FALL 2019 | Political Science Course Descriptions

POL 10100 - American Government and Politics
This course will examine the institutions, processes, and actors involved in the American political system. It will integrate our understanding about current behavior with the constitutional framework adopted in 1789. Emphasis will be placed on analyzing and explaining the actions and inactions of government with regard to current policy issues. A variety of written homework assignments and some oral discussion will be asked of each student. Brief, in-class writing assignments also will be utilized as a basis for the final grade.

009-12051 LEC McCann, James  MW 11:30 AM-12:20 PM  BRNG 2280
Recitation Sections:
011-17445 REC McCann, James  F 9:30 AM-10:20 AM  BRNG 1238
005-12004 REC McCann, James  F 10:30 AM-11:20 AM  BRNG 1238
007-12024 REC McCann, James  F 11:30 AM-12:20 PM  BRNG B230
008-12029 REC McCann, James  F 12:30 PM-1:20 PM  BRNG B238

POL 10100 - American Government and Politics
This course is a study of the nature of democratic government. It is designed to provide the student with fundamental concepts, terminology and factual materials as applied and applicable to American Government. We will examine the historical origins and development of the American political system.

001-27239 LEC Independent Instructor TR 10:30 AM-11:45 AM WTHR 160
010-12058 LEC Independent Instructor MWF 8:30 AM-9:20 AM BRNG 1245
Y01-69863 DIS Kulesza, Christopher  Online Course
003-12017 DIS Kulesza, Christopher  Online Course – Second 8 Weeks

POL 12000 - Introduction to Public Policy and Public Administration
This course will examine the nature of public policy and public administration in America. Processes of policy formation and administration are examined. Different approaches to evaluating and improving public policies will be discussed.

001-27245 LEC Strother, Logan  TR 10:30 AM-11:45 AM  CL50 224
Y01-63692 DIS Independent Instructor  Online Course

POL 13000 - Introduction to International Relations
This course provides an analysis of the fundamentals of international law, organization, and politics particularly as relevant to contemporary international relations.

006-15183 LEC Srivastava, Swati  MWF 12:30 PM-1:20 PM  KRAN G016
POL 13000 - Introduction to International Relations
This introductory course is designed to give you the background and theoretic tools you need to better analyze global politics. Who are the relevant players? What motivates their decision making? How has the international system evolved? What are the prospects for future peace and cooperation? How do global politics impact our personal, day-to-day lives? We will begin with some background on the historical development of the current state system and a sampling of the various approaches to and theories of international relations. As we move through this material, we will carefully identify and explore key concepts and terms that will help us in our analysis. Then—having established an initial vocabulary and theoretic framework—we will delve into more concrete, contemporary issues of war, transnational terrorism, failed states, nuclear weapons, globalization and economic development, and environmental degradation and global warming. Prerequisite: None

004-12507 LEC Will, Melissa TR 12:00 PM-1:15 PM ARMS 1010

POL 13000 - Introduction to International Relations
This course provides an analysis of the fundamentals of international law, organization, and politics particularly as relevant to contemporary international relations.

001-27247 LEC Independent Instructor TR 9:00 AM-10:15 AM ME 1009
003-27249 LEC Independent Instructor MWF 9:30 AM-10:20 AM BRNG 1245
Y02-13344 DIS Independent Instructor Online Course
Y01-13340 DIS Independent Instructor Online Course – Second 8 Weeks

POL 14100Y - Governments of the World
The course will introduce students to politics in countries outside the United States. It will cover (1) political concepts; (2) contemporary political issues around the globe; and (3) the politics of three specific country cases: France, China and Peru. The course aims to spark your interest in the politics and cultures of other countries and make you a better-informed citizen. Understanding the domestic politics of other nations is essential for you to understand American foreign policy decisions. And the perspective you will gain from studying politics in other countries will also give you new insights into politics here at home in the United States. On a more every-day level, this class will help you understand global events better. Instead of skipping over news articles on Asia, Europe, or Latin America because they are unfamiliar, you will have the background from this course to follow issues around the world.

