change; if there is a "just" way of relating to the ecosystem; whether various political theories demand that we behave in ways that include the "rights" of future generations to a stable, healthy ecosystem; how Plato’s "philosopher-king" would handle climate change; and how the power of markets could facilitate a dramatic decrease in greenhouse gases (GHGs). Completely online course.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 305 Race, Politics and Public Policy
The primary goal of the course is to provide students with a working knowledge of the history of race relations in this country and how this history frames the public policy debates taking place today. Readings from national, regional, and ethnic policy journals and newspapers will help students fill historical gaps and provide important information about salient policy issues. Recommended for the Liberal Arts and Business (LAB) Certificate.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 306 Politics of International Law
In this course, we will focus on key issues of international law and international politics, and how issues of law and politics intersect at the international level. This will include a focus on theories of international relations, theories of international law; conflicts regarding resources, territory and ideology; the military-industrial complex; globalization, privatization and commercialization; international trade; international treaties; international institutions; the limits of international law; customary international law; the law of the sea; space law; the concept of empire; unilateralism; human rights; and war law.
Credit 3 units. UColl: PSI
U25 PolSci 306 American Judicial Process
This course covers the "big picture" of the American judicial system by examining the historical, institutional, and political nature of the American judiciary at both the federal and state levels. We will discuss the foundation of our legal system, analyze judicial decision making, the role of lawyers and judges in the judicial process, and the often tense and interesting relationship between politics and our judicial process. Prerequisite: Intro to American Politics.
Credit 3 units. UColl: PSA

U25 PolSci 307 Comparative European Politics
Europe's variety of cultures, national histories, and political systems is the focus of this course. Our goal is an advanced understanding of major theoretical, empirical, and substantive issues in contemporary European political systems, particularly in relation to an emergent European Union. First, the key players, institutions, and policy challenges for each polity is introduced for Northern and Western Europe. Then, we then compare Southern and Central-Eastern European experiences in order to encourage critical thinking about trends and controversies facing Europe. Note: Accelerated (ACTRAC) option: University College students have the option of taking this course for 4 units.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 309 South African Politics
We will examine the roots of the current problems, the problems themselves, and the immediate future of South Africa. South African political culture is rich in history, myth, and struggle (racial and otherwise). All these aspects must be examined to a degree to understand what the so-called New South Africa may look like.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 3090 Civil War and Peace
This course examines the causes and consequences of intra-state conflict, as well as the potential solutions to it, drawing on examples from countries throughout the world, including Bosnia-Herzegovina, India, Iraq, Russia, Rwanda, Spain, et cetera. We will consider many potential causes of intra-state violence, including ethnic and religious identities, economic and security concerns, elite manipulation, and international diffusion. In order to understand the challenges countries face recovering from violence, we will subsequently examine different ways in which conflicts are conducted, as well as their consequences, including economic underdevelopment, rape, child soldiers, and disease. Finally, using what we have learned about the causes and consequences of conflict, we will analyze the utility of different tools for managing intra-state conflict, including, but not limited to, minority representation, consociationalism, decentralization and partition.
Same as L32 Pol Sci 3090
Credit 3 units. A&S: SS A&S IQ: SSC Arch: SSC Art: SSC BU: BA

U25 PolSci 3093 Topics in Politics: Transformation in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 3103 Topics in Politics: Comparative Politics - The Middle East
Credit 3 units. BU: BA UColl: PSC, PSI

