Courses in Political Science

R Pos 101
American Politics (3)
This course offered fully online. 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.
(1568) Hildreth, Anne
4 Week 1: May 24-June 18
(2376) Preble, Keith
6 Week 3: July 6-August 13

R Pos 102
Comparative and International Politics (3)
This course offered fully online. 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.
(1726) Willis, Charmaine
6 Week 1: May 24-July 2

R Pos 103
Political Theory (3)
This course offered fully online. 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. R POS 103Y is the oral discourse version of R POS 103 in which students will attend a weekly discussion section in addition to weekly regular classes. Only one version of R POS 103 may be taken for credit.
(2173) McKeever, Sean
6 Week 1: May 24-July 2

R Pos 326
Introduction to Public Law (3)
This course offered fully online. What is law and why is it such a significant part of modern-day society and culture in the United States? How does the legal system operate through its various actors - judges, lawyers, and juries - to enable individuals to resolve disputes without resorting to violence? How does the law operate to structure and control the state? From where does legal power arise and what are its limits? How does the law both constrain and empower subordinated individuals and groups in American politics and society? These questions and others are the subject of this course, providing students with a general overview of the legal system of the U.S. The course is intended primarily for students who have little/no prior background in law. Some students will take the course as a gateway to further study about law, others will use it to broaden their understanding of the legal system as one of the most significant and powerful institutions in the modern state.
(2545) Williams, Nathaniel
4 Week 1: May 24-June 18

R Pos 360
Violent Political Conflict (3)
This course offered fully online. 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.

(2546) Topal, Reyhan
4 Week 3: July 19-August 13

R Pos 361
Comparative Ethnicity (3)
This course offered fully online. 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.

(2547) Wang, Zheng
6 Week 3: July 6-August 13