

Fall 2022 Political Science Graduate Schedule of Classes

Campaign Battleground: The Battle for Congress and Ohio in the 2022 Midterm Elections

3700:527-501, Wed, 3:30 – 6:00 p.m., 100% Online Synchronous, David Cohen

This course will provide a general framework with which to understand the 2022 midterm elections. We will focus on important national congressional campaigns as well as those competitive congressional and statewide campaigns in Ohio. We will follow the campaigns in “real time,” investigating the strategy, tactics, and conduct of the major party candidates and campaigns. We will also examine the coverage of the races by the local and national media, as well as analyze public opinion polls weekly. The course will be run as a seminar and will include guest speakers including academics, campaign professionals, public officials, and journalists.

Ohio Politics

3700:528-501, 100% Online Asynchronous, Dan Coffey

This course focuses on factors that make Ohio economically competitive. Material focuses on recent election results, public opinion polling and influence of socioeconomic factors.

Al Qaeda and ISIS

3700:545-001, TuTh, 2:00 – 3:15 p.m., In-person, Karl Kaltenthaler

This course explores the causes and consequences of Al Qaeda’s terrorism. Students will weigh different explanations for why individuals join and participate in terrorist groups.

National Security Intelligence

3700:546-001, TuTh, 3:30 - 4:45 p.m., In-person, Karl Kaltenthaler

National Security Intelligence explores the work of the agencies that make up the United States’ Intelligence Community. The class focuses on the intelligence process and role each agency plays as well as how covert operations are conducted.

The Supreme Court & Constitutional Law

3700:561-501, TuTh, 3:30 – 4:45 p.m., 100% Online Real-time, Phillip Marcin

Interpretation of the U.S. Constitution by the U.S. Supreme Court with emphasis on federal judicial, legislative and executive power, separation of powers, federalism, and states’ rights.

Political Strategy

3700:570-501, M, 6:15 – 8:45 p.m., 100% Online Real-time, Cyndra Cole

3700:570-801, M, 6:15 – 8:45 p.m., In-person, Cyndra Cole

Explore theoretical concepts, practical applications, roles, and best practices as it relates to political campaign management. Develop critical thinking skills to assess, analyze, act and communicate in situations throughout the election cycle, including message development and delivery, target audiences and voter contact and engagement. Consider real-life and rhetorical situations and hear from campaign professionals equipped to share first-hand perspectives on the operations and infrastructure of political campaigns.

Voter Contact and Elections

3700:573-501, Th, 6:15 – 8:45 p.m., 100% Online Real-time, Cherie Strachan

3700:573-801, Th, 6:15 – 8:45 p.m., In-person, Cherie Strachan

Theoretical and practical approaches to gaining votes in all types of political campaigns.

Electoral Messaging

3700:571-501, W, 6:15 – 8:45 p.m., 100% Online Real-time, Jim Crooks

3700:571-801, W, 6:15 – 8:45 p.m., In-person, Jim Crooks

Explore theoretical concepts, practical applications, roles, and best practices as it relates to campaign and electoral messaging. Develop skills to plan, produce and execute strategic political messages including campaign addresses, press releases and media advisories, constituent, volunteer, and donor communications, and video releases while considering candidate and opposition research, fact sheets, time and budgetary constraints, polling and targeting data, and candidate preferences.

ST: The Art of Political Spin

3700:592-001 TuTh, 2:00-3:15 p.m. In-Person Jennifer Hoelzer

3700:592-501 TuTh, 2:00-3:15 p.m. 100% Online Real-time Jennifer Hoelzer

Why does politics divide us? How did wearing face masks become a political football? When did we start judging candidates on their “electability?” This course will answer these questions and more, as we explore the art, science and consequences of political spin. From Common Sense to QAnon, we’ll venture down the rabbit hole of political persuasion to learn how politicians, pundits, special interest groups, news networks and social media platforms frame information to win votes, viewers, followers, users and clicks. Students will be challenged to rethink the way they think about politics by opening their eyes to the messages and strategies that shape our political identities, opinions and beliefs.

Scope & Theories of Political Science

3700:600-801, Tu, 6:15-8:45 p.m., In-person, Ronald Gelleny

3700:600-501, Tu, 6:15-8:45 p.m., 100% Online Synchronous, Ronald Gelleny

Emphasis on the nature, scope and content of political theory; theory construction and validation in political science

Seminar in War & Insurgency

3700:611-801, W, 6:15-8:45 p.m., In-person, Karl Kaltenthaler

The aim of the course is to introduce graduate students to the study of national security politics and policy.

Internship

3700:695, Nancy Marion

Provides students with experiential learning in their intended field of study. Can be taken for up to 9 academic credits.