

Spring 2024

Political Science

Undergraduate Schedule of Classes

Government & Politics in the United States

POLIT:100-020 (11795)

MWF, In Person, 10:45 a.m. – 11:35 a.m., Steven Caraboolad

POLIT:100-030 (14028)

MW, In Person, 1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Steven Caraboolad

POLIT:100-501 (10297)

Asynchronous Online, David Dobo

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

POLIT:150-020 (10298)

MWF, In Person, 10:45 a.m. – 11:35 a.m., Dr. Gelleny

Introduction to international politics and an examination of the governments and foreign policies of selected states from a comparative perspective.

State & Local Government and Politics

POLIT:210-001 (12962)

MWF, In Person, 9:40 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Steven Caraboolad

Examination of institutions, processes and intergovernmental relations at state and local levels.

Introduction to Political Thought

POLIT: 203:501 (12252)

Asynchronous Online, Dr. McHugh

Survey of major ideas and concepts of Western political theory from pre-Socrates through period of Enlightenment.

Comparative Politics

POLIT:300-020 (12367)

8W2, Asynchronous Online, Dr. Gelleny

Introduction to comparative political analysis; description of political systems of Great Britain, France, Germany and Russia; contrast between democracy and totalitarianism.

Intro to Political Research

POLIT:301-001 (14648)

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

POLIT:301-501 (12254)

Asynchronous Online, Dr. Marcin

Introduction to the methods employed in contemporary political science research: research design, data collection and analysis, presentation and evaluation of findings.

International Politics and Institutions

POLIT:310-001 (14611)

MWF, In Person, 9:40 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Dr. Gelleny

Relations among nations examined in political context.

Law and Society

POLIT:335-501 (12253)

Asynchronous Online, Kim Hufgard

This course will examine how law constructs and constrains political conflict, and how legal institutions mediate, reinforce, and challenge existing power relationships.

Inside the White House

POLIT:351-001/501 (14649/14799)

14649: T/Th, In-person, 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Dr. Cohen

14799: T/Th, Online Real-time, 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Dr. Cohen

The course looks behind the curtain at the inner workings of the White House. Topics include physical structure of the White House, travel, protection, and staff.

The Judicial Process

POLIT:360-501 (11796)

TTh, Online Real-time, 6:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Dr. 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 Criminal Justice System

POLIT:361-501 (13211)

Asynchronous Online, Dr. McHugh

POLIT:361-001 (13396)

T/Th, In-Person, 10:45 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Dr. 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.

Women in Politics

POLIT:375-001/501 (14667/14717)

14667: T/Th, In-person, 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m., Dr. Strachan

14717: T/Th, Online Real-time, 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m., Dr. Strachan

Course examines the past, present, and future role of women in politics.

Selected Topics: LSAT Prep

POLIT:392-801/802 (15140/15142)

15140: 8W1

15142: 8W2

T, In-Person, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Todd Gerber

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

Internship in Government & Politics

POLIT:395-* (varies)**

See Dr. Marion for details

Provides students with experiential learning experiences in their field of study. 2-9 credits

Media, Crime, and Public Opinion

POLIT:403-001 (14612)

MWF, In-person, 12:55-1:45 p.m., Kim Hufgard

Examines the social construction of crime in mass media and how it impacts the public, including fear of crime, beliefs about crime causation, and crime policy. (Formerly 3700:403)

Politics in the Middle East

POLIT:405-001 (14042)

MWF, In-person, 12:55-1:45 p.m., Eihab Abousena

The rise of the state system in the Middle East after World War I; an analysis of the socio-cultural, ideological forces influencing the political behavior of the people of the Middle East. In-depth study of selected political systems.

Homeland Security and Policy Process

POLIT:419-001/501 (13397/14800)

TTh, In-person and Online Real-Time, 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Dr. Cohen

13397: T/Th, In-person, 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Dr. Cohen

14800: T/Th, Online Real-time, 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Dr. Cohen

The course will explore the concept of homeland security, the complexity of homeland security and disaster policy in a federal system, threats to homeland security, and the challenges to effective homeland security and disaster policy in the United States.

