Courses in Political Science

R Pos 101
American Politics (3)
Introduction to the study of politics, focusing on American national government. Includes some discussion of theoretical questions (such as authority, representation and consent) and some illustrative examples from the area of comparative and international politics. R Pos 101Z is a writing intensive version of R Pos 101. 
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System.
(2191) Aubin, Jessica
4 Week 1: May 23-June 17
Online course in Blackboard
(2192) Hildreth, Anne
4 Week 2: June 20-July 15
Online course in Blackboard

R Pos 102
Comparative and International Politics (3)
The characteristics and development of statehood and power; conditions of stability; constitutions and the comparative political processes; the international order and the nation-state system.
(2195) Fahrenkopf, Nolan
6 Week 1: May 23-July 1
MTWThF 9:30a.m.-10:50a.m.
HU-129

R Post 103
Political Theory (3)
An introductory course in the history of political theory with an emphasis on understanding political ideas and concepts and applying them to perennial issues of political life. Only one version of may be taken for credit.
(2123) Brino, Eileen
4 Week 1: May 23-June 17
MTWThF 12:30p.m.-2:50p.m.
HU-128

R Pos 140 (=R Pad 140)
Introduction to Public Policy (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Introduction to theories of how democracies make public policy. Describes the roles of government institutions, the media, and interest groups in the policy process. Reviews current theories of how problems are identified and how policies are formulated, enacted, and implemented to address public problems. Only one of R PUB 140 and R POS 140 may be taken for credit.
(2406) Slye, Katherine
6 Week 3: July 5-August 12
Online course in Blackboard

R Pos 204
American Politics in Film (3)
This course examines representations of American politics in film. We will use these representations as primary texts and will compare and contrast the facts, ideas, and symbols they provide with written accounts and analyses of the phenomena, processes, and events represented. Although this will not be the primary focus of the course,
we will also explore a number of questions concerning the impact of visual representations of politics on political attitudes and behavior.

(2427) Cruz, Jose
4 Week 3: July 18-August 12
*Online course in Blackboard*

R Pos 316 (=R Pad 316)
**Methodological Tools for Public Policy (3)**
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Introduction to research design, statistics, and computer usage in public policy with an emphasis on the interpretation of results. Students examine experimental, quasi-experimental and nonexperimental research designs, summarize and present univariate distributions, perform bivariate and multivariate analyses including simple cross-tabulations and multiple regression analysis, and learn to use a computer to perform statistical and data management operations. Only one version of R POS 316 may be taken for credit. Required for public affairs majors.

(2239) Ingram, Matthew
6 Week 3: July 5-August 12
*Online course in Blackboard*

R Pos 334
**American Political Parties and Groups (3)**
Examination of the theory, organizational forms and dynamics of political group formation and activity, with special attention given to the political party system, interest groups, political leadership and electoral behavior. Prerequisite(s): R Pos 101 and 102, or junior or senior class standing.

(2428) Cruz, Jose
4 Week 3: July 18-August 12
MTWThF 12:30p.m.-2:50p.m.
HU-133

R Pos 343 (=C Ehc 343/R Pad 343)
**Homeland Security (3)**
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. This undergraduate survey course introduces students to the US government response to the attacks of September 11, 2001, specifically, the second largest reorganization of the executive branch that produced the US Department of Homeland Security. Topics examined include border and transportation security, customs, immigration policy and enforcement; preparedness and capabilities building, response and resilience; critical infrastructure protection; threat and vulnerability assessment and risk management; cyber security; counter-terrorism. Although the course is primarily focused on US federal government activities, it will also examine state and local dimensions of homeland security as well as US government interactions with other countries in the homeland security domain.

(1505) Mathews, Rick
4 Week 1: May 23-June 17
*Online course in Blackboard*

R Pos 346 (=A Wss 346)
**Law, Civil Rights, and Sexual Orientation (3)**
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. The course will examine relevant court cases as well as local, state, and federal laws that define the boundaries for legal recognition of sexual orientation and personal sexuality in the 20th Century.

