

Spring 2024 Political Science Graduate Schedule of Classes

Media, Crime, and Public Opinion

POLIT:503-001 (14613)

MWF, In-person, 12:55-1:45 p.m., Kim Hufgard

Examines the social construction of crime in mass media and how it impacts the public, including fear of crime, beliefs about crime causation, and crime policy. (Formerly 3700:403)

Homeland Security Policy and Process

POLIT:519-001/501 (13398/14801)

TTh, In-person and Online Real-Time, 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Dr. Cohen

13398: T/Th, In-person, 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Dr. Cohen

14801: T/Th, Online Real-time, 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Dr. Cohen

The course will explore the concept of homeland security, the complexity of homeland security and disaster policy in a federal system, threats to homeland security, and the challenges to effective homeland security and disaster policy in the United States.

Campaign Battleground

POLIT:527-501 (14619)

T, Online Real-time, 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Dr. Cohen

This course will provide a general framework with which to understand presidential, congressional, state, and local elections from the perspective of campaign professional and political observers. The course will follow campaigns in real time, investigating the strategy, tactics, and conduct of major party candidates and campaigns. It will also examine coverage of national, state, and local races by the media as well as analyze current polling. The course will include guest speakers including academics, campaign professionals, public officials, and journalists.

Survey Research Methods

POLIT:540-501/801 (14674/14675)

14674: Th, In-Person, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Michelle Henry

14675: Th, Online Real-time, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Michelle Henry

Prerequisite: POLIT 100. Study of survey research methods as applied to the analysis of public opinion, political behavior, and public policy formation.

Intelligence Analysis

POLIT:548-801 (13400)

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

This course is intended for students who seek a career in the field of government or private sector intelligence or who just have an interest in how intelligence analysis is done.

The Supreme Court and Civil Liberties

POLIT:562-001 (12372)

MW, In-person, 2:00 p.m.- 3:15 p.m., Dr. Marcin

Prerequisite: POLIT 100. Interpretation of the Constitution by the Supreme Court with emphasis on freedom of speech and press, freedom of religion, criminal rights and right to privacy.

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Campaign Finance, Fundraising, and Budgeting

POLIT:572-501/801 (13589/13591)

13589: M, **Online Real-time**, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Cyndra Cole

13591: M, **In-Person**, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Cyndra Cole

This course examines the most controversial aspect of applied politics: the role and influence of money. Topics include: the sources of political money, how it is raised and spent, the impact of money on the political process, the rules that govern political finance, and proposals for campaign finance reform.

Public Opinion, Behavior, and Electoral Politics

POLIT:574-501 (14671)

Asynchronous Online, Dr. Coffey

Prerequisite: POLIT 100 or POLIT 301. Advanced analysis of psychological, cultural, and group processes of opinion formation and change. Attention given to the effect of opinion change on electoral outcomes.

Fundamentals of the Digital Campaign

POLIT:578-501/801 (13695/13696)

13696: W, **Online Real-time**, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Richie Alicea

13695: W, **In-Person**, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Richie Alicea

This course will examine the evolution of digital campaigning, explore the pillars of effective digital strategy, and analyze the role digital strategy plays from communications to fundraising to field and everything in between. It will look at the rise of digital platforms, strengths, and weaknesses of them, how to best leverage them in a well-rounded digital program, along with security and disinformation tactics to navigate. Students will learn how to effectively research, craft, deploy, and execute an effective digital plan that can serve as the connective tissue of any winning campaign.

Policy Problems in Political Science

POLIT:580-001 (14415)

TTh, **In-Person**, 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m., Dr. Coffey

Intensive study of selected problems in public policy.

Special Topics: Deliberation and Political Disagreement

POLIT:592-002/502 (14615/14616)

14615: MW, **In-Person** 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m., Dr. Strachan

14616: MW, **Online Real-time**, 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m., Dr. Strachan

Students will discuss the historical tensions between civil unrest and civility as ways to promote a more inclusive, stable version of US democracy. Students will learn various tactics associated with deliberative decision-making essential to both organizing and to governing. They will have the opportunity to practice these tactics as they discuss contemporary political issues.

Special Topics: Women in Politics

POLIT:592-003/503 (14647/14718)

14647: T/Th, **In-person**, 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m., Dr. Strachan

14718: T/Th, **Online Real-time**, 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m., Dr. Strachan

Course examines the past, present, and future role of women in politics.

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Seminar: Comparative Politics

POLIT:620-801 (14650)

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

Prerequisite: Admission to political science graduate program or permission. Research selected topics in comparative politics. Comparative method

Campaign and Election Law

POLIT:655-001 (15123)

MW, In-Person, 3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m., William Rich

Prerequisite: Admission to political science graduate program or permission. Examines the legal environment for political campaigns. Topics include historical background, legal foundation, voting rights, filing requirements, campaign finance and political advertising

Special Topics: LSAT Prep

POLIT:690-801/802 (15141/15143)

15141: 8W1

15143: 8W2

T, In-Person, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Todd Gerber

This course will help students develop strategies for taking the LSAT. One credit course.

Internship in Government & Politics

POLIT:695-* (varies)**

See Dr. Marion for details

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