Campaign Battleground

POLIT:427-501 (14618)

T, 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. It will also examine coverage of national, state, and local races by the media as well as analyze current polling. The course will include guest speakers including academics, campaign professionals, public officials, and journalists.

Survey Research Methods

POLIT:440-501/801 (14673/14672)

14672: Th, In-Person, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Michelle Henry

14673: Th, Online Real-time, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Michelle Henry

Prerequisite: POLIT 100. Study of survey research methods as applied to the analysis of public opinion, political behavior, and public policy formation.

Intelligence Analysis (3 Credits)

POLIT:448-801 (13399)

W, In-person, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Dr. Kaltenthaler

This course is intended to for students who seek a career in the field of government or private sector intelligence or who just have an interest in how intelligence analysis is done.

Administering Prisons, Probation, and Parole (3 Credits)

POLIT:450-001 (12859)

MWF, In-person, 11:50 a.m. – 12:40 p.m., Kim Hufgard

Prerequisite: POLIT 100. Analysis of the administrative, electoral, and community conflicts central to understanding, resolving, and preventing these conflicts in a correctional environment.

The Supreme Court and Civil Liberties

POLIT:462-001 (12371)

MW, In-person, 2:00 p.m.- 3:15 p.m., Dr. Marcin

Prerequisite: POLIT 100. Interpretation of the Constitution by the Supreme Court with emphasis on freedom of speech and press, freedom of religion, criminal rights and right to privacy.

Campaign Finance, Fundraising, and Budgeting

POLIT:472-501/801 (13588/13590)

13588: M, Online Real-time, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Cyndra Cole

13590: M, In-Person, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Cyndra Cole

This course examines the most controversial aspect of applied politics: the role and influence of money. Topics include: the sources of political money, how it is raised and spent, the impact of money on the political process, the rules that govern political finance, and proposals for campaign finance reform.

Public Opinion, Behavior, and Electoral Politics

POLIT:474-501 (14670)

Asynchronous Online, Dr. Coffey

Prerequisite: POLIT 100 or POLIT 301. Advanced analysis of psychological, cultural, and group processes of opinion formation and change. Attention given to the effect of opinion change on electoral outcomes.

Fundamentals of the Digital Campaign

POLIT:478-501/801 (13693/13694)

13693: W, Online Real-time, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Richie Alicea

13694: W, In-Person, 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Richie Alicea

This course will examine the evolution of digital campaigning, explore the pillars of effective digital strategy, and analyze the role digital strategy plays from communications to fundraising to field and everything in between. It will look at the rise of digital platforms, strengths and weaknesses of them, how to best leverage them in a well-rounded digital program, along with security and disinformation tactics to navigate. Students will learn how to effectively research, craft, deploy, and execute an effective digital plan that can serve as the connective tissue of any winning campaign.

Policy Problems in Political Science

POLIT:480-001 (14414)

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

Intensive study of selected problems in public policy.

Special Topics: Human Trafficking

POLIT:492-001 (14070)

MWF, In-Person, 10:45 a.m. – 11:35 a.m., Kim Hufgard

This class will discuss the realities of human trafficking, how one becomes a victim, legislation to combat human trafficking, and how the state of Ohio is combatting human trafficking.

Special Topics: Deliberation and Political Disagreement

POLIT:492-002/502 (14614/14617)

14614: MW, In-Person 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m., Dr. Strachan

14617: MW, Online Real-time, 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m., Dr. Strachan

Students will discuss the historical tensions between civil unrest and civility as ways to promote a more inclusive, stable version of US democracy. Students will learn various tactics associated with deliberative decision-making essential to both organizing and to governing. They will have the opportunity to practice these tactics as they discuss contemporary political issues.

Special Topics: Daily News

POLIT:492-003 (14676)

TTh, In-Person, 2:00 p.m.- 3:15 p.m., Dr. Marion

The news is constantly changing all around us. This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to discuss, understand, and explore local, national, and international current events. Throughout the term, students will stay up to date on current issues and trends.