Political Science Course Descriptions

Lower Division Courses

POLS 1000 Introduction to Politics (3)
Nature of the political process, the state; sovereignty; nationalism; functions of government; ideologies; forms of government; democratic and totalitarian models; constitutionalism; representation; political parties and pressure groups, legislative, executive, administrative, judicial processes; international politics.

POLS 1100 Introduction to American Government (3)
Basic principles of American systems of government; relations of citizens to government; structure, organization, powers and procedures of governmental agencies.

POLS 1150 American Political Systems (3)
The course will provide you with an overview of the literature and theoretical concepts associated with political science as it relates to American politics. The intent is to provide you with a sample of key findings in the literature, as well as help you develop critical skills for evaluating research. All majors must take this course to fulfill the American Politics requirement.

POLS 1200 American State & Local Politics (3)
Government and administration of states and their subdivisions; state’s constitutional position; federal-state, federal-city, state-city relationships.

POLS 1500 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3)
This course introduces students to the logic, method, and theoretical approaches of the comparative study of political systems and processes. It examines the institutions and processes of government in various kinds of political systems around the world, particularly liberal democratic systems in advanced industrial countries, communist systems and the process of transition out of communism, and developing countries. It also investigates the process of political change, particularly pressures on the welfare state, state-building and modernization, democratization, and revolution.

POLS 1510 Politics of Developing World (3)
This course is an introduction to the domestic politics of developing countries in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America. Topics include democracy and authoritarianism, economic development, political conflict, the role of political institutions, and political culture.

POLS 1600 Introduction to International Politics (3)
Role of power, ethics, law, public opinion; effectiveness of various techniques of international relations; diplomacy, propaganda, subversion. Crucial problems: proliferation of nuclear weapons, revolutionary warfare, hunger. How should we respond to the challenge?
POLS 1700 Foundations of Political Theory (3)
This course introduces students to political theory through competing answers to such questions such "What is the difference between brute force and legitimate authority?" or "What are 'rights' and where do they come from?" Thinkers regularly studied include Plato, Aristotle, Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau. Reserved for freshmen and sophomores.

POLS 1930 Special Topics (1-3)

POLS 2000 Methods in Political Science (4)
This course covers the research topics pertaining to the behaviorist-traditionalist dichotomy, the nature of science, application of scientific methods, quantification of political phenomena, function of theory and theory building, surveys and computers. Fulfills the Methods requirement, required of all students.

POLS 2010 Ethics and Politics (3)
This course challenges students to explore the relationship between moral values and political choices. Focusing on contemporary political issues, problems, and policies, we examine how different political philosophies, including Catholic social justice principles, provide different frameworks for judging the consequences of our political choices. Fulfills the A&S Cultural Diversity requirements.

POLS 2100 The American Constitution (3)
This course explores basic themes in the American Constitution—popular sovereignty, separation of powers, and federalism—and the historical struggles between various government actors over the allocation of political power in the American constitutional system from the Constitutional Convention in 1789 to the recent conflict over terrorism and state power.

POLS 2120 The American Congress
This course examines lawmaking in the US Congress including topics such as legislative elections, representation and law-making.

POLS 2140 The American Presidency (3)
An examination of the institution of the presidency, and the ways the President marshals his political resources to provide leadership to American society.

POLS 2150 Black Politics (3)
This course explores the dynamics of race and ethnicity in American political life. How has race shaped American political life? What role do political institutions play in constructing and maintaining racial categories? Can we use these institutions to overcome racial boundaries? Fulfills the A&S Diversity in the U.S. requirement.

POLS 2160 Campaigns and Elections (3)
How age, sex, religion, occupation, education, ethnicity, group memberships, etc., explain why individuals do or do not participate in electoral activities, mainly voting and campaigning. Factors determining partisan and ideological direction of such activity; significance of elections and their outcomes for the individual and the system.
POLS 2210 Civic Renewal: Service Learning and Community Justice (3)
Focuses on the Civic Renewal movement and academic and practical insights about citizens’ participation in their communities. Topics include: racial/ethnic alienation; loss of efficacy to corporate lobbyists, political strategies, and media personalities; enhancing democratic participation. Service learning project investigates complexities of civic renewal through the eyes of the justice system.

