

SUMMER & FALL 2020 COURSE OFFERINGS

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Course Name	Course #	Faculty	Date / Time	CRN #
SUMMER 2020				
<i>First Four Week Session, June 1-27</i>				
Comparative Politics	226	Dinorah Azpuru	ONLINE	32294
<i>Continuous Eight Week Session, June 1- July 24</i>				
American Politics	121	Alexandra Middlewood	ONLINE	30764
Introduction to International Relations	220	Rachel Finnell	ONLINE	32265
Space Politics	391R	James Schwartz	ONLINE	32399
Directed Readings	398	Various Faculty	See Online Course Schedule	See Online Schedule
Internship in Government/Politics	490	Various Faculty	See Online Course Schedule Various credit hours	See Online Schedule
FALL 2020				
American Politics	121	Various Faculty	Various dates & times	See Online Schedule
American Politics Honors	121H	Various Faculty	Various dates & times	See Online Schedule
Model United Nations I & II	153/353	Alexandra Middlewood	TR / 12:30 pm – 3:10 pm August 17 th – October 7 th	16448 & 16449
Introduction to International Relations	220	Michael Hall	TR / 9:30 am – 10:45 am	15310
Introduction to International Relations	220	Carolyn Speer	ONLINE	15817
Comparative Politics	226	Dinorah Azpuru	MW / 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm	16285
Environmental Politics	305	Glyn Rimmington	ONLINE	17064
The Presidency (H)	315/315(H)	Neal Allen	M / 6:30 pm – 8:45 pm	16275 & 16441
Urban Politics	317	Mayor Brandon Whipple	M / 12:30 pm – 3:10 pm	17095
Conflict Analysis (H)	337/337(H)	Michael Hall	TR / 11:00 am – 12:15 pm	16282 & 16442
Human Rights	360	Doris Chang	TR / 12:30 pm – 3:10 pm October 8 th – December 3 rd	17122
Political Data Analysis	365	Brian Amos	MW / 11:00 am – 12:15 pm	12684
Parties and Elections	380	Brian Amos	MW / 9:30 am – 10:45 am	16283
Democracy and Authoritarianism	385	Dinorah Azpuru	ONLINE October 8 th – December 3 rd	16446
Public Opinion & Policy Psychology	391P	Alexandra Middlewood	TR / 9:30 am – 10:45 am	16276
Directed Readings	398	Various Faculty	See Online Course Schedule	See Online Schedule
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Senior Thesis	600	Dinorah Azpuru	HYBRID W / 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm	11481

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Days of the week:

M=Monday, T=Tuesday, W=Wednesday, R=Thursday, F=Friday, S=Saturday, U=Sunday

POLS 121 – American Politics

This course is required for Political Science Majors. This course fulfills both the social science core introductory course requirement of the general education program and the American government/American history requirement of LAS. The variety of instructors in this course bring distinctive approaches and emphasis to the different sections, but most sections will study the U.S. Constitution, civil liberties and civil rights, federalism, public opinion, political participation, political parties and interest groups, the Presidency, the Congress, and the Judiciary.



POLS 220 – Introduction to International Relations



This course is required for Political Science Majors. This course serves as a general education introductory course. This course is an introduction to international politics. It is broadly divided into two segments: International Security Issues and International Political Economy. Topics include: IR theory, foreign policy, conflict and peacekeeping, the environment, North-South relations, and international trade.

POLS 226 – Comparative Politics

This course is required for Political Science Majors. This course satisfies a general education further studies requirement. This course is designed to introduce students to important concepts, ideas, and disputes in comparative politics. Comparative politics seeks to explain differences between political systems. It provides an introduction to the comparative method & the discussion of key concepts in comparative politics. It also compares the experiences of individual countries & regions, and explores the conditions for variation in political development. The course emphasizes the study of the role of government in economic & social affairs (in developing as well as advanced industrial countries), but also takes a look at citizens' participation and political culture & behavior.



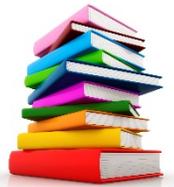
POLS 391R – Space Politics



This course will introduce students to issues surrounding the policies and regulation of spaceflight activities. Topics will include: rationales for space exploration (both historical and contemporary); the Outer Space Treaty; space debris mitigation policies; planetary protection policies; commercial spaceflight and the regulation of space mining; and the politics of space settlement.

