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 3-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 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 356
**Russian Foreign Policy (3)**
*This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System.* Survey of Soviet and Russian activities in international relations, 1917 to the present. Attention is focused on the Soviet Union’s 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 online 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 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.
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.

R Pos 399 (= R Pad 366)
Selected Topics: International Environmental Policy (3)
*This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System.* The class investigates how environmental consciousness arose in major industrial countries and the subsequent formation of environmental policies and institutions in China and India. After reviewing US experience, the class considers critical dilemmas including climate change, water scarcity and renewable energy.