POLS 2220 Urban Politics (3)
This course offers an overview of the politics of American cities. It examines the economic, social, and political interaction of different individuals and institutions in an urban environment, provides basic knowledge of American cities. We further examine the interaction and conflict between cities and suburban areas. Fulfills the A&S Diversity in the U.S. requirement.

POLS 2300 Public Administration (3)
Theoretical and practical field of public administration. Focus on: 1. the development of public administration as an academic field; 2 organizational theory and society; 3 administrative principles; 4 public administration and public affairs; 5 future challenges in public administration.

POLS 2350 Sex, Drugs, and Rock and Roll: Morality Politics in the United States
Morality politics is defined as “the legal sanctions of right and wrong.” This course offers an overview of morality politics and an examination of the historical foundations of legislating morality in the United States. This course examines the prohibition of alcohol, the war on drugs, capital punishment, and same-sex marriage.

POLS 2510 West European Politics (3)
Comparative study of political and governmental institutions and policy processes of France, Germany, England. Offered occasionally.

POLS 2520 Introduction to African Politics (3)
Study of governments and political processes in Africa. Examines salient themes such as the nature of African traditional heritage; the colonial experience; nationalism and independence; the challenge of nation-building; African political parties; the role of the military and contributions of different theories to the understanding of African politics. Fulfills the A&S core Global Citizenship requirement.

POLS 2530 Soviet & Post Soviet Politics (3)
This course examines change in political systems through the example of the Soviet Union and Russia. It explores the collapse of existing systems—of the Russian Empire in 1917 and of the Soviet Union in 1991—and the development of new ones, including efforts to establish a democratic-market system today. Fulfills the A&S core Global Citizenship requirement.

POLS 2540 Ethnicity & Internal War (3)
This course investigates conflicts within existing states, especially conflicts that appear to be based in the primary collective identity and cultural and personal features of individuals. It
examines conflicts in Yugoslavia, Northern Ireland, and South Africa, and in other areas of the world. Fulfills the A&S core Global Citizenship requirement.

**POLS 2550 Political Systems of the Sub-Sahara (3)**
Examines governmental institutions and political processes. Emphasis is on nationalism and independence, types of civilian regimes, institutions and bureaucracy, political modernization, the role of the military and transition to democracy. Fulfills the A&S core Global Citizenship requirement.

**POLS 2560 The Politics of Asia (3)**
Course examines the three waves of: 1. Asia’s traditional order and both its collapse and persistence in the face of the Western imperial onslaught, 2. The development of Asian nationalism out of this colonial legacy, and 3. The subsequent clash between Marxist revolution and liberal democracy in Asia’s quest for modernization. Fulfills the A&S core Global Citizenship requirement.

**POLS 2570 Introduction to Latin American Politics (3)**
This course is intended to be a multi-disciplinary introduction to Latin America. It examines the cultural factors that provide a unique context in which Latin American nations develop and analyzes both the challenges and the opportunities for economic and political development in the region. The course concludes with an examination of four country case studies. Fulfills the A&S core Global Citizenship requirement.

**POLS 2580 Politics of Mexico (3)**
Course focuses on the dynamics of Mexican politics from independence to the present. It examines issues of economic development, revolution, authoritarianism and democracy, and the role of civil society. In addition the course addresses US-Mexico relations and the impact of the Mexican Diaspora in the US on Mexican politics.

**POLS 2590 Politics of the Middle East and North Africa**
This course examines the modern politics of the Middle East and North Africa, emphasizing the years 1960 to 2010. Students who complete each of the written assignments for this course will gain a stronger understanding of the system of contemporary knowledge production about the region.

**POLS 2600 Introduction to International Political Economy (3)**
Explores the interaction of economics and politics in global affairs by examining Realist, Liberalists, and Marxist approaches. Special emphasis is placed on the political and economic dimensions of the postwar international monetary, financial, and trading systems. Topics include, globalization, foreign debt, multinationals, international development, and regional economic organizations. Fulfills the A&S core Global Citizenship requirement.

**POLS 2610 Introduction to Diplomacy (3)**
POLS 2640 International Terrorism (3)
Terrorism as a major problem of world affairs; identifies different types of terrorism and analyzes their complex causes; examines policies and techniques used to combat terrorism.

POLS 2650 War & Peace in the Middle East (3)
This course examines the many conflicts of the region and the efforts made to bring them under control. Most of these efforts are controversial; none of them can ensure a long-lasting solution. This examination, however, can lead to a greater understanding of a complex and volatile region.

