

Political Science Fall 2019 Course Descriptions



POLI 111-Introduction in American Politics courses have a SE-LAF and a CPI-LAI.

POLI 123-Introduction to World Politics courses have a SE-LAF and a CPI-LAI

POLI 150-Foundations in Political Theory is also being offered.

POLI 202: Stats Analysis & Mapping of Social Data (LAF-M3) (LAI-QRF)

Section 1-T/TH 11:00am-12:20pm

Cross listed with BUS/ECON/PLCY/Spatial Studies

LIB 139

Greg Thorson

Meets the Methods requirements (either POLI 200 or 202) for the Political Science major. Students become skilled at using STATA, the leading statistical software used by social scientists, to test hypotheses about political behavior. Real world data is examined, including the recent National Election Studies and General Social Surveys. No previous math background required.

POLI 202: Stats Analysis & Mapping of Social Data (LAF-M3) (LAI-QRF)

Section 2-M/W 9:30am-10:50am

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LIB 140

Eric McLaughlin

Meets the Methods requirements (either POLI 200 or 202) for the Political Science major. Students become skilled at using STATA, the leading statistical software used by social scientists, to test hypotheses about political behavior. Real world data is examined, including the recent National Election Studies and General Social Surveys. No previous math background required.

POLI 226.01: Middle East & African Politics

T/TH 1:00pm-2:20pm

Cross listed with IR

HOL 105

Eric McLaughlin

This course provides a thematic introduction to the politics of the Middle East. Students will read and critique current political science research on the contemporary politics of this region and in the process build empirical knowledge about the politics of individual countries. A (non-exhaustive) list of topics will include the history of state formation in the Middle East, the reasons for the region's underdevelopment, the social and structural foundations of authoritarianism in the Middle East, democratization, political violence and terrorism, gender and human rights issues, and the complex relationship between religion(s) and politics.

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POLI 306.01: Constitutional Law: National and State Powers

M/W 1-2:20pm

HOL 321

Art Svenson

This course focuses primarily upon the Court's interpretation of language contained in Articles I, II, III, IV and Amendment X. The relationships among legislative, executive, and judicial powers, as well as the critical nexus between national and state levels of government, will emerge as the unifying themes of this course.

Prerequisite: Sophomore Standing and POLI 111 or any American Politics course.

POLI 308.01: US Presidency

T/TH 1-2:20pm

HOL 317

Renee Van Vechten

This course examines the development and nature of the modern American presidency. We cover the operations of the modern office and the exercise of presidential leadership as a function of institutional, circumstantial, and personal constraints and opportunities. From a close look at the nomination and selection process to the policy making environment, we will examine how the office has grown and continues to evolve, and we will investigate how presidential power is derived, created, and squandered – all the while questioning and analyzing our core assumptions about the modern presidency. This course incorporates active debates about the presidency (students are organized into debate teams).

Prerequisites: POLI 111 or any American Politics course.

POLI 456.01 Education Policy (LAF-SE) (Possible WB)

M/W 11:00am-12:20pm

Cross listed with PLCY

HOL 317

Greg Thorson

Examination of the history and evolution of federal and state education policy. Review of research conducted by leading scholars, think tanks, and non-partisan government organizations on the effectiveness of education policy.

Prerequisites: POLI 111 or PLCY 100 or junior standing.

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POLI 463.01 Equal Protection (LAF-WB) (LAI-WD)

T 9:30am-12:10pm

HOL 325

Art Svenson

The focus of this seminar in public law is both narrow and new: narrow since only the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment will be examined, and new since neither Government 306 (national and state powers) nor Government 307 (civil liberties)—our Department's survey courses in constitutional law—addresses why equal protection was added to our constitution in 1868, and how its language has been construed over the years by the Justices of the Supreme Court. The goal of this seminar, then, is to satisfy the passion of those of us who have a love for reading what the Court has written about vital and controversial areas of our Constitution about which we know very little!

Prerequisites: POLI 306 or 307 or by permission.

POLI 495.01 Political Science Capstone (WB)

T/Th 9:30am-10:50am

Cross listed with PLCY and LAST

Steve Wuhs

This is a guided research seminar targeted for graduating seniors but also open to advanced students in Government, Political Science, Policy, and Latin American Studies. Students will develop, produce and present individual research projects with a common theme or advance independent work toward their senior theses.

PUBLIC POLICY

PLCY 100.01: Introduction to Public Policy Analysis (LAF-SE) (LAI-CPI)

M/W 11-12:50pm, Cross Listed with POLI

Graeme Auton

Introduction to both the theoretical foundations and processes of public policymaking. Case studies of educational policy, health care policy, welfare policy, economic policy, and/or tax policy.

PLCY 100.02: Introduction to Public Policy Analysis (LAF-SE) (LAI-CPI)

Tuesdays 6-8:50pm, Cross Listed with POLI

HOL 317

Brian Janiskee

Introduction to both the theoretical foundations and processes of public policymaking. Case studies of educational policy, health care policy, welfare policy, economic policy, and/or tax policy.

IR COURSES

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IR 200: International Relations Theory (LAF-HP) (LAI-APW)

T/TH 9:30-10:50am

Cross listed with H/POLI/APW/LAI/GOVT

HOL 317

Graeme Auton

The purpose of this course is to undertake an exploration of international relations theory. The course will examine fundamental ideas and concepts that have been invoked to explain the forces at work in interstate politics and in the global system, broadly construed. We will study international relations as a set of theoretical concerns, as reflected in various schools of thought, including realism, neo-realism, liberalism, socialism, constructivism and feminist thought. The course requires intensive reading and writing, and frequent student presentations. This is a required Foundation course for the International Relations major. This is a required Foundation course for the International Relations major.

MAY TERM 2020

POLI 257: Policy Making in Washington DC

Travel Course

Greg Thorson and Eric McLaughlin

This course provides a practical introduction to the domestic and foreign policy making process in the U.S. government. This course will be taught by University of Redlands faculty and by University alumni with practical experience in federal agencies, on Capitol Hill, and in private consultancies. The first half of the course will be devoted to domestic policy issues and the second half to U.S. foreign policy and national security issues.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

POLI 208: California Politics

Some Travel days to Sacramento

Renee Van Vechten

California politics: everywhere present, and yet seemingly distant. This fast-paced course will introduce students to one of the world's largest political systems from the inside out. Classes and guest lectures will take place on campus for the first week, will include day trips to local government sites. In Week 3 we fly to the state's capital, Sacramento, to meet with alumni who work in and around the legislature, judiciary, and executive branches. Students will research a policy topic and complete and present a paper. By the end of the course you should be familiar with the major policy issues confronting the state and understand the "logic" of California's governing institutions and politics. **NOTE: there will be a course fee.**

Prerequisite: Instructor permission required.

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