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.

(1523) Hildreth, Anne
4 Week 1: May 23-June 17
(2193) Preble, Keith
6 Week 3: July 5-August 12

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.

(1667) Wang, Zheng
4 Week 3: July 18-August 12

R Pos 206
Politics in Film (3)
*This course offered fully online.* 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. The course is not self-paced so it requires that you login every day and complete the work scheduled for that day only.

(2418) Cruz, Jose
4 Week 3: July 18-August 12

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.

(2345) Kirk, Matthew
4 Week 1: May 23-June 17

R Pos 330
Law, Courts, and Politics (3)
This course offered fully online. The structure and function of the courts in the American political system with special attention to staffing, the decision-making process, judicial policy making, and checks upon judicial power. Students who have taken R POS 230H may not take R POS 330 for credit.
(2505) Gules-Guctas, Esra
4 Week 1: May 23-June 17

R Pos 365
Government and the Mass Media (3)
This course offered fully online. 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.
(2502) McKeever, Sean
4 Week 1: May 23-June 17

R Pos 368
Information Technology and World Politics (3)
This course offered fully online. Broad overview of the information revolution and its political consequences. Examines the impact of information technologies on diplomacy, global security, the international political economy, and international organization with a particular emphasis on the use of administrative information systems and the internet by governments and other public sector organizations.
(2504) Topal, Reyhan
4 Week 3: July 18-August 12

R Pos 386
International Conflict and Security (3)
This course offered fully online. This course explores the use of coercive diplomacy and military violence in international relations. It focuses on the broad security issues facing states and examines the factors that bring them into conflict with one another. Topics may include economic sanctions, military power, international conflict, arms races, arms control, alliance politics, multilateralism, terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, and foreign support of insurgencies. Students will be called upon to analyze these topics through some combination of policy briefs, research papers, and examinations.
(2503) Fahrenkopf, Nolan
6 Week 2: June 21-July 29