




Department of Political Science

# COURSE BROCHURE

## Spring 2024

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# SPRING 24 | Political Science Course Descriptions

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## **POL 10100 - American Government and Politics**

This course explores the institutions, processes, and actors in the American political system. It will integrate understanding about political figures' current behavior with the more abstract constitutional framework adopted in 1789. Emphasis will be placed on explaining the actions and inactions of government with regard to current policy issues, and on knowledge of American foundational principles and the basic aspects of political science. A number of brief reflective written assignments will be asked of each student. The final grade will also be based, in part, on multiple online assessment activities.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	008-18362 LEC	Martin Sweet	TR 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	MTHW 210
Second 8 Weeks	03/04/24–04/27/24	009-23859 DIS	Samuel Grubbs	ASYNCR	ONLINE

## **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.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	001-11574 LEC	Michael Brownstein	MWF 3:30 PM - 4:20 PM	WTHR 172
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## **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.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	004-11328 LEC	Kyle Haynes	MWF 10:30 AM - 11:20 AM	WTHR 104
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## **POL 14100 - 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.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	004-22680 LEC	John Megson	TR 3:00 PM – 4:15 PM	BRNG 2290
Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	006-13973 DIS	John Megson	ASYNC	ONLINE

## **POL 22200A - Women, Politics and Public Policy**

This course is an Introduction to women’s participation in politics, with an emphasis on the American political system. 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.

Full Term	1/08/24–04/27/24	001-16281 LEC	Rosalee Clawson	MWF 12:30 PM – 1:20 PM	BRNG 2290
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## **POL 22300 - Introduction to Environmental Policy**

How do modern societies cope with complex environmental and natural resource issues? In this online summer course, we’ll explore approaches to solving environmental policy problems. Students will gain an understanding of core policies that shape environmental issues both in the United States and around the world. With an emphasis on case studies, we will begin to tackle some of the key debates still raging in environmental policymaking today: Are there limits to growth? What is the appropriate role for markets? Where do scientists and science fit in? How do differing environmental worldviews shape the terms of debates like these? Finally, we will learn how we can become involved in the policy process - and in doing so, help promote a more sustainable environment for future generations to come.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	005-22682 LEC		MWF 12:30 PM – 1:20 PM	RHPH 172
Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	006-14603 DIS	Reed Kurtz	ASYNC	ONLINE

## **POL 22800 - Data Science and Public Policy**

This course is an introduction to the politics and policies of data science and “big data.” Students will gain an understanding of how public policy is made, including the role of data in policymaking. Also, we will discuss whether and what policies govern the use of data in various applications (such as autonomous vehicles, ownership of health care data, etc.); and (3) explore the ethical, legal, and social implications of data science and big data.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	SC1-28935 LEC	Bryce Dietrich	10:30 AM-11:45 AM	BRNG 1245
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## **POL 22900TNS - Terrorism and National Security**

This class examines the phenomenon of terrorism, both domestic and transnational. Why do terrorists do what they do? What can governments do to stop them? We will begin by defining terrorism and going over the various theoretical and empirical approaches to the study of terrorism. We will then delve into the history and evolution of the tactic (taking time to study some of the more notorious organizations). The study of terrorism is rife with puzzles that we will explore. Why resort to violence in the first place? How and why do groups evolve over time? How and why do some groups end and others continue for years? Why are some individuals/groups not classified as terrorists? What are the consequences of terrorism? We will also look closely at counterterrorism polices. What are the most effective ways to respond to terrorism? What doesn't work? How do policies differ between states? To what extent is there global cooperation on counterterrorism? We will conclude the class by taking a critical look at US counterterrorism policy and the massive counterterrorism apparatus that has developed in the aftermath of the attacks of September 11, 2001. Should counterterrorism dominate US national security priorities to the degree it does?

Full Term	01/08/24-04/27/24	002-16285 LEC	Melissa Will	TR 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM	BRNG 2280
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## **POL 23100 - Intro to US Foreign Policy**

This course is designed to introduce students to the major themes and issues in both historical and contemporary U.S. foreign policy. Lectures, discussion, and readings will examine such areas as U.S. relationships with the major powers, the Third World, and international organizations.

