Courses in Political Science

R Pos 101
American Politics (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. 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.
(2005) Hildreth, Anne
4 Week 2: June 26-July 21
Online course in Blackboard

R Post 102
Comparative and International Politics (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. 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. R POS 102Z is the writing intensive version of R POS 102. R POS 102X is the information literacy version of R POS 102. Only one version of R POS 101 may be taken for credit.
(2460) Hwang, Injeong
6 Week 2: June 26-August 4
Online course in Blackboard

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.
(2461) Slye, Katherine
6 Week 2: June 26-August 4
Online course in Blackboard

R Pos 204
Selected Problems in Political Science: Film and Politics (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. This course examines representations of selected aspects of American politics in film. We will use movies as our primary texts to analyze campaigns and elections, political parties, the Cold War, censorship in American politics, the criminal justice system, and the participation of minorities in the political process, among others. Although this will not be the primary focus of the course, we will also explore the implications of media representations of politics for democracy and democratic participation.
(2463) Cruz, Jose
4 Week 2: June 26-July 21
Online course in Blackboard

R Pos 204
Selected Problems in Political Science: Weapons of Mass Destruction (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. This course provides an overview of the threats posed to national and international security by chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons. Students will learn why these weapons should not all be considered “weapons of mass
“destruction” through exploring the risks and consequences of their use by state and non-state actors. The course will do this by delving into the technical and policy challenges related to these weapons’ construction. It will further address how CBRN weapons shape countries’ national security strategies and regional security dynamics.

(2474) Fahrenkopf, Nolan
6 Week 2: June 26-August 4
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.
(1741) McKeever, Sean
4 Week 1: May 30-June 23
Online course in Blackboard

R Pos 373
Government and Politics in the People's Republic of China (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Examination of the origins of the Communist movement in China against the backdrop of the decline of dynastic rule and the era of Western imperialism. The implications of ideology, institutions, and individuals for public policy in the People's Republic of China.
(2475) She, Xiaoye
4 Week 1: May 30-June 23
Online course in Blackboard

R Pos 399
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. Cross-listed course with R PAD 366 (2505).
(2505) Caldon, Joshua
6 Week 1: May 30-July 7
Online course in Blackboard