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.

(1769) Hildreth, Anne
4 Week 2: June 25-July 20
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.

(2057) Hwang, Injeong
6 Week 2: June 25-August 3
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.

(2058) Edwards, Amani
12 Week: May 29-August 17
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.

(2069) Fahrenkopf, Nolan
4 Week 2: June 25-July 20
Online course in Blackboard

R Pos 206
Politics in Film (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. This course examines representations of selected aspects of politics in film. The class will use movies as primary texts to analyze
campaigns and elections, political parties, war in its multiple expressions, the military, immigration, censorship, 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, the course will also explore the implications of media representations of politics for democracy and democratic participation.

(2326) Cruz, Jose
4 Week 2: June 25-July 20
*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.

(2306) Kiesel, Andre
12 Week: May 29-August 17
*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 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.

(2305) Miller, Inguna
6 Week 1: May 29-July 6
*Online course in Blackboard*

**R Pos 360**
Violent Political Conflict (3)

*This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System.* This course is designed to introduce students to the study of violent political conflict. We will examine the how, why, and when of violent political conflict both domestic and international. What are the key empirical and normative questions raised by violent political conflict and what answers to these questions does the literature offer? What other strategies, like nonviolence and negotiation are available to actors instead of political violence? In this course, in addition to studying the theories that have been developed to explain the politics and history of violent political conflict, students will have an opportunity to participate in simulation exercises designed to sharpen their analytic skills in the subject area. R POS 360 is the non-Honors version of the TPOS 260. Only one version may be taken for credit.

(2299) Vitek, Andrew
4 Week 1: May 29-June 22
*Online course in Blackboard*

**R Pos 361**
Comparative Ethnicity (3)

*This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System.* The composition and problems of various ethnic and religious minorities: their origins, characteristics, political mobilization, and degree of integration into the social and political systems of the new post-colonial nations of Asia, Africa, and Latin America examined against a background of European, American, and Russian experience. T POS 261 is the Honors College version of R POS 361; only one may be taken for credit.

(2324) Jahanbani, Nakissa
6 Week 1: May 29-July 6
*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.
(1563) McKeever, Sean
4 Week 1: May 29-June 22
Online course in Blackboard