Full Term	01/08/24-04/27/24	001-13977 LEC	Alex Wilhelm	TR 03:00 PM-04:15 PM	STON 215
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## **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.

Full Term	01/08/24-04/27/24	002-27605 LEC	William Dory	MWF 12:30 PM-01:20 PM	BRNG 1245
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### **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.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	001-10785 LEC	Keith Shimko	TR 4:30 PM – 5:45 PM	MTHW 210
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### **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.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	005-69958 LEC	Eric Waltenburg	MWF 9:30 AM – 10:20 AM	BRNG 2280
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### **POL 32700 - Global Green Politics**

This course examines many challenges central to global environmental politics and enables students to identify and analyze his/her own values regarding these problems while looking at a variety of solutions to these problems. 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.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	004-24375 LEC		MWF 8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	WALC 3087
Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	005-14662 DIS	Reed Kurtz	ASYNCR	ONLINE

## **POL 37200 - Indiana Government and Politics**

This course will be a rigorous introduction to the major themes, theories and concepts in Indiana state and local government. This class will have a strong comparative component to understand Indiana politics. We will be reading from the leading and most influential scholars in the state and local politics subfield to accomplish this. We will also be hearing interviews from state and local government officials to hear about their experiences in public service. By the end of the semester, you should be able to understand major concepts in Indiana politics and public policy. You will also understand multiple facets and variables that influence state politics, elections, and federalism. Most importantly, you should be able to think and write critically on policies that have been enacted by state and local governments.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	001-22741 DIS	Christopher Kulesza	ASYNC	ONLINE
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## **POL 40300A - Field Experience in Political Science**

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	012-25037 EX	Cherie Maestas
Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	013-25485 EX	Cherie Maestas

## **POL 41100 - Congress Structure**

This course examines the national legislative branch of government with an in-depth look at the modern lawmaking process. Emphasis is placed on the evolution of the process, the importance of the committee system, the budget process, and the influence of individual Member goals and policy preferences on the policy process.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	001-13980 LEC	John Megson	TR 1:30 PM-02:45 PM	BRNG 1245
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## **POL 41500/COM 41600 - US Politics and the Media**

This course examines the roles and influences of the mass media on American politics generally and with particular emphasis on election campaigns and the evolving political culture of the United States.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	001-12711 LEC	Jennifer Hoewe	TR 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	BRNG 1243
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## **POL 42300 – International Environmental Policy**

Environmental policy development in the international arena, with attention to international law, international organizations, and transboundary environmental problems.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	001-27532 LEC	Reed Kurtz	TR 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM	KRAN G012
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## **POL 42800 - Politics of Regulation**

This course provides an introduction to the law and politics of regulation in America, with particular emphasis on Administrative Law. Administrative law governs the legal means by which executive, legislative, and judicial powers are exercised over and through administrative agencies. In other words, it governs the procedures by which agencies exercise their powers. In this way, administrative law is akin to Constitutional law: both deal with the basic machinery of government and present important expressions of legal and political culture. Administrative agencies by definition sit at the crossroads of intersecting authorities: they are executive agencies, created and governed by Congressional statute, and which exercise powers of executive, legislative, and judicial natures. These intersections of necessity create gray zones. For these reasons, administrative law often touches on fundamental questions in American politics, particularly the separation of powers.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	001-14311 LEC	Logan Strother	10:30 AM-11:20 AM	BRNG 1245
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## **POL 42900N/HSCI 425/515 - Introduction to Nuclear and Radiation Security**

The 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. Group exercises and simulations in applied nuclear security scenarios will complement lectures. This course is designed for both "technical" (engineering and science) and "non-technical" (policy) students. Interaction between students of different backgrounds is encouraged. Registration requires instructor approval.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	009-15993 LEC	Jason Harris	TR 03:00 PM-04:15 PM	WALC 3121
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## **POL 42900/COM 49100/HIST 30200 - Washington DC Practicum**

Boilers go to DC: Politics and Communication Then and Now, co-taught by C-Span Founder, Brian Lamb. Application deadline Feb. 21. Please contact [alangris@purdue.edu](mailto:alangris@purdue.edu) for info.