U25 PolSci 3111 Topics in American Politics: Administrative Law and Executive Branch Politics
Designed for students interested in pursuing law studies as well as those with public policy and broader American politics interests, this course will examine the role that federal administrative agencies (i.e. the modern bureaucracy) play in the U.S. political and legal system. These federal agencies (including, for example, the Department of Agriculture, FDA, Department of Education, EPA, and Department of Homeland Security) have huge (and often overlooked) policymaking roles in our country. A reoccurring question throughout the course will be whether or not agencies have a democratic deficiency given their great policymaking authority but lack of a link to a constituency. We will pay particular attention to the President's, Congress's, and the judiciary's power and control (or lack thereof) over these agencies. We will also focus on how agencies use adjudication and rulemaking to effectuate their policies.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 313 Politics of the Soviet Union
Survey of Soviet politics from the Revolution through the Brezhnev period and examination of trends within the Soviet system that led to the Gorbachev regime and the demise of the Soviet Union. Analysis of the problems and prospects of the former Soviet countries in terms of ethnic conflict and economic and political transformation.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 315 African Politics
This course will include topics in African politics from pre-colonial times to the present. After an overview of political development on the continent, students will choose three sub-Saharan countries for more in-depth study in class. These countries will serve as case studies for comparative analysis.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 3152 The Politics of Economic Development
Why do some countries enjoy cycles of economic success while others suffer vicious cycles of underdevelopment? Why do the same policies lead to economic success in some countries but
U25 PolSci 3153 Local Economic Development
This course introduces students to the concepts and practices of local economic development.
Credit 3 units. UColl: PSA, PST

U25 PolSci 318 Politics of Protest
This course examines the causes and effects of political rebellion. Special emphasis is placed on analyzing the way in which protest movements form an organizational basis, and the extent to which different kinds of protest movements can manage to sustain prolonged rebellion.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 3182 The Writer in Politics
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 319 The Politics of Human Rights
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 3191 Topics in American Politics
This course is intended primarily for sophomores and juniors. The topic of this course varies by semester, dependent on faculty and student interests.
Credit 3 units. UColl: OLI, PSA, PST

U25 PolSci 321 Public Opinion and American Democracy
This course is about the salience of public opinion and its influence on American politics. Topics to be covered include many of the theories developed to explain how public opinion is formed, if and why it changes, and the relationship between public opinion and the political behavior of citizens and elites. Therefore, the course will describe and analyze many of the factors that influence the formation, structure, and variation in public opinion: information processing, education, core values, racial attitudes, political orientation (ideology and party identification), political elites, social groups, the media, and religion. Additional topics include presidential approval, congressional approval, and the relationship between public opinion and public policy. The course will also train students in several concepts of statistical analysis (assuming no prior knowledge) so that students can use these tools as part of their own research projects. Prerequisites: previous course work in American politics or communications.
Same as L32 Pol Sci 3211
Credit 3 units. A&S: SS A&S IQ: SSC Art: SSC BU: BA

U25 PolSci 3211 Topics in Politics: Technology and the Law
The rapid growth in technology has placed new demands on the legal system in the last decade. In this course, we will look at some of the prominent conflicts and challenges involving technology, the legal system, and civil liberties. Topics to be covered include free speech and censorship in cyberspace, national security, ubiquitous surveillance and privacy, genetically modified foods, peer to peer file sharing, and ownership of virtual property.
Credit 3 units. UColl: PSA

This course will focus on examining the roles of religion, politics, and mass religious and social protest movements in American democratic society, such as the anti-slavery movement, prohibition and temperance, women's suffrage, the Nation of Islam, the Civil Rights movement, and the moral majority. We will examine how religion and politics, in conjunction with mass religious and social protest movements, have both played essential roles, individually, as well as collectively, in influencing public policy and shaping the political landscape of American Democratic Society. Recommended for the Liberal Arts and Business (LAB) Certificate.
Credit 3 units. UColl: PSA

U25 PolSci 3215 Western European Politics
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 323 Introduction to Quantitative Methods
This is an introduction to research methodology and quantitative analysis for social scientists. This class will introduce students to social scientific inquiry and basic statistical tools used to study politics. Students will learn to study politics with the help of measurement, descriptive analysis, correlation, graphical analysis, hypothesis testing, confidence intervals, analysis of variance, and regression analysis. The course will include classroom lectures and computer lab-time to enable students to work hands-on with datasets. Basic math skills (algebra) is recommended. Recommended for the Liberal Arts and Business (LAB) Certificate.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 325 Politics of the Soviet Union
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 3251 Comparative Politics: The Other Europe
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 3252 Topics in Comparative Politics:
This course is intended primarily for sophomores and juniors. The topic of this course varies by semester, dependent on faculty and student interests.
Credit 3 units. UColl: PSC, PSI

