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.
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.
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.