POLS 2660 Middle East in International Politics (3)
Analysis of the major issues of Middle East politics and of their effects on the course of international relations. Examination of the foreign policies of all the states of the region in their historical context. Discussion of current trends.

POLS 2700 Issues in Political Philosophy (3)
Course introduces students to the subfield of political theory by examining issues in the history of political thought - such as the idea of democracy; or of freedom; or the relationship between individuals and the state – through close reading of texts. Not open to students who have taken POLS 1700.

POLS 2800 Men and Masculinities (3)
The course introduces research on men and masculinity, and gender more generally, and explores from a feminist perspective the personal and political issues this research – and the current state of our world – raise for men and women. Topics include socialization, college life, media, personal relations, politics, sports, and war.

POLS 2820 American Foreign Policy (3)
Assessment of extent of formal and informal influence within the decision-making process exerted by governmental and non-governmental agencies on current U.S. foreign policy. Offered occasionally.

POLS 2930 Special Topics (1-4)

Upper Division Courses

POLS 3100 Judicial Politics (3)
Organization and procedures of American federal and state courts. Factors affecting judges' rulings and interpretation of law. Topics may include: politics of judicial selection, case studies of major decisions or social issues, and scope of judicial authority to implement social change.

POLS 3130 Civil Liberties and Civil Rights (3)
This course surveys the various constitutional protections that may be employed by individuals against the state under the United States Constitution, the long struggle for racial equality that
has shaped the American polity since before the Constitution was written, and the application of equal protection principles to other protected classes. Fulfills the A&S Diversity in the U.S. requirement.

POLS 3140 Public Opinion & Mass Communication (3)
Major media and processes through which political ideas are communicated; nature, techniques, effects of propaganda and other forms of political communication; relationship of publics opinions to policy-making.

POLS 3150 American Presidential Elections (3)
Presidential nominating process and campaign; backgrounds of presidential candidates, interplay among candidates, issues, parties, interest groups, media and political strategies; considers presidential election reforms. Offered occasionally.

POLS 3200 Women & Political Leadership (3)
This course will examine theories of leadership to incorporate gender issues and ethics in reviewing the call to responsible citizenship and the obligation to build just social institutions. Students will be encouraged to develop skills in reflection on their own commitment to create a just society. Prerequisite: Second semester sophomore standing.

POLS 3210 Shelter in America: US Housing Policy (3)
Using the 1949 Housing Act as a starting point, this course examines the history—and the successes and failures—of the federal government’s involvement in sheltering all Americans. Topics include public housing, affordable rental housing, homelessness, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, neighborhood rehabilitation, and community development.

POLS 3250 American Politics and Film (3)
Politics and Film considers the American movie industry’s changing perspectives on US political institutions and processes. Award winning cinema classics are analyzed both as art and as political communication within the context of their historical settings. Students research a particular work in terms of context, art, and political communication.

POLS 3300 U.S. Public Policy (3)
This course will serve as an introduction to the U.S. public policy process including the questions of how values, institutions and political actors shape policy outcomes Enrollment requires Introduction to American Government (POLS 1100) or permission of the instructor.

POLS 3310 Administrative Law (3)
Legal issues concerning public administrative agencies, their relationships with other governmental institutions, private corporations and the general public. Sovereign and limited immunity, primary jurisdiction and exhaustion, standing and ripeness; estoppel; discretionary justice.
POLS 3320 Politics, Policy & Inequality (3)
In this course we examine how economic inequality influences American politics and policy and, in turn, how these policies shape economic inequality. Prerequisite is Introduction to American Politics (POLS 1100) or permission of instructor.

POLS 3330 Metropolitan Environment (3)
An interdisciplinary course presenting the political, social, economic, educational, and religious dimensions of metropolitan areas. Socio-demographic trends and methods for analyzing neighborhoods will be discussed. The political and governmental system with an emphasis on its state and local manifestations will be presented. These topics will be explored against the background of cultural diversity which exists in society.

POLS 3410 Government Decision-Making: Organization Behavior (3)
Application of organization behavior theory to the decision-making process of governmental administrative agencies; impact of organization on governmental policies.