U25 PolSci 3253 Comparative Politics: Gender and Social Policy
Focuses on the differential effects of public policy on the lives of men and women. The major institutions of the family, workplace, state, and law will be studied. The position of women will be examined in the first world, third world, and international law.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 3254 Comparative Politics: Integration and Disintegration in Multi-Ethnic States
This course examines the political dynamics and governmental structures in federal states. Topics to be covered in the course include: social and economic conditions across regions, ethnic and linguistic groups, political parties, constitutions, and civil wars. The primary puzzle to be addressed is why some federations collapse and why some endure. Potential cases: U.S., Canada, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Spain, Belgium, India, the European Union, the Athenian League. Prerequisite: Pol Sci 101 or 102.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 3255 Democratic Politics in Eastern and Central Europe
This course covers major issues of post-communist political development in Eastern and Central Europe and the Post-Soviet states. The primary focus is on systems of political institutions, their origin, and their influence on the choice of political strategies in general and on the development of party systems in particular. Course requirements, in addition to attendance, participation, and familiarity with the readings, include three country-specific case studies and two classroom presentations during the semester. We will rely heavily on internet sources and periodicals in addition to the basic readings.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 326 Latin American Politics
This course is an introduction to Latin America’s political environment; however, the theoretical issues it addresses are relevant to studies of politics everywhere. The course is divided in two parts. During the first half of the semester, we will discuss the Latin American experience with revolution, authoritarianism and regime change. We will address both structural and individual-level accounts of political instability. In the second half of the semester, we will turn to the Latin American experience with democracy. We will address the ways different regimes have provided citizens with representation and political accountability.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 326B Latin American Politics
This course is an introduction to the politics in Latin America, focusing on the trend toward the establishment of democracy. We examine the impact of political culture, economic development, and the legacy of authoritarian regimes on contemporary politics. The course also reviews many of the most pressing challenges confronting Latin American governments: the role of the military in politics, the reform of political institutions, threats from radical guerrillas and drug traffickers, debt and economic restructuring, and relations with the United States. Country studies focus on Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Mexico, and Nicaragua. Prerequisites: 100-level introductory course in Political Science or its equivalent in History or IAS. Same as L32 Pol Sci 326B
Credit 3 units. A&S: SS A&S IQ: LCD, SSC Art: SSC BU: IS

U25 PolSci 3281 Introduction to American Social Welfare
The structure and origins of the social insurance and categorical assistance programs such as Medicare, Social Security, AFDC, and Food Stamps will be addressed. Public policy and academic controversies will be examined, which relate to universal health care and welfare reform.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 329 Women and Social Movements in the Third World
Women’s social movements have a huge impact on politics around the world. This course focuses on the types of social movements in which women are now involved, the issues around which they mobilize, the avenues they employ to affect social change in their own communities, and the ideologies that inform their movements. Although the primary focus is on women's social movements, the course will begin with a general theoretical framework for all social movements and then move to examples of women's movements drawn from Latin America, Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe. Recommended for the Liberal Arts and Business (LAB) Certificate.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 3291 Modern South Asian Politics
This course will focus on the recent political history and development of South Asia. It will begin with a review of the British colonial period and the Independence movement. The remainder of the course will examine different political issues in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka. Topics will include political mobilization, land reform, law and politics, social movements, religious and caste politics, the rise of religious nationalism, and political control of the economy.
Same as L32 Pol Sci 3292
Credit 3 units. A&S: SS A&S IQ: LCD, SSC Art: SSC BU: IS

U25 PolSci 330 Topics in Political Science
Credit 3 units. UColl: PSA

U25 PolSci 331 Topics in Political Science
Credit 3 units. UColl: PSI

U25 PolSci 3312 Environmental and Energy Issues
This course considers the major issues in these increasingly important areas of public policy. We discuss the importance of political processes and actors on such phenomena as global warming, endangered species, and public lands. This course emphasizes the American experience but also considers international implications.
Credit 3 units. UColl: PSA

U25 PolSci 3313 St. Louis Metropolitan Urban Politics
This course will focus on examining, analyzing, critiquing and exploring the political institutions, political operatives and political activities of the myriad various urban communities that comprise the greater St. Louis metropolitan urban region. Prerequisites: Prior academic course work, a professional background and/or a strong academic or applied interest in St. Louis politics or urban politics in general.
Credit 3 units. UColl: PSA

U25 PolSci 3314 Theories of Justice
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This course will examine the role of business in the formation of public policy. Students will explore the various tools and strategies used by business to influence public policy, including the role of lobbyists. Case studies from local, regional, national and international policy debates such as genetic engineering, privacy issues given technological advances, and corporate globalization will be used to illustrate concepts discussed in class. Students will discuss scientific, economic and cultural trends that could drive the formation of future public policy.

