

Spring 2025 Political Science Graduate Schedule of Classes

Homeland Security and Policy Process

POLIT:519-001/501

TTh, In-person OR 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.

Women, Gender, & Politics

POLIT:523-001/501

TTh, In-Person OR Online Real-Time, 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m., Dr. Strachan

Women are one of the demographic groups who have been deprived of civil and political rights, not only in the United States, but in countries around the globe. This course provides in-depth insight into how patriarchal systems that subordinate women first took root, the connection between oppression of women and those who eschew binary sex and gender roles including members of the LGBTQ community, the long-lasting effects on women's participation in public life, and the strategies they have and currently use to gain access and wield influence in the public sphere.

Intelligence Analysis

POLIT:548-801

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.

Deliberation & Disagreement

POLIT:556-501/801

Th, In-Person OR Online Real-Time, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Dr. Strachan

Democratic societies are characterized by commitment to deliberative processes to resolve conflicts and to develop policy recommendations. This course explores 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.

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The Supreme Court and Civil Liberties

POLIT:562-001

MW, In-person, 12:20 p.m.- 1:45 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.

Human Rights in World Politics

POLIT 563:001

MWF, In-Person, 9:40 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Dr. Gelleny

An introduction to human rights from a comparative perspective; topics include: definition and development of human rights with attention paid to government interaction and wartime

Campaign Finance, Fundraising, and Budgeting

POLIT:572-501/801

M, In-Person OR Online Real-time, 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.

Government Relations and Lobbying

POLIT:577-001/501

M, In-Person OR 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.

Fundamentals of the Digital Campaign

POLIT:578-501/801

T, In-Person OR Online Real-time, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Tanya Brown

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.

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Policy Problems in Political Science

POLIT:580-001

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

Intensive study of selected problems in public policy.

Seminar: International Politics

POLIT:610-801

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

Prerequisite: Admission to political science graduate program or permission. Analysis of current problems in theory and practice of politics and organization.

Campaign and Election Law

POLIT:655-001

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

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.