Government & Politics in the United States  
POLIT:100-001  
MWF, In Person, 8:35 a.m. – 9:25 a.m., Dr. Cohen  
POLIT:100-002  
MWF, In Person, 10:45 a.m. – 11:35 a.m., Steven Caraboolad  
POLIT:100-501  
MWF, Online Synchronous, 8:35 a.m. – 9:25 a.m., Dr. Cohen  
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!

Introduction to Political Thought  
POLIT: 203:001  
TTh, In Person, 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Dr. McHugh  
Survey of major ideas and concepts of Western political theory from pre-Socrates through period of Enlightenment.

Comparative Politics  
POLIT:300-001  
TTh, In Person, 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m., 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  
T/Th, In Person, 12:20 p.m. - 1:45  p.m., Dr. Coffey  
POLIT:301-501  
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.

Politics of Developing Nations  
POLIT:326-001  
MWF, In Person, 12:55 p.m. – 1:45 p.m., Steven Caraboolad  
General introduction to concepts and theories of political development and political institutions, elite-recruitment and political processes of selected emerging nations.
The American Presidency  
**POLIT:350-001**  
**MWF, In Person, 9:40-10:30 a.m., Dr. Cohen**  
**POLIT:350-501**  
**MWF, Online Synchronous, 9:40-10:30 a.m., Dr. Cohen**  

This course is intended to help students develop a familiarity and understanding of the American presidency. It will focus on the historical foundations, traditions, and development of the presidential institution, the individuals who have served as president, and the formal and informal powers of the office. We will also examine current issues confronting the American president and presidency. 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  
**POLIT:360-501**  
**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**  
**Asynchronous Online, 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.

Selected Topics in Political Science: Movies and the Mob  
**POLIT:392-001**  
**MW, In-Person, 10:10 a.m. – 11:35 a.m., Dr. Marion**  
This course will explore how the mob is portrayed in popular film.

Selected Topics in Political Science: Politics and Entertainment  
**POLIT: 392-002**  
**MW, In-Person, 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**  
This course will explore how politics is portrayed in music, movies, TV shows, books and more.

Selected Topics in Political Science: LSAT Prep  
**POLIT:392-004**  
**8W1, T, In-Person, 6:30 p.m. – 8:20 p.m., Todd Gerber**  
**POLIT:392-005**  
**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.
Special Topics: [Un]class – Get Out the Vote Akron  
POLIT: 392-003  
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.

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

Advanced Topics in Research Methods  
POLIT:401-001  
MW, In-person, 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m., Dr. Coffey  
Prerequisite: POLIT 301 or SOCIO 301. Special advanced topics of interest in research methods.

Media, Crime, and Public Opinion  
POLIT:403-001  
MWF, In-person, 10:45 a.m. - 11:35 a.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.

Politics in the Middle East  
POLIT:405-001  
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.

Campaign Battleground  
POLIT:427-501  
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. 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.

Ohio Politics  
POLIT:428-501  
Asynchronous Online, Dr. 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.
Government Versus Organized Crime
POLIT:437-501 (14618)
Asyncronous Online, Kim Hufgard
The course gives a history of organized crime and the government’s responses to fight it. Newly emerging international crime groups are also discussed.

Al-Qaeda and Isis
POLIT:445-001
TTh, 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:446-001
TTh, In-person, 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m., Dr. Kaltenthaler
The aim of this course is to familiarize students with the politics and policy of national security intelligence in the US.

Civic Engagement and Political Behavior (3 Credits)
POLIT:455-501/801
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.

The Supreme Court & Constitutional Law
POLIT:461-501
MW, In-person, 2:00 p.m. – 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

Political Strategy
POLIT:470-501/801
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.
Electoral Messaging
POLIT:471-501/801
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 campaign and electoral messaging. 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.

Voter Contact & Elections
POLIT:473-501/801
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
Theoretical and practical approaches to gaining votes in all types of political campaigns.

The Challenges of Police Work
POLIT:481-001
MWF, In Person, 11:50 a.m. – 12:40 p.m., Kim Hufgard
Analysis of the neighborhood, bureaucratic, electoral, and operational conflicts central to police work, with a focus on efforts and obstacles to improving police work.

Constitutional Problems in Criminal Justice
POLIT:483-001
MWF, In Person, 12:55 p.m. – 1:45 p.m., Kim 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.

Selected Topics: Landmark Supreme Court Cases
Polit 492-001
MW, In Person, 11:10 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.
This course will take a closer look at famous Supreme Court cases that have shaped the United States of America.