Credit 3 units.

This course is designed to give students an introduction to issues, challenges, and opportunities associated with a career in the public and not-for-profit sectors. Students will develop a greater understanding of the history and role of public administration in America. The course will explore current topics in federal, state, regional, and local governance such as disaster preparedness and response, policies related to energy costs and conservation, balancing environmental concerns with economic development initiatives, and the impact of tax increases or budget cuts on programs. We will examine the diverse skills required for today's public sector managers, including working in a political environment, hiring and retaining public employees, public budgeting and accountability, working with the news media, policy advocacy and implementation, and program evaluations.

Credit 3 units.

This course is intended primarily for sophomores and juniors. The topic of this course varies by semester, dependent on faculty and student interests.

Credit 3 units.

Among the motivating questions for this seminar are: What makes cities “tick”? How do different racial and ethnic groups cooperate or conflict to produce public policy? What role does personality play? Why do cities grow, and why do they decline? What impacts do state and national policy decisions have on cities? And, how does geography matter for urban growth? Through readings, guest speakers, lectures and independent research, students will gain insight into urban problems and opportunities.

Credit 3 units.
U25 PolSci 3383 National Security, Civil Liberties and the Law
This course is intended primarily for sophomores and juniors. The topic of this course varies by semester, dependent on faculty and student interests. Same as L32 Pol Sci 3381 Credit 3 units. A&S: SS A&S IQ: SSC Art: SSC BU: BA EN: S

U25 PolSci 339 Topics in Politics: Democratic Politics in Central and Eastern Europe
This course examines the emergence of democratic processes and institutions in Eastern and Central Europe in the wake of the collapse of communist rule and the wars in Bosnia and the former Yugoslavia. We will focus on the origin and development of democratic political institutions, and how they influence political strategy in general and the creation of party systems in particular. Prerequisite: Introduction to American or Introduction to Comparative Politics. Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 3391 Topics in Politics: Judicial Process
This course is intended primarily for sophomores and juniors. The topic of this course varies by semester, dependent on faculty and student interests. Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 3393 Comparative Politics: Democratization in Perspective
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 3401 Topics in Politics
This course varies from semester to semester. Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 341 American Electoral Politics
This course will track many elements of the presidential election process. In particular, we shall examine the reason and role of the primary and caucus process in choosing delegates to the national conventions; the role of campaign donations and political action committees; how and why various aspects of the media cover campaigns, the more powerful role of social media, why journalists choose certain narrative lines; how televised debates and polls sort out the leading contenders; how the base of both leading parties have considerable leverage in choosing their party's nominee, and how polls work and shape public perceptions. Credit 3 units. UColl: PSA

U25 PolSci 3411 Topics in Politics: Party Politics in America
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 3421 Effective Leadership - From the Classroom to the Real World
This course will teach students the principles, strategies, and models of leadership, including case analysis of the process of managerial leadership, motivation, interpersonal relationships in work groups, both in military and business organizations, and their impact of organizational effectiveness. It will also allow students to apply these skills in hands-on assignments, exercises, and team-leading assignments. It is expected that by the end of the course, students will not only understand basic theories, but know how to apply them. Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 343 Constitutional Law
This course is designed as an introduction to American constitutional law and legal analysis. The primary focus is on the Supreme Court's evolving interpretation of the constitution. Prerequisites: Into to American Government. Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 344 Courts and Civil Liberties
Introduction to the philosophical bases and historical development of constitutional civil liberties. Substantial emphasis on the Supreme Court's interpretation of First Amendment guarantees and of the right to privacy. Prerequisite: sophomore standing, or permission of instructor. Credit 3 units. UColl: PSA

U25 PolSci 3441 Courts and Civil Liberties: Defendant's Rights
This course explores the operations of the American criminal justice system. Substantial emphasis on the constitutional rights accorded to the criminally accused. Readings consist primarily, but not exclusively, of Supreme Court cases. Same as L32 Pol Sci 3441 Credit 3 units. A&S: SS A&S IQ: SSC Art: SSC BU: BA, ETH

U25 PolSci 346 Topics in American Politics: Voting and Elections
Credit 3 units.