05/12/24-05/25/24	002-32049 IND	Diana Zulli
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## **POL 42900RC – Research Collaboratory**

The Collaboratory provides a small-group educational experience for students who seek to hone their research skills and gain hands-on experience in an academic research environment. Collaboratory students will constitute a pool of potential research assistants who will be matched with a faculty member or advanced graduate student seeking research support on a project. Collaboratory members might be engaged in such activities as data collection and processing, survey design, and data analysis and visualization. Collaboratory members who are not working on a faculty or graduate student project will work on one of several ongoing research projects of the Collaboratory itself.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	008-24686 IND	Eric Waltenburg	IND	
Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	004-29788 LEC	Eric Waltenburg	M 02:30 PM – 03:20 PM	BRNG 1245

### **POL 43000CT – Terrorists, Freedom Fighters, and Government Actors**

A study of marginalized populations mobilizing for action, specifically of those which chose violent action. A holistic approach to countering extremist violence; analyzing at the individual, group, and system levels, from inception through their eventual end, including success at times. Understanding the complex dynamics and inflection points of these patterns are crucial for successful engagement, prevention, and termination.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	002-14004 LEC	Anthony Hustedt	MWF 1:30 PM – 2:20 PM	PHYS 201
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### **POL 43500 - International Law**

The main goal of this course is to provide students with a general understanding of the basic theories and issues in the field of International Law. After a short introduction that covers the essential foundations of international law, we will explore seven topics of particular importance in international law: territoriality, the peaceful interactions of states, use of force, international criminal activity, human rights, the environment, and the global economy. This is primarily an international relations course and not a law school course, however, there will be some exposure to important cases in international law that demonstrate the principles under discussion, such as: why do states follow international law? What is international law? Does it have any force in an anarchic system? Over the course of the semester students will learn how to read court cases/judicial decisions, write case briefs, present briefs to an audience, and use open legal sources to research cases.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	001-16386 LEC	William Dory	TR 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM	BRNG 2280
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### **POL 43801 - International Human Rights**

This course exposes students to the politics of international human rights through reading, lectures, film, discussion, and student research. Topics include the concept of human rights, international law related to the protection of human rights, empirical research on political and economic causes of human rights violations in individual countries, and research on prevention efforts and remedies for past violations. This political science course is also part of Purdue's Human Rights Minor program.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	001-18387 LEC	Ann Clark	TR 1:30 PM – 2:45 PM	MTHW 304
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### **POL 46000 - Judicial Politics**

A survey of judicial processes as they operate in America. Both trial courts and appellate courts will be examined in light of the procedures with which they operate. The external social, economic, and political pressures surrounding courts and the impact courts have on society will be considered.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	001-14007 LEC	Eric Waltenburg	MWF 11:30 AM – 12:20 PM	BRNG 1245
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### **POL 46100 - Constitutional Law I**

This class will introduce the student to the work of the United States Supreme Court in a number of areas. These include the power of the Court to interpret the Constitution, standing, presidential and congressional powers, federalism, and elections.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	001-28461 LEC	Linda Kampe	MWF 11:30 AM – 12:20 PM	WALC 3122
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### **POL 46200 - Constitutional Law II**

An Examination of the development of individual rights and civil liberties through constitutional law and interpretation of the Bill of Rights and Civil War Amendments. Both doctrinal and political pressures will be discussed to illustrate the evolution of these rights.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	003-23540 LEC	Martin Sweet	TR 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	BRNG 2290
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### **POL 49100 - Digital Technology & Politics: Money, Machines, and Modern Empires**

