



Courses in the College of Letters and Sciences

POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES (820)

820-501 Political Science Research Methods -- 3 cr

An introduction to basic research methods in political science. Topics will include various data collection and analysis techniques on the U.S. Presidency, the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Supreme Court, political socialization, political parties, interest groups, civil violence, rebellion, and revolution. Students will obtain “hands-on” experience with computer software designed specifically for political science and the social sciences. This is not a statistics course, and no previous knowledge of statistical methods is assumed.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-516 Police And Criminal Justice Administration -- 3 cr

This course examines the administrative process within the criminal justice setting. Both administrative theories and principles as well as applications to the criminal justice system will be covered.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-517 The American Legislative Process -- 3 cr

The study of the organization and functioning of legislative bodies, with particular attention to Congress: Functions, membership, committee system, executive-legislative relations, pressure groups, lobbying, and movements for reform.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-518 The American Presidency -- 3 cr

Analysis and discussion of the various roles of the President regarding his constitutional status and powers, nomination and election, administrative responsibilities, legislative and political leadership, and his role in the conduct of foreign relations.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-519 American Political Parties and Elections -- 3 cr

This course will examine the development, organization, and functions of political parties and elections in the American political systems. Topics include the nature and function of political parties, nominations and elections, political campaigns and campaign finance, voting behavior and party realignment issues, and the role of the party in government

policy-making. Graduate Students will be required to complete an additional paper.
Prereq: Any political science general studies course.

820-520 Public Policy And Administration -- 3 cr

A course to introduce students to the concepts and problems of public policy and administration. Emphasis will be given to the role played by individuals and groups in large organizations; theories of organization will be set forth and operations of governmental administrative agencies in the political world will be examined.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-530 Public Policy Analysis -- 3 cr

A systematic introduction to the study of public policy issues through a public policy/issue analysis and problem solving approach. It will also examine and explore other analytical models and approaches in the study of public problems and policy issues.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-540 Politics of Development -- 3 cr

This course focuses on the comparative analysis and contending interpretations of development in developing countries. Emphasis will be given to the role of the state intervention and the coalitional politics of dominant class factions in capital accumulation and allocation of surplus for development. The analysis also includes the influence of international economic system as exercised through direct foreign investment and commercial lending institutions. Special attention will also be paid to the impact of militarism on the Third World countries and the problems of environment and sustainable development.

Prereq: A political science introductory course.

820-544 State And Local Government -- 3 cr

A study of modern American state and local governments, their evolution from colonial beginnings, their problems, and their potential. Topics include constitutional revision, the role of governors, legislatures, and courts, forms of urban and rural government and state-local relations.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-557 Public Opinion And Political Behavior -- 3 cr

An examination of public opinion in the United States as it concerns political and social behavior. Major topics are the acquisition of beliefs, leadership and opinion formation, voting behavior, and propaganda. Graduate requirements: In addition to meeting the regular requirements of the course, graduate students will be expected to complete a comprehensive research project using survey research methods.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-560 Resources For Legal Research -- 1 cr

A course to acquaint students with the major resource materials for the study of law and the legal process with an emphasis on library assignments utilizing the various resources

of the UW-Whitewater legal collection.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-580 Women And Politics -- 3 cr

This course is designed to acquaint the student with the roles of women in political life.

Topics include effective civic participation, women's issues and the women's movement.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-611 Modern Political Thought -- 3 cr

An introduction to the principal political concepts and ideas of the modern period, including the writing of Machiavelli, Luther, Calvin, Locke, Hobbes, Rousseau, Hegel, Burke and others.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-612 Contemporary Political Thought -- 3 cr

An in-depth study of certain selected topics of contemporary importance, such as the resolution of power conflicts, the theory and practice of nonviolence and the existentialist dilemma.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-613 Constitutional Law -- 3 cr

A study of judicial review, its meaning and nature. The development of constitutional relationships between the national government and the states as well as between the branches of the national government is considered.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-614 The Constitution And Civil Liberties -- 3 cr