(1852) Jones, David
4 Week 2: June 20-July 15
*Online course in Blackboard*

R Pos 351
**European Politics (3)**
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Politics and political change in contemporary Europe, as reflected in ideology, organization and leadership. Both Western and Eastern
Europe are treated in a common, comparative framework. Prerequisite(s): R POS 101 or R POS/R PAD 140, or junior or senior class standing.

(2429) Hwang, Injeong
4 Week 1: May 23-June 17
Online course in Blackboard

R Pos 356
Russian Foreign Policy (3)
This course offered onlinbe through the Blackboard Learning System. Survey of Soviet and Russian activities in international relations, 1917 to the present. Attention is focused on the Soviet Unions relations with Western Europe, Eastern Europe, China, the developing nations, and the United States, and contemporary Russian policy. Previous study of Soviet internal politics is desirable, but not a prerequisite. Prerequisite(s): R POS 101 or R POS/R PAD 140, or junior or senior class standing.

(2430) Miller, Inguna
6 Week 1: May 23-July 1
Online course in Blackboard

R Pos 365
Government and the Mass Media (3)
This course offered onlinbe through the Blackboard Learning System. Study of the relation of the mass media to the American political process, including an examination of the effect of the mass media on legislative actions, the executive, voting behavior and the bureaucracy. Prerequisite(s): R Pos 101 and 102, or junior or senior class standing.

(1853) McKeever, Sean
4 Week 1: May 23-June 17
Online course in Blackboard

R Pos 366
Approaches to Development (3)
This course offered onlinbe through the Blackboard Learning System. Leaders and citizens of low and moderate income countries have long worked to increase economic, social and political development. After reviewing the origin and evolution of these concepts, the class will focus on how national leaders, international institutions as the World Bank, and nongovernmental organizations have pursued development. The class will address the steps that can be taken to address persistent problems of global poverty, public health, deficits in democracy, and widespread armed conflict. The course will take an interdisciplinary approach that will blend insights from the disciplines of economics, political science, and anthropology in order to generate fresh thinking on important policy issues facing governments in developing and developed countries. Aside from readings, and class discussions, groups of students will work together to address important issues in policy memos that will be presented to the class. Only one version may be taken for credit. Prerequisite(s): junior or senior status.

(2408) Caldon, Joshua
6 Week 1: May 23-July 1
Online course in Blackboard

R Pos 367
Politics of the Middle East (3)
This course offered onlinbe through the Blackboard Learning System. This class will cover selected topics in relation to the political development of the Middle and near East, an area loosely defined to cover the region from Morocco to Afghanistan and including modern Turkey and the Caspian littoral states. Topics will vary. Examples will include, but are not limited to, the classic British Imperial period, revolutions, the oil industry, regional conflicts such as the Iran-Iraq war of the 1980s, and the tensions between secular modernization and Islamic systems of government.

(2431) Hsieh, Yeu-Fen
6 Week 3: July 5-August 12
Online course in Blackboard
R Pos 380  
Basics of International Law (3)  
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Analytical survey of the precedents and limitations of world law. The uses of law for the pacific settling of disputes and wars using varied texts, cases and documents. Prerequisite(s): R Pos 101 and 102, or junior or senior class standing.  
(2434) Weigold, Keon  
6 Week 1: May 23-July 1  
Online course in Blackboard

R Pos 383  
American Foreign Policy (3)  
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. An examination of the patterns of American foreign policy in economic and security issues from the turn of the century through the end of the Cold War. This analysis provides the basis for discussion of the prospects for American foreign policy as we move into the 21st century. Prerequisite(s): R Pos 101 and 102, or junior or senior class standing.  
(2473) Sin, Steve  
6 Week 3: July 5-August 12  
Online course in Blackboard