Y01-53450 DIS Tilton, Mark Online Course

POL 14100 - Governments of the World
This course is an introduction to the politics and government in selected foreign countries. The course presents the tools and background needed to understand contemporary events in the world beyond the United States. Readings and discussions pay special attention to democratization and development.

001-27253 LEC Independent Instructor TR 10:30 AM-11:45 AM BRNG 1245
002-11492 LEC Independent Instructor MWF 8:30 AM-9:20 AM ME 1012
POL 22200 - Women, Politics and Public Policy
This course is an Introduction to women’s participation in politics, with an emphasis on the U.S. and developing nations. We will discuss structural and attitudinal conditions that disadvantage women as a social group, and efforts to change women’s status in society through politics.
004-50484 LEC Boling, Patricia MWF 10:30 AM-11:20 AM WTHR 160

POL 22300 - Introduction to Environmental Policy
In this course, we will study the politics and decision making of modern societies as they attempt to cope with environmental and natural resources problems. Students will be introduced to the theory and practice of environmental policy. We will discuss (i) why environmental and natural resource problems arise; (ii) how potential solutions should be evaluated; and (iii) how solutions are actually implemented through the policy-making process (with a focus on the U.S.). By the end of the course, students will, form an environmental problem of their choosing, and be able to answer the following questions: What are both the biophysical and social processes underlying the problem? What set of policies are likely to be most effective at addressing each? What is required to actually implement those policies? What can you do to help?
003-17172 LEC Grillos, Tara MWF 10:30 AM-11:20 AM SC 239
005-13360 LEC Grillos, Tara MWF 11:30 AM-12:20 PM SC 239

POL 22300 - Introduction to Environmental Policy
This course is a study in decision-making as modern societies attempt to cope with environmental and natural resources problems. The course focuses on the American political system, with some attention to international issues. Current policies and issues will be examined.
Y01-64505 DIS Young, Laura Online Course
004-20477 LEC Independent Instructor TR 9:00 AM-10:15 AM LILY 2102

POL 22900B - Political Science Experience
First-year and transfer students can choose to take this one-credit course designed to prepare you for Political Science at Purdue University. We will examine the areas of study within the major as well as research, leadership and career opportunities. This seminar course meets weekly to discuss current trends in the discipline and ways to support your personal and professional goals.
001-13130 LEC Warter, Emily F 1:30 PM-2:20 PM ME 1009

POL 23500 - Rich And Poor Nations
This course is an introduction to the major themes in international political economy among rich and poor nations. We will examine such areas as international trade, finance, multi-nationals and intellectual property rights and how they connect to the theme of Rich/Poor nations, international organizations, and global development.
Y01-14259 DIS Woods, Dwayne Online Course
POL 23500 - Rich And Poor Nations
This course is an introduction to the major themes in international relations among rich and poor nations. We will examine such areas as North/South relations, international trade interdependence, international organization, and global development.

002-13362 LEC Independent Instructor TR 12:00 PM-1:15 PM BRNG 1245

POL 23700 - Modern Weapons and International Relations
Whether it was the "smart weapons" used by the United States or the weapons of mass destruction it was looking for, the recent Iraq War confirmed, once again, the central importance of weapons technology and capabilities in international relations. Many argue that we are at a critical turning point where rapid advances in certain critical technologies are fundamentally altering the way nations (especially the United States) prepare for, and fight, wars. This, in turn, can have profound social and political implications for American society, for its military, and for U.S. relations with the rest of the world. In this course we will explore what has become known as the "Revolution in Military Affairs" (RMA) from an historical and contemporary perspective. We will compare the current RMA to previous military revolutions, particularly the Gunpowder Revolution of the 1400s and 1500s and the changes in warfare wrought by the Industrial Revolution. The bulk of the course, however, will focus on the debates and challenges of the current military revolution.

001-11981 LEC Shimko, Keith MWF 9:30 AM-10:20 AM MTHW 210

POL 30000 - Introduction to Political Analysis
This course introduces the formal process of scientific political research. We will study research design, statistical analysis, and the interpretation of results. The course will center on understanding the problems and limits of statistical analysis. To that end, we will place more emphasis on proper application and interpretation than on the memorization of mathematical equations. There will be regular homework assignments involving analysis of data, and students will write a review of the social science literature on some specified research topic.