Focus will be on both the political dynamics surrounding the policy process (i.e., electoral influences) and the substantive content of policies such as Social Security, taxes, affirmative action, education, and welfare. Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 348 On Citizenship
This course provides students with an understanding of the philosophy and practice of citizenship. We will study the historical foundations of Western conceptions of citizenship including Greek, Roman, and Enlightenment ideas of the citizen, as well as the roots of citizenship as expressed in America's founding documents. We also address competing philosophies of citizenship, including patriotism vs. cosmopolitanism, religious conceptions of citizenship, notions of King and subject, and blood and citizenship. The course concludes with an examination of current issues in citizenship including war and citizenship, service and citizenship, youth and citizenship, and immigration and citizenship. Credit 3 units.

This course is about national intelligence. In the first 10 weeks of class, we will explore, in some depth, the intelligence process and the purpose of intelligence gathering. We will focus mostly, but not entirely, on the U.S. intelligence community and its
experiences spying and carrying out covert actions abroad. This section of the course will emphasize some of the recent debates on the role, practices and problems of national intelligence. In the final five weeks of the course, we will turn our attention to a few of the many normative questions raised by national intelligence. Can we justify spying or covert action in the democratic society? What are the proper limits on spying or covert action? Should the government seek approval from the citizenry (or the courts) to spy? Should spies lie, blackmail, or torture to acquire information? How much of our intelligence-gathering functions should remain secrets? While we might not converge on one answer to any of these questions, we will attempt to bring rigor, clarity, and coherence to all of the answers we put forward.

Credit 3 units. UColl: PSC, PSI

U25 PolSci 351 Current Issues in Gender, Race, and the Law
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 3521 The Politics of Privacy in the Digital Age
This course explores the changing nature of privacy in contemporary society.
Same as L32 Pol Sci 3462
Credit 3 units. A&S: SS & A&S IQ: SSC Arch: SSC Art: SSC BU: ETH UColl: PSA, PSC

This course develops social welfare policy knowledge and practice skills. Main substantive areas include history of social welfare policies and programs in the United States, social policy analysis, and policy practice skills for social justice and social change. Students will learn how political and social conditions and values (or ideology) of a time are translated into the articulation of a social problem, the process of policy formulation, and the policy implementation. They learn to analyze social policy in light of principles of social and economic justice. They also learn the role of policy in helping people and the current pattern of provision of social services. Students become aware of issues and problems related to social welfare programs. Students learn how evidence are used and misused in policy process. Thus, this is a knowledge- and skill-building course, essential for students who wish to become social workers, lawyers or policy analysts.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 354 Interest Groups
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 356 Women and Politics
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 357B Gender and Politics in Global Perspective
This course uses research from the women and politics and comparative politics literatures to expose students to important contemporary topics and debates in political science. Integrating the “traditional” comparative politics, the class addresses questions regarding government institutions, political culture, parties and elections, political representation, and social movements. Through class discussion and assignments, students will also have the opportunity to apply what they have learned to important current event issues, such as the role of gender in the conflict in Darfur, the increase in female leaders cross-nationally, and the role of female voters in the 2008 presidential election. Thus, focusing on gender and politics issues in a comparative perspective, the course draws on examples of the status of women from various world regions and time periods to analyze topics central to comparative and international politics.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 361 Formal Approaches to Political Analysis
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 3611 The First Amendment, Pornography, and Hate Speech: Feminist Analysis
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 364 The New Space Rush
This course will introduce students to new activities regarding outer space. New types of spaceships and space hotels are being designed. Vast quantities of natural resources such as gold, platinum, iridium, osmium, helium 3 and water were recently discovered in outer space. These new advances in space exploration, science, technology and architecture can be analyzed through the lens of political science. Across various disciplines, these accomplishments in physics, biology, chemistry, engineering, medicine and computer science, along with the likely economic implications, can be explained by political science concepts, theories and analytical tools. Students from many disciplines can learn more by understanding the big picture of patterned activities relevant to outer space. Newly emerging industries such as space tourism, space mining, commercial space settlements and outer space colonization will be discussed.
Credit 3 units. UColl: PSC, PSI

