Fall 2019
Political Science
Undergraduate Schedule of Classes

Government & Politics
3700:100-010      TTh  10:15 – 11:30 a.m.      William Lyons
3700:100-020      MW  10:20 – 11:35 a.m.      Steven Caraboolad
3700:100-800      TTh  7:15 – 8:30 p.m.      Steven Caraboolad
An essential introduction to the American political system at the national level. The course considers the ideas that drive American government, the institutions and processes that make it unique, and the problems it faces in the modern world. Perfect for someone thinking about a major or minor in Political Science!

World Politics and Government
3700:150-001      MW  1:15 – 2:30 p.m.      Eihab Abousena
3700:150-002      TTh  10:15 – 11:30 a.m.      James Sperling
Introduction to international politics and an examination of the governments of selected countries from a comparative perspective. Required for International/Comparative majors.

Comparative Politics
3700:300-001      MW  11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.      Ronald Gelleny
This course is designed to introduce students to different forms of political systems and the methods used to compare them. The political systems of several nations will be compared to demonstrate the concepts.

Intro to Political Research
3700:301-001      MW  1:15 – 2:30 p.m.      Phillip Marcin
3700:301-002      TTh  4:15 – 5:30 p.m.      Daniel Coffey
Introduction to the methods employed in contemporary political science research: research design, data collection and analysis, presentation and evaluation of findings.

Intro to Political Thought
3700:303-501      ON-LINE      World Wide Web      James McHugh
Survey of major concepts of Western political theory from pre-Socrates through the period of enlightenment.

Modern Political Thought
3700:304-501      ON-LINE      World Wide Web      James McHugh
Examination of central concepts of political thought from 19th Century to present. Modern liberalism, communism, fascism and totalitarianism emphasized.

International Politics and Institutions
3700:310-001      TTh  11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.      James Sperling
Relations among nations examined in political context.

Homeland Security Policy & Process
3700:336-001      MW  2:45 – 4:00 p.m.      Terrence O’Sullivan
The course will focus on the topic of homeland security, an area that has received a great deal of attention following the tragic events of September 11, 2001.
The American Congress
3700:341:001        MW   8:45 – 10:00 a.m.    David Cohen
The American Congress is intended to help students develop a familiarity and understanding of the legislative branch of the United States. It will focus on the historical foundations, traditions, and institutions of the American Congress as well as some state legislatures. Particular emphasis will be placed on current issues confronting Congress and the state legislatures.

The American Presidency
3700:350:001        MW   10:15 – 11:30 a.m.    David Cohen
The course is intended to help students develop a familiarity and understanding of the American presidency. It will examine the history and development of the presidency, the individuals who have served as president, and the formal and informal powers of the office. After completion of the course, students will have a greater understanding and appreciation for the history, traditions, powers, and potential of the American presidency, as well as the unique place the institution holds in the American political system.

The Judicial Process
3700:360:001        MW   4:15 – 5:30 p.m.       Phillip Marcin
Role of police, lawyers, courts and judges in context of American political process. Structure and process of judicial policy making and limitations on judicial power.

Politics of the Crim Just Sys
3700:361:001        TTh  1:15 – 2:30 p.m.       James McHugh
This course examines the interplay between politics and criminal justice to demonstrate the importance of political influences on the criminal justice system. Through a simulation exercise, students will learn how federal political actors and organizations help to formulate criminal justice policies on the federal, state, and local levels. Political forces on criminal justice in Ohio are also examined.

Politics and the Media
3700:402:001        TTh  10:15 – 11:30 a.m.    Stephen Brooks
Examination of relationships between the press, the news media and political decision makers.

Media, Crime & Public Opinion
3700:403:001        MW   8:45 – 10:00 a.m.       Kimberly Hufgard
Examines the social construction of crime in mass media and how it impacts public, including fear of crime, beliefs about crime causation, and crime policy.

Global Public Health Threats
3700:413:001        MW   4:15 – 5:30 p.m.       Terrence O'Sullivan
An introduction to comparative global biological and public health security policy. Topics include: infectious disease outbreaks, bioterrorism, and potential "nano-terrorism."

Al Qaeda and ISIS
3700:445:001        TTh  2:45 – 4:00 p.m.       Karl Kaltenthaler
This course explores the causes and consequences of Al Qaeda’s terrorism. Students will weigh different explanations for why individuals join and participate in terrorist groups.

Counterterrorism
3700:447:001        TTh  1:15 – 2:30 p.m.       Karl Kaltenthaler
The course introduces students to the federal national security agencies, polices, politics, and methods of containing and defeating terrorism abroad and within the United States.
Supreme Court & Constitutional Law
3700:461:001  TTh  2:45 – 4:00 p.m.  Phillip Marcin
Interpretation of the U.S. Constitution by the U.S. Supreme Court with emphasis on federal judicial, legislative and executive power, separation of powers, federalism, and states’ rights.

Political Opinion, Behavior & Electoral Politics
3700:474:001  TTh  2:45 – 4:00 p.m.  Daniel Coffey
Prerequisite: 100 or 201 or permission. Advanced analysis of psychological, cultural, and group processes of opinion formation and change. Attention given to the effect of opinion change on electoral outcomes.

Criminal Justice Topic: Current Issues
3700:482:001  MW  1:15 – 2:30 p.m.  Kimberly Hufgard
Prerequisite: 100. Critical analysis of current issues relating to political science and criminal justice. No more than three credits can be applied to the major.

Const. Problems in Crim Just
3700:483:001  MW  10:15 – 11:30 a.m.  Kimberly Hufgard
Analyzes Supreme Court policy-making regarding problems of criminal justice, including search and seizure, self-incrimination, right to counsel, jury selection, and post-appeal prisoner rights.

ST: Forensic Methods
3700:492:001  TTh  2:45 – 4:00 p.m.  David Licate
Students will learn how to secure, document, and collect various types of evidence from a crime scene through various labs and exercises. The course will use the same text and materials used to train crime scene investigators in Ohio.

ST: Campaign Battleground: The Invisible Primary & 2020 Overview
This course will provide a general framework with which to understand the 2020 American national elections. We will focus on the “invisible primary” stage of the presidential campaign, as well as select congressional campaigns. We will follow the campaigns in “real time,” and investigate the strategy, tactics, and conduct of the major party candidates.