POLS 398 – Directed Readings

Students who wish to study a topic in detail not covered by a regular class may do so by arranging to be directed in their study by a member of the political science faculty, obtaining written authorization from that person, and then enrolling with an electronic signature provided by the department's Sr. Administrative Assistant (418LH).



POLS 490 – Internship in Government/Politics



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POLS 153 / POLS 353 – Model United Nations I & II

The course work done in the Fall prepares students to serve in the spring semester as delegates to the regional and national Model United Nations conferences. Students learn about the structure and function of the United Nations, as well as about special issues before the organization.



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POLS 305 – Environmental Politics

This course examines the politics of environmental protection and the management of natural resources. The course examines such politics at local, national and global levels. The course has no prerequisites but background in introductory political, economic and environmental science courses is helpful.



POLS 315 / POLS 315H – The Presidency

It is recommended, but not required, that you take American Politics (POLS 121) before taking this class. This course satisfies a general education further studies social science requirement.

EMPHASIS: (1) The key elements in becoming president.; (2) Who votes how and why for president?; (3) What psychological and economic factors influence presidential success or failure?; (4) What are the politics of waging war?; (5) Why presidents win or lose when battling Congress, the judiciary, and the bureaucracy?; (6) Why some presidents can handle the media, parties, and interest groups, while others fail?; and (7) How the Constitution permits both stretching and limiting presidential power. Your grade is based on two mid-terms, a final exam, and a research paper on an interesting presidential issue. We will view some excellent videos, read a lively textbook, some relevant news articles, a fascinating brief presidential biography, and a prestigious political psychologist's concise analysis and ranking of all presidents from FDR through Obama. We will also explore both the positives and the negatives of the Trump administration.



POLS 317 – Urban Politics



Analyzes politics in urban areas, including the nature and distribution of community power, influence and leadership, the nature of community conflict, the formation of policy, urban problems, and political solutions and trends in urban politics.

POLS 337 / POLS 337H – Conflict Analysis

It is recommended, but not required, that you take Introduction to International Relations (POLS 220) before taking this class. This course satisfies a general education further studies social science requirement. This course examines the underlying and immediate causes of war as well as the potentials for peace in conflicts around the world. The course is divided into four broad segments: Elements of Conflict, Causes of Conflict, Dynamics of Conflict, and Resolution of Conflict. Case studies of actual conflicts will be used to introduce specific concepts within each segment. Some theoretical underpinnings of conflict and conflict resolution will also be introduced.



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POLS 360 – Human Rights



This course focuses on human rights in theory and practice. The course begins with the study of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in December 1948. Topics to be covered include transitional justice, regional application of human rights, and the role of governments, NGOs, and corporations in protecting human rights.

POLS 365 – Political Data Analysis

**This course is a prerequisite for POLS 600 – Senior Seminar*

This course is required for Political Science Majors. This course introduces students who are planning to major (or minor) in Political Science to the basic methods necessary to conduct research of political phenomena. The course will also provide basic quantitative tools that can be useful in the field of Political Science or other social sciences. Because of this dual purpose, the course will have a theoretical and a practical component. The main questions we will examine in this course are: “What issues are political scientists concerned with?”; “What kind of questions do they seek to answer?”; “How do they go about answering these questions?”; “How do they know their answers are reliable?” and “How confident are they in their conclusions?”



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POLS 600 – Senior Thesis

**POLS 365 Political Data Analysis is a prerequisite for this class*

This course is required for Political Science Majors. This is a capstone course for political science majors. This class is designed in a seminar format where discussion and critical evaluations of some readings will be done. However, the most important part of the course is the preparation of a major research paper in one of the fields within the discipline: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations or Political Theory. The research papers should be of high quality and could be used as writing samples for graduate or law school applications. Students are expected to work throughout the semester on their paper under the supervision of a member of the political science faculty. They should follow the guidelines and deadlines provided by the course director. Failure to comply with the guidelines and the deadlines may result in a non-passing grade.



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