U25 PolSci 367 Ancient Political Thought
Same as U02 Classics 367
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 3690 Politics of International Trade
In this course we will study the relationship between international trade and domestic politics. We will cover the basic models of international trade, the distributional consequences of international trade, the relationship between trade and economic development, an analysis of the trade protectionism (causes and consequences) and an analysis of international organizations related to international trade (special focus on the World Trade Organization). Prerequisites: L32 103B.
Same as L32 Pol Sci 3690
Credit 3 units. A&S: SS A&S IQ: LCD, SSC Arch: SSC Art: SSC BU: IS

U25 PolSci 370 Topics in Politics: The European Union
Credit 3 units. UColl: PSC

U25 PolSci 371 Quantitative Methods
This course introduces students to the to the logic of scientific inquiry and to basic statistical methods used in political science. Emphasis is on learning to describe data, to understand the impact of randomness in statistical research, and to conduct and interpret statistical tests. Students will get hands-on computer lab experience using a popular statistical program, STATA.
U25 PolSci 372 Impact: The Attack on America; Measurable Social, Political and Economic Outcomes
We will use North’s (1990) framework for analysis to evaluate outcomes. We will look at data from two distinct perspectives, over time, as follows: 1) The Taliban/Afghanistan Perspective. Essentially, we will consider each category in the model, looking for change over time, to understand how the Afghanistan perspective evolved. We will look at Afghanistan culture and related institutional constraints regarding their effect on the policy outcome in Afghanistan (i.e., why did they do it?). We will look at opportunism and the roles of individual public entrepreneurs as they affected change and, ultimately, outcomes. What were the interactions? What did they tell themselves, etc.? We will take a close look at how the Taliban interpreted and were affected by CIA actions during the recent Soviet/Afghanistan War. We will look at the effect of rapid, or discontinuous change in Afghanistan, and contrast that with change in the U.S., which is much more incremental. We will also predict the future, given different scenarios and possibilities. 2. The U.S. Perspective. We will consider each of the categories in the model. Our time frame would begin with the end of WW II. It will examine the U.S. perspective on the establishment of the Soviet Empire and Israel, come forward in time through the Soviet/Afghanistan War. Then we will analyze our Middle East policy during those and subsequent years. The focus will be on U.S. interactions. How did these interactions affect outcomes? We will be interested in why the U.S. was vulnerable to the September 11 attack. We will be interested in what happened as a result of the attack, to include social, political and economic changes. We probably will predict the future, again, under different scenarios.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 373 International Political Economy
International Political Economy (IPE) is an integrated field that encompasses politics, economics, and international relations. It requires analysis of how politics shapes the economy, and how the economy shapes politics. In this course students will study international economic relations by examining issues and policies as well as political philosophies and competing ideologies. Initially, students will explore the nature of international political economy. The course will then focus on international economic relations in the post-1945 period, emphasizing international monetary management, the political economy of international trade, multinational corporations, North-South relations and development issues. Note: Accelerated (ACTRAC) option: University College students have the option of taking this course for 4 units. Recommended for the Liberal Arts and Business (LAB) Certificate.
Credit 3 units. UColl: PSA, PSI

U25 PolSci 374 American Foreign Policy
American foreign policy from the end of World War II to the present; the domestic constraints on America’s ability to create a coherent, effective foreign policy.
Credit 3 units. UColl: PSI

U25 PolSci 375 Topics in International Politics
Credit 3 units. UColl: PSA, PSI

U25 PolSci 3771 Topics in International Politics: Gender Politics in Global Perspective
This course will address the topic of gender politics in three different ways. In the first part of the course, students will take a comparative political approach, in which we will examine the different roles of women in the politics of different countries. In the second part of the course we will look more globally and cross-nationally at gender politics, and explore how gender politics is addressed in institutions such as the European Union and the United Nations. The last part of the course will focus more on specific gender issues and the debates surrounding them. Note: Accelerated (ACTRAC) option: University College students have the option of taking this class for 4 units. Recommended for the Liberal Arts and Business (LAB) Certificate.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 3773 Politics of Economic Development
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 3781 Israeli Politics
Places Israeli political issues and events within the context of existing political theories. Discusses the politics and ideology of pre-state Israel and the foundation of the state. The creation of modern Israel political institutions, elections, and government coalitions. Also, Israeli foreign policy and international involvement.
Credit 3 units. UColl: NW, PSC, PSI