How do new digital technologies affect the global political economy? From Big Tech to artificial intelligence to Bitcoin, new digital technologies and technology firms are disrupting how the global economy operates and who has power within it. This course introduces students to the many ways the digital economy intersects with global governance, trade, and finance. By connecting these changes with our everyday lives, the course will unpack the uneven effects of the digital economy across global, racial, ethnic, and gendered lines. No prior knowledge of economics is expected; instead, students will learn the key concepts and theories used by political scientists to explain the political conflicts that structure the global digital economy and shape our daily lives.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	004-14008 LEC	Tyler Girard	TR 03:00 PM – 04:15 PM	ARMS 3109
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### **POL 49100MP – Media, Equity, Elec Vehicles**

We are witnessing a dramatic transformation toward an electrified transportation future. We will learn about various aspects of this transformation and explore the context in which this revolution is occurring by investigating media coverage of electric vehicles. We will pay particular attention to issues of equity and environmental justice. Students will be expected to do significant reading to prepare for class, lead and participate actively in class discussion, conduct original research, and present their research. The instructor is affiliated with the Advancing Sustainability through Powered Infrastructure for Roadway Electrification (ASPIRE) Engineering Research Center. ASPIRE’s goal is to achieve a sustainable and equitable electrified transportation future, <https://aspire.usu.edu/>.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	006-14017 LEC	Rosie Clawson	MWF 10:30 AM – 11:20 AM	ARMS 3109
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### **POL 49100WMD - Weapons of Mass Destruction**

This course explores the international and domestic politics of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons. What makes something a “Weapon of Mass Destruction”? Which factors motivate governments and non-state actors to pursue these weapons or restrain them from doing so, and what determines whether they will be successful? How do these weapons affect the conduct of warfare and diplomacy? What are the domestic political, economic, and cultural consequences for the states that pursue and acquire them? How has the international community sought to constrain the spread and use of these weapons? Students will engage with these questions through reading and discussion of published research and through an original research paper, written over the course of the semester.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	005-14010 LEC	Miriam Barnum	MWF 10:30 AM – 11:40 AM	SCHM 314
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### **POL 49300/JWST 33000/HIST 30200 - Introduction to Jewish Studies**

An introductory and interdisciplinary course touching on the full range of Jewish experience from antiquity to present, and representing such fields as anthropology, history, language, literature, philosophy, politics, religion, and sociology. There are no prerequisites for this class. (This course is part of the University Core Curriculum (Humanities), and also fulfills the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) Racial and Ethnic Diversity Core Requirement)

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	003-10550 LEC	Olga Lyanda-Geller	TR 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM	GRIS 102
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### **POL 49300LW - Legal Professionalism, Writing, and Ethics**

This class is designed to provide students with the practical skills and knowledge they will need to embark on an internship or career in the legal environment. The class will focus on legal ethics, writing and research skills. We will focus both on writing technique and the sorts of documents that lawyers produce, as well as the practical skills and ethical concerns that commonly arise in dealing with clients.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	004-21055 LEC	Linda Kampe	MWF 9:30 AM – 10:20 AM	BRNG 1245
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### **POL 49500A - Undergraduate Research Experience - Capstone**

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**Note: 500-Level Courses**

According to the Graduate council, only students with classifications of five or higher, will be considered eligible for enrollment in 500-level courses, unless they have consent of instructor.

**POL 53200 – Nuclear Strategy and Proliferation**

This class examines the political and strategic dimensions of nuclear weapons. We will first focus on nuclear strategy, particularly the evolution of U.S. (and, to a lesser extent, Soviet and Chinese) strategy, the emergence of conceptions of nuclear deterrence, and debates about the requirements for deterrence. The second half of the class focuses on the proliferation of nuclear weapons, particularly the forces that both promote and inhibit the spread of nuclear weapons.

Full Term	01/08/24–04/27/24	001-18067	Keith Shimko	TR 1:30 PM – 02:45 PM	GRIS 125
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**POL 59000LA - Legislative Internship**

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**POL 59000LB – Indiana Legislative Policies and Procedures**

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