A course focusing on the constitutional development of equal protection and of the rights and freedoms of individuals and the limitations upon the powers of government, both state and national.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-615 Criminal Justice And The Constitution -- 3 cr

This course examines the role of the major participants in the criminal justice system - defendants, police, prosecutions, courts, and corrections - and the development of constitutional law regulating their behavior.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-619 The Judicial Process -- 3 cr

A study of the American judicial system as a part of the larger framework of the political, social and economic systems of the nation. Emphasis will be on topics such as the judicial role, judicial organization and jurisdiction, judicial power and the decisional process rather than legal cases.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-620 American Political Thought -- 3 cr

A study of the fundamental political ideas of America and the political philosophers who espoused them from colonial times to the present.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-621 Public Personnel Administration -- 3 cr

A critical study of problems of public personnel, with particular emphasis on the process of recruiting and managing people in the public services.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-630 Formation Of Public Policy -- 3 cr

This course will examine the major public policy problems facing the United States today and the political processes seeking to resolve these problems. Special emphasis to be given to governmental cooperation in seeking to resolve these problems. An additional research paper will be required for the graduate students.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-640 The Politics Of Government Budgeting -- 3 cr

A course designed to introduce the students to the study of criteria for what services or functions should be undertaken by government and in what amounts. Analyzing the effects that government spending and taxes have on the behavior of the private sector of the economy and on the political system, and evaluating the problems and solutions for allocating tax burden equitably among different groups in the society.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-646 Politics Of The Metropolis -- 3 cr

A treatment of social, economic, and political forms, structures, processes, and behavior in metropolitan communities. Ideas concerning the power structure and decision-making process, the role of the citizen, and the complex whole of metropolitan life will be discussed.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-657 American Foreign Policy -- 3 cr

An analysis of the forces and institutions involved in the establishment of American foreign policies. Emphasis is placed on the effect of the growth of American power and responsibility on the development of foreign policies.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-660 Government And Politics Of Asia -- 3 cr

A comparative study of the political structures, institutions and processes of the nations of Asia.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-661 (614-661) Government And Politics Of Africa -- 3 cr

The course will critically analyze the political events, major problems, processes and trends in Sub-Saharan African politics and society. It will also attempt to examine the

prospects for economic development and democracy in contemporary Africa. Some African countries will be selected for special attention.

Prereq: Any political science general studies course.

Unreq: 614-461/661

820-662 (860-662) Social Welfare Policy -- 3 cr

Provides students with the analysis and critical understanding of the policy issues surrounding historical and current social welfare program, of new social welfare issues and of policy decisions that lead to changes in programming. Community organization, as an intervention approach, will be explored.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

Unreq: 860-662.

820-663 Peace Studies: Conflict Resolution And Crisis Management -- 3 cr

The course will critically analyze the political events, major problems, processes and trends in international and regional conflicts. It will examine the prospect for peaceful negotiation among states and international organizations to solve international crises.

Prereq: Any political science general studies course.

820-671 Government & Politics In The Middle East -- 3 cr

An intense investigation of the social, economic, and political conditions of Islamic, Arab and non-Arab countries of the Middle East. Topics include basis tenets of Islam: political culture, formation of nation- states, political systems (monarchies and republics), consequences of political development and modernization, and the role of the Middle East in international politics.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-689 Seminar In Public Administration -- 3 cr

A study of the complex aspects of administrative organization, behavior and decision-making in the area of public policy through the examination of a variety of pertinent cases.

Prereq: 820-320/520.

820-690 Workshop -- 1-6 cr

820-694 Seminar -- 3 cr

820-696 Special Studies -- 1-3 cr

820-790 Workshop -- 1-4 cr

820-793 Internship In Political Science -- 1-12 cr

Study and work with a government unit or in some area of public affairs under the direction of a faculty supervisor. Students will have the opportunity to combine academic learning with practical experience in government and politics. Students may earn a

maximum of 12 credits.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

820-794 Seminar -- 1-3 cr

820-798 Individual Studies -- 1-3 cr