U25 PolSci 381 Politics of Electoral Systems
It is impossible to appreciate the variety of electoral systems used to select legislative bodies without taking a comparative perspective. We will begin this course with a brief consideration of what goals political founders and reformers are pursuing when they design an electoral system. Then we will define the conceptual dimensions along which electoral rules can vary. With these basic concepts in hand we can then study specific national cases to assess the impact of electoral laws on party systems, legislator behavior, and interbranch relations. After completing a series of case studies, we will return to a comparative perspective to discuss recent scholarly research in this field. Finally, we will conclude the semester by reconsidering the question of what founders and reformers can hope to achieve when selecting electoral systems.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 382 Introduction to Public Policy
In this course students will learn the structures, processes, and actors comprising policymaking in the United States at the national and state level. Using various models of the policy process, students will gain understanding of policies in a variety of policy arenas. The core project of the course will help students develop their analytic and writing skills by applying the models learned in class to a specific policy debate within one of the areas discussed in the course.
Credit 3 units. UColl: PSA

U25 PolSci 389 Power, Justice, and the City
This course examines normative theoretical questions of power and justice through the lens of the contemporary city, with a particular focus on American urban life. It explores urban political economic problems, questions of racial hierarchy and racial injustice in the modern metropolis, and the normative
and practical dilemmas posed by "privatism" in cities and their suburbs.
Same as L32 Pol Sci 389A
Credit 3 units. A&S: SS, SD A&S IQ: SSC, SD Arch: SSC Art: SSC BU: BA EN: S

U25 PolSci 400 Independent Study
Must complete independent study forms with signatures from faculty, University College Coordinator and dean at University College.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 4013 Negotiating Major Legislation in Congress
This course examines the outcomes of the legislative process in the United States. The first third of the course will examine key concepts and major determinants of the negotiation process: majority rule instability, agenda control, political parties, the amendment process, and the uncovered set. The rest of the course will examine the negotiations that led to some of the most significant legislation in the past 100 years, from the Federal Reserve Act of 1913 through the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to the immigration bill of 2006. Along with other assignments, each student will write several drafts of a major research project on a major piece of legislation. Each research project will examine the amendments offered, the strategic intentions of the amendments' sponsors, the agenda process, and the role of party. Prerequisite: Poli Sci 101B.
Same as L32 Pol Sci 4013
Credit 3 units. A&S: SS, WI A&S IQ: SSC, WI

U25 PolSci 403 Effective Leadership - From the Classroom to the Real World
This course will teach students the principles, strategies, and models of leadership, including case analysis of the process of managerial leadership, motivation, interpersonal relationships in work groups, both in military and business organizations, and their impact of organizational effectiveness. It will also allow students to apply these skills in hands-on assignments, exercises, and team-leading assignments. It is expected that by the end of the course, students will not only understand basic theories, but know how to apply them.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 4080 Voting Rights and Election Law
This course will study legal concepts of voting behavior and election law that impact the ability of citizens to access and participate in the democratic process. Election law changes rapidly and is the subject of legal and political dispute in a number of areas. This course will examine federal constitutional and statutory law governing the right of suffrage and assess current controversies in these areas. While there is no specific "right to vote" explicitly stated in the U.S. Constitution, over time, it has been amended or interpreted to protect the right of franchise from being abridged based on race, gender, property ownership, age and other qualifications. Legislative enactments have also established rights with respect to voting. Each extension of voting rights has been a product of and brought about, social and political change. This course will examine the interplay of law and politics in the right to vote.
Credit 3 units. UColl: PSA

U25 PolSci 4121 Directed Readings in Political Science
Readings in political science under the direction of an instructor in the department.
Credit variable, maximum 3 units.