005-15358 LEC Waltenburg, Eric MWF 12:30 PM-1:20 PM BRNG 2280

POL 32600 - Black Political Participation in America
This course is an examination of African American political participation in the United States. We will analyze political culture and socialization, with a focus on the interaction between African Americans and actors, institutions, processes, and policies of the American system of politics and governance.

001-12937 LEC Independent Instructor MWF 3:30 PM-4:20 PM BRNG 1245
POL 32700 - Global Green Politics
Recognizing the increasing set of challenges created by human-environment interactions from the individual to the global scale, this course explores the political dynamics of global environmental affairs, introducing a range of different political actors, their power sources and strategies. This course is three credits and also meets a requirement in the Environmental Politics and Policy Minor.

001-50486 DIS Milkoreit, Manjana Online Course

POL 32700D - Global Green Politics
This course is an analysis and assessment of the nature of global environmentalism, its connections with other new social movements, and its impact on domestic and international politics worldwide, with particular attention to green political parties and nongovernmental organizations. This course is three credits and also meets a requirement in the Environmental Politics and Policy Minor.

002-12484 DIS Beasley, Sara Online Course

POL 33500 - China Globalization
China is now the world’s second largest economy. It is projected to overtake the United States as the largest economy in less than a decade. Amazingly, in less than four decades, China has gone from an “economic basket case” to the primary beneficiary of globalization. This phenomenal transformation is particularly notable because China had been marginalized in the first wave of globalization in the late nineteenth century. The Chinese refer to this as the “century of humiliation.” China has fared much better during the second wave of globalization in the late twentieth century. This course is designed to provide students with the skills to understand and analyze China’s engagement with globalization and why it has done so much better the second time. The focus is on the multifaceted nature of globalization, with special attention paid to how the Chinese Communist Party has managed and adapted to the country’s globalization. Also, the course examines the many challenges that the party faces in coping with a rapidly changing society and economy.

This online course is organized into eight learning modules that combine the use of an etext, specifically designed for the class, detailed lesson plans, learning exercises, and multimedia presentations.

001-13102 DIS Woods, Dwayne Online Course

POL 37200 - Indiana Government & Politics
An examination of the political and governmental organization of the state of Indiana. Includes the political and historical development of Indiana state government and comparison of policies and institutions with those of other states.

001-13103 DIS Kulesza, Christopher Online Course
POL 41100 - Congress Structure
POL 411 is an upper-level course introducing students to the U.S. Congress. The Congress is the "first branch of government." It was created in the first article of the Constitution and is where all the legislative powers were vested. In this course we study the composition of the Congress, elections, committees, leadership, congressional procedures, voting, and differences between the House and the Senate. It is always an exciting time to study the U.S. Congress. Course requirements include a midterm, a final examination, and two analytical papers. It is also taught as an active learning class.

001-13604 LEC Browning, Robert TR 3:00 PM-4:15 PM BRNG 1245

POL 42900M - American Political Communication
This course examines the content, processes, and effects of communication within the American political system. Designed for you to experience the breadth of the field of political communication, the course emphasizes relevant theories and practical skills. Each student will gain an understanding of how political language and media technologies are used (and misused) by government institutions (the president, Congress, news media), political candidates, and citizens in a democratic form of government. Course topics include media effects models (agenda setting, priming, framing), presidential communication, the rise and effects of cable news and comedic news, polarization and partisan selective exposure, the benefits and perils of incivility, political campaigning, and gender and political communication. In addition to theoretical components, the course emphasizes tangible application of skills critical to political communication, including public presentations, debate, and speechwriting.

