

Fall 2023 Political Science Graduate Schedule of Classes

Al-Qaeda and Isis (3 Credits)

POLIT:545-001 (75369)

T/Th, In-Person, 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., Dr. Kaltenthaler

This course explores the causes and consequences of Al Qaeda and ISIS ideologies and tactics around the world.

Counterterrorism (3 Credits)

POLIT:547-001 (74877)

T/Th, In-Person, 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m., Dr. Kaltenthaler

This course introduces students to the national security agencies, policies, politics, and methods of defeating terrorism from abroad and in the United States.

The Supreme Court & Constitutional Law

POLIT:561-501 (72106)

MW, In-Person, 2:00 – 3:15 p.m., Dr. 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.

Fundamentals of Political Strategy (3 Credits)

POLIT:570-501/801 (74189/74190)

74189: M, Online Real-time, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Cyndra Cole

74190: M, In-Person, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., 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.

Fundamentals of Electoral Messaging (3 Credits)

POLIT:571-501/801 (74290/74291)

74290: W, Online Real-time, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., James Crooks

74291: W, In-Person, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., James Crooks

Explore theoretical concepts, practical applications, roles, and best practices as it relates to political campaign and electoral communication. 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.

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Voter Contact & Elections (3 Credits)

POLIT:573-501/801 (73811/73593)

73811: Th, Online Real-time, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Dr. Strachan

73593: Th, In-Person, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Dr. Strachan

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

Government Relations & Lobbying (3 Credits)

POLIT:577-001/501 (75332/75397)

75332: M, In-Person, 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Dr. Akers

75397: M, Online Real-time, 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Dr. Akers

This course examines government relations, lobbying, and advocacy through participating in hands-on applied projects, meeting with elected officials and government relations professionals, and preparing students for the wide range of career options available to government relations professionals.

Selected Topics: Election Law, Administration, and Security (3 Credits)

POLIT:592-501 (75179)

75178: W, Online Real-time, 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Amanda Grandjean

Explore the topic of election law, administration and security. Course taught by Amanda Grandjean, Director of Elections and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Secretary of State Frank LaRose. Prior to that, Grandjean served as an attorney at Bricker & Eckler LLP, where her practice focused on election law, campaign finance, public policy, ballot initiatives, government affairs, ethics and compliance.

Scope & Theories of Political Science (3 Credits)

POLIT:600-501/801 (74684/70311)

74684: T, Online Real-time, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Dr. Gelleny

70311: T, In-Person, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Dr. Gelleny

Prerequisite: Admission to political science graduate program or permission. Emphasis on the nature, scope, and content of political theory; theory construction and validation in political science.

Scholarly Writing & Professional Development in Political Science (3 Credits)

POLIT:603-801 (74878)

Th, In-Person, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Dr. Kaltenthaler

Prerequisite: Admission to a Political Science graduate program or permission. Course will assist in the development of Essay / Capstone projects: Organization, format presentation, editing, committee review. Will help polish student writing and presentation skills.

Seminar in Security Studies (3 Credits)

POLIT:612-801 (74881)

W, In-Person, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Dr. Kaltenthaler

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

Internship in Government & Politics

POLIT:695-* (varies)**

See Dr. Marion for details

Provides students with experiential learning experiences in their field of study.