U25 PolSci 4131 Directed Reasearch in Political Science
Research activities or project in political science under the supervision of an instructor in the department.
Credit variable, maximum 3 units.

U25 PolSci 414 Directed Fieldwork
A fieldwork project carried out under the direction of the department. Must be taken pass/fail.
Credit variable, maximum 9 units.

U25 PolSci 418 Impact: The Attack on America; Measurable Social, Political and Economic Outcomes
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Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 422 Topics
The topic of this course varies by semester, dependent on faculty and student interests.
Credit 3 units. UColl: PSA

Theory and practice of mercantilism, capitalism, and socialism. Historical and contemporary examples considered, with contemporary focus on Latin America, Eastern Europe, and Hong Kong. Primary emphasis on choices open to individuals; pecuniary and non-pecuniary prices paid to exercise those choices. Statistical evidence and case studies will be used. Course requirements include weekly written critique.
Prerequisite: U07 Econ 103 or 104.
Same as U07 Econ 427
Credit 3 units.
U25 PolSci 4321 Equality and Public Policy in Europe, the United States, and Japan
What equality means to political elites in Europe, Japan, and America and their challengers. Role of values in relation to perceptions of economic and political equality; ways in which political institutions affect the incorporation of egalitarian demands onto the policy process.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 441 Business and Public Policy
This course will examine the role of business in the formation of public policy. Students will explore the various tools and strategies used by businesses to influence public policy, including the role of lobbyists. Case studies from local, regional, national and international policy events will be used to illustrate concepts. The class will discuss scientific, economic and cultural trends that could drive the formation of future public policy.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 4482 African-American Politicians in the City
Credit 3 units.

The political behavior of presidents, politicians, and voters is often explained by saying “that’s human nature.” We will examine and critique our theories of human nature, and how we acquire and justify them. Readings will be drawn from American popular culture, political philosophy, political behavior research, sociobiology, and humanistic psychology. Prerequisite: junior standing.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 4552 Comparative Political Economy
This seminar will introduce the student to aspects of social choice theory, applied to themes to do with the economic origins of democracy, democratization and the stability of social orders. We shall read and discuss a number of recent books: Acemoglu and Robinson on Economic Origins; North, Weingast and Wallis on Violence and Social Orders; Przeworski on Democracy and Development; Ferguson on Money; Collier on Wars, Guns, and Votes. If time permits we also hope to discuss recent work by Stern on the Economics of Climate Change. Students will be expected to work on two short research papers, either empirically or theoretically based, and make a presentation of their work near the end of the semester.
Same as L32 Pol Sci 4552
Credit 3 units. A&S: SS A&S IQ: SSC Arch: SSC Art: SSC EN: S

U25 PolSci 464 South Asian Societies: Politics and Culture in India, Pakistan, Afghanistan
The course focuses on the relationship between ethnic and cultural issues and political processes in the South Asian subcontinent. In both democratic and non-democratic nations, ethnic and cultural heterogeneity has a significant effect on the way that political institutions develop and operate. We look at the historical legacy of British rule, contemporary religious and ethnic conflicts and their role in politics, and the effects of economic development and globalization on traditional culture.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 4730 The Political Economy of Multinational Corporations
In this class we explore the literature in political science, management, and economics on the relationship between multinational enterprises and domestic governments. The four main themes of the course are: 1) defining and understanding multinational enterprises, 2) governments attracting and competing for multinationals, 3) the impact of multinationals on economic development and groups within society, and 4) attempts to regulate multinationals both domestically and internationally.
Credit 3 units.

U25 PolSci 482 Public Policy Internship
Internships in such places as legislators’ offices, public interest groups, regional or community organizations, or private businesses with active public policy research interests. Prerequisites: 12 hours of political science course work; advanced standing; permission of University College, the instructor, and the department chair. Must be taken for letter grade. Must be taken concurrently with U25-414.
Credit variable, maximum 3 units.

U25 PolSci 483 Legal Internships
The legal internship program is designed to allow advanced undergraduates the opportunity to undertake an internship in one of a variety of public and private law offices. Must be taken for letter grade. Must be taken concurrently with U25-414.
Credit variable, maximum 3 units.