

Fall 2024
Political Science
Graduate Schedule of Classes

Campaign Battleground

POLIT:527-501

W, Online Real-time, 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Dr. Cohen

This course will provide a general framework with which to understand presidential, congressional, state, and local elections from the perspective of campaign professional and political observers. The course will follow campaigns in real time, investigating the strategy, tactics, and conduct of major party candidates and campaigns. The course will include guest speakers including academics, campaign professionals, public officials, and journalists.

Ohio Politics

POLIT: 528-501

100% Online Asynchronous, Dan Coffey

This course focuses on factors that make Ohio economically competitive. Material focuses on recent election results, public opinion polling and influence of socioeconomic factors.

Al-Qaeda and Isis

POLIT:545-001

T/Th, In-Person, 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., Dr. Kaltenthaler

This course explores the causes and consequences of Al Qaeda and ISIS ideologies and tactics around the world.

National Security Intelligence

POLIT:546-001

TTh, In-person, 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m., Dr. Kaltenthaler

This course will familiarize students with the politics and policy of national security intelligence in the US.

The Supreme Court & Constitutional Law

POLIT:561-501

MW, In-Person, 2:00 – 3:15 p.m., Dr. 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.

Fundamentals of Political Strategy

POLIT:570-501/801

501: M, Online Real-time, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Cyndra Cole

801: M, In-Person, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Cyndra Cole

Explore theoretical concepts, practical applications, roles, and best practices as it relates to political campaign management. Develop critical thinking skills to assess, analyze, act and communicate in situations throughout the election cycle, including message development and delivery, target audiences and voter contact and engagement. Consider real-life and rhetorical situations and hear from campaign professionals equipped to share first-hand perspectives on the operations and infrastructure of political campaigns.

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Fundamentals of Electoral Messaging

POLIT:571-501/801

501: W, Online Real-time, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., James Crooks

801: W, In-Person, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., James Crooks

Explore theoretical concepts, practical applications, roles, and best practices as it relates to political campaign and electoral communication. Develop skills to plan, produce and execute strategic political messages including campaign addresses, press releases and media advisories, constituent, volunteer, and donor communications, and video releases while considering candidate and opposition research, fact sheets, time and budgetary constraints, polling and targeting data, and candidate preferences.

Civic Engagement and Political Behavior

POLIT:555-501/801

501: Th, Online Real-time, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Dr. Strachan

801: Th, In-Person, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Dr. Strachan

This course examines whether and why average people participate in the political system, as well as how varying levels of social trust and trust in government affect the ability to sustain both civic voluntarism and a robust democracy. Particular attention will be paid to individual motivations for participation in a full array of civic and political activities.

Scope & Theories of Political Science

POLIT:600-501/801

501: T, Online Real-time, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. , Dr. Gelleny

801: T, In-Person, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. , Dr. Gelleny

Prerequisite: Admission to political science graduate program or permission. Emphasis on the nature, scope, and content of political theory; theory construction and validation in political science.

Advanced Analytic Writing and Briefing (3 Credits)

POLIT:603-801

Th, In-Person, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Dr. Kaltenthaler

Prerequisite: Admission to a Political Science graduate program or permission. Course will assist in the development of Essay / Capstone projects: Organization, format presentation, editing, committee review. Will help polish student writing and presentation skills.

Special Topics: [Un]class – Get Out the Vote Akron

POLIT: 690-001

8W1, T, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Hybrid, Additional Dates and Times Vary, Includes Evenings and Weekends,

Dr. Strachan

Through a collaboration with the Department of Political Science and the Bliss Institute of Applied Politics, students will engage with Asian Services In Action (ASIA) and the campus community to help with voter registration efforts.

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Special Topics: LSAT Prep (1 Credit)

POLIT:690-801/802

801: 8W1; 802: 8W2

T, In-Person, 6:30 p.m. – 8:20 p.m., Todd Gerber

This course will help students develop strategies for taking the LSAT. One credit course.

Internship in Government & Politics

POLIT:695

See Dr. Marion for details

Provides students with experiential learning experiences in their field of study.