014-16842 LEC Zulli, Diana M 11:30 AM-2:20 PM BRNG 1242

POL 42900NRAD - Introduction to Nuclear and Radiological Security
This course focuses on the basic elements of nuclear and radiological source security. It examines methods for planning and evaluating nuclear security activities at the State and facility level, establishing nuclear security culture in different types of nuclear and radiological installations, and examines nuclear cyber and information security measures. Issues and approaches for nuclear security concerns, both state-level (e.g., nonproliferation and deterrence) and asymmetric concerns (e.g., nuclear smuggling and nuclear terrorism) will be addressed. The integration of safety and security and the use of alternative technologies will also be covered. Group exercises and simulations in applied nuclear security scenarios will complement lectures given by a number of national and international experts. This course is designed for both “technical” (engineering and science) and “non-technical” (policy) students, and the interaction between students of different backgrounds is encouraged.

015-19046 LEC Harris, Jason TR 3:00 PM-4:15 PM WALC 3132
POL 43000A - Spies and Lies: Studies in Intelligence and National Security
This course examines the role that the collection, analysis, and dissemination of intelligence plays in the national security of the United States. The course will have three parts. Part I provides an overview of the missions and methods of the US Intelligence Community. Who does what? What are the different challenges for those engaged in the different aspects of intelligence activity, such as collection (i.e. spying), analysis, counterintelligence (i.e. lying), and covert action? How has the entire intelligence apparatus evolved over time? What role does intelligence play in establishing foreign policy and responding to threats to national security? Students will have the opportunity to hone their analytic abilities and participate in a scenario based simulation exercise. Part II will examine historic intelligence successes and failures - Bay of Pigs, WMD in Iraq, the Osama Bin Laden Raid to name a few. What can we learn from the mistakes that were made? How about the successes? Part III will explore more contemporary topics in intelligence. What do threats to national security look like today, and how are they different from those from the past? What is the role of intelligence in modern warfare, including cyber-warfare? What role does intelligence play in a liberal democracy in today’s connected world? What should intelligence oversight look like?  Prerequisite: None

001-13101 LEC      Will, Melissa   TR 9:00 AM-10:15 AM    GRIS 134

POL 43300 - International Organization
This course is a study of the structure and functions of the United Nations and associated agencies, with an emphasis on the role of this system in contemporary human rights diplomacy.

001-14660 LEC      Clark, Ann    TR 1:30 PM-2:45 PM    BRNG 1245

POL 46100 - Constitutional Law I
This course is a survey of selected areas of constitutional law, considering the political and social influences as well as the doctrinal forces that have produced these policies and interpretations.

001-17567 LEC      Waltenburg, Eric MWF 10:30 AM-11:20 AM    BRNG 1245

POL 49100 - Senior Seminar: Environmental Federalism
States have arguably become the most important actors in making environmental and energy policy in the United States today. This course explores different explanations of why and how states take leadership in certain environmental policy areas, including leading theories of state policy innovation and diffusion. Students will also be required to apply these theories in an independent research project on state environmental and energy policy choice.

002-27289 LEC      Raymond, Leigh  TR 10:30 AM-11:45 AM    BRNG B206
**POL 49100A - Senior Seminar: Politics of Japan And China**
This course will examine the politics of Japan and China, with an emphasis on Japan. We will study the history, political culture, institutions, political economy and foreign affairs of the two countries. We will explore politics surrounding issues of energy, demographics, and migration. We will look at the recent shift to rule by a single dominant leader (Xi Jinping) in China, and the rise of more nationalist politics in both countries.

004-20659 LEC Tilton, Mark MW 4:30 PM-5:45 PM BRNG 1245

**POL 49300A - Legal Writing**
In this course, students will learn and develop basic legal writing skills. The course will examine appellate court opinions, sources of legal authority, the nature and role of precedent, persuasive and objective legal writing, citation to legal authority, and appellate advocacy. The course will include practical components, including drafting legal briefs and presenting an appellate oral argument.

001-18924 LEC Karle, Brian MW 06:00 PM-7:15 PM BRNG 1245

**POL 49500 - Undergrad Research Experience**
Students are able to earn credit by working on a research project with a faculty member. Students will become familiar with all phases of the research process. Credit and course requirements are arranged with the instructor and approved by the department. Permission of instructor required. Credit Hours: 1.00 to 3.00. IND

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