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Government & Politics in the United States
POLIT:100-001
MWF, In-Person, 10:45 a.m. – 11:35 a.m., Steven Caraboolad
POLIT:100-501
Asynchronous Online, Dr. Coffey
An essential introduction to the American political system at the national level. The course considers the ideas that drive American government, the institutions and processes that make it unique, and the problems it faces in the modern world. Perfect for someone thinking about a major or minor in Political Science!

World Politics and Government
POLIT:150-020
Asynchronous Online, Dr. Gelleny
Introduction to international politics and an examination of the governments and foreign policies of selected states from a comparative perspective.

Introduction to Political Thought
POLIT: 203:501
Asynchronous Online, Dr. McHugh
Survey of major ideas and concepts of Western political theory from pre-Socrates through period of Enlightenment.

State & Local Government and Politics
POLIT:210-001
MWF, In-Person, 11:50 a.m. – 12:40 p.m., Steven Caraboolad
Examination of institutions, processes and intergovernmental relations at state and local levels.

Comparative Politics
POLIT:300-502
8W2, Asynchronous Online, Dr. Gelleny
Introduction to comparative political analysis; description of political systems of Great Britain, France, Germany and Russia; contrast between democracy and totalitarianism.

Intro to Political Research
POLIT:301-001
T/Th, In-Person, 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., Dr. Coffey
POLIT:301-501
Asynchronous Online, Dr. Marcin
Introduction to the methods employed in contemporary political science research: research design, data collection and analysis, presentation and evaluation of findings.

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Law and Society
POLIT:335-501
Asynchronous Online, Kimberly Hufgard
This course will examine how law constructs and constrains political conflict, and how legal institutions mediate, reinforce, and challenge existing power relationships.

The American Congress
POLIT:341-100/501
T/Th, In-Person OR Online Real-Time, 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Dr. Cohen
The course is intended to help students develop a familiarity and understanding of the legislative branch of the United States. It will focus on the historical foundations, traditions, institutions, and development of the American Congress. We will also examine current issues confronting Congress. After completion of the course, students will have a greater understanding and appreciation for the history, traditions, powers, and potential of the American Congress, as well as the unique place the institution holds in the American political system.

The Judicial Process
POLIT:360-501
TTh, Online Real-time, 6:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Dr. Marcin
Role of police, lawyers, courts, and judges in context of American political process. Structure and process of judicial policy making and limitations on judicial power.

Politics of the Criminal Justice System
POLIT:361-501
Asynchronous Online, Dr. McHugh
POLIT:361-001
T/Th, In-Person, 10:45 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Dr. McHugh
This course examines the interplay between politics and criminal justice to demonstrate the importance of political influences on the criminal justice system. Through a simulation exercise, students will learn how federal political actors and organizations help to formulate criminal justice policies on the federal, state, and local levels. Political forces on criminal justice in Ohio are also examined.

Selected Topics: LSAT Prep
POLIT:392-802
8W1, 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:395-* (varies)**
See Dr. Marion for details
Provides students with experiential learning experiences in their field of study. 2-9 credits

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Media, Crime, and Public Opinion
POLIT:403-501
Asynchronous Online, Kimberly 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.

Politics in the Middle East
POLIT:405-001
MWF, In-person, 11:40 a.m. - 12:40 p.m., Eihab Abousena
The rise of the state system in the Middle East after World War I; an analysis of the socio-cultural, ideological forces influencing the political behavior of the people of the Middle East. In-depth study of selected political systems.

Homeland Security and Policy Process
POLIT:419-001/501
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:423-001/501
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:448-801
W, In-person, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Dr. Kaltenthaler
This course is intended to 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.

Administering Prisons, Probation, and Parole
POLIT:450-001
MWF, In-person, 10:45 a.m. – 11:35 a.m., Kimberly Hufgard
Prerequisite: POLIT 100. Analysis of the administrative, electoral, and community conflicts central to understanding, resolving, and preventing these conflicts in a correctional environment.

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Deliberation & Disagreement
POLIT:456-501/801
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.

The Supreme Court and Civil Liberties
POLIT:462-001
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 463:001
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:472-501/801
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 477-001/501
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.

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Fundamentals of the Digital Campaign
POLIT:478-501/801
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.

Policy Problems in Political Science
POLIT:480-001
TTh, In-Person, 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m., Dr. Coffey
Intensive study of selected problems in public policy.

Special Topics: Human Trafficking
POLIT:482-001
MWF, In-Person, 12:55 p.m. – 1:45 p.m., Kim Hufgard
This class will discuss the realities of human trafficking, how one becomes a victim, legislation to combat human trafficking, and how the state of Ohio is combatting human trafficking.