POLS 3500 The Asian Miracles (3)
Explores the politics and development in the Asian “miracles”—Singapore, Hong Kong, South Korea, and Taiwan—by examining competing explanations for the successful performance of these countries. Topics include, industrial structure, financial, labor, and social welfare policies. It concludes with the 1997 crisis and implications for future growth.

POLS 3510 Rebirth of Democracy (3) Madrid
An examination of the nature of democracy and the recent trend toward democratic reform around the world, especially in Eastern and Central Europe and Latin America. The theoretical and practical interconnections between political and economic reform and between democratic and market systems.

POLS 3520 Communism, Capitalism, and Social Justice (3)
This course examines theoretical and practical solutions to the problems of politics in Marxist thinking. Some questions students will try to answer are whether communist ideals necessarily entail undemocratic political systems and why real-world Communist systems largely failed to achieve the goals to which they were dedicated.

POLS 3530 Comparative Revolutions (3)
This course is a theoretical and historical examination of the nature of revolutions, their origins, progress and results. Special focus is given to the Bolshevik, Chinese, Nicaraguan, and Iranian revolutions, and to the collapse of communist regimes in Eastern Europe.

POLS 3540 Latin American Social Movements (3)
This course focuses on organized social movements in Latin America with a combination of theoretical analysis and case studies of specific social movements. Issues covered in the course include class and labor movements, gender and sexuality, race and ethnicity, and the globalization of social movements.
POLS 3560 Political Process – Latin America (3) Madrid
An in-depth survey of the political, social and economic processes and developments that have shaped the region in recent decades. Topics include the leftward shift throughout South America; the rise of indigenism in countries such as Bolivia and Ecuador; the search for sustained economic growth and political stability in Mexico, Colombia and Peru; the impact of globalization; changing gender roles; and the emergence of new social movements; U.S.-Latin American relations. An optional academic trip to South America may be incorporated into the course.

POLS 3567 Political Development in Contemporary Spain (Madrid) (3)
Study of historical factors in the political development of Spain and their consequences in contemporary politics. Focus on the Second Republic, the Spanish Civil War, Franco, the Church and religion, the establishment of the new middle classes, the reign of King Juan Carlos I, the Spanish Armed Forces and the emergence of democratic Spain.

POLS 3570 Third World Development (3)
This course focuses broadly on the challenge of development in the Third World, and especially on the political dimensions of the process of development. It analyzes critical variables that influence the development path of Third World nations, with particular emphasis on culture, economics, colonialism, and democratization. The second part of the course explores the dynamics of developing countries by examining cases from Latin America, Africa, and Asia.

POLS 3590 The Arab Uprisings: The Politics of Expertise
This course has two objectives. The first is to examine the events of the Arab Spring and subsequent uprisings in North Africa and the Middle East. The second objective is to explore the politics of expertise. Who is considered an expert? Prerequisite: POLS 2590.

POLS 3600 Problems of Globalization (3)
This course explores the political, economic, and cultural dimensions of globalization. It examines the following key question: What causes globalization? What are its effects? How can countries cope with these effects? Other topics examined include, state autonomy, the democratic deficit, the IMF and WTO, equity, cultural imperialism, and social justice. Fulfills the A&S Global Citizenship requirement.

POLS 3610 Multilateral Diplomacy (3)
Characteristics of multilateral diplomacy. How it is carried out; methods and techniques. Multilateral negotiations. In what ways multilateral diplomacy differs from bilateral diplomacy. Various forms of multilateral diplomacy and what they contribute to the management of international problems.

POLS 3620 International Organization & the Management of World Problems (3)
International organization as a new dimension of international relations. Law and politics of organizations. How contemporary institutions cope with current problems; aggression, the arms race, self-determination, economic and social development.
**POLS 3640 International Law**
The course examines the nature of the international legal system, how the law is made and applied, and the challenges presented by global society. It studies the main components of this body of law such as jurisdiction, the law of the sea, law of treaties, settlement of disputes and the laws of war.

**POLS 3650 International Relations of Africa (3)**
Examines the major goals and objectives which African states project and endeavor to attain in the international political and economic system. Impact of the international system on African states. The nature and consequences of conflict and cooperation between African states.

**POLS 3710 Ancient and Medieval Political Theory (3)**
This course traces the development of Western political thought from its beginnings in the Greek city-state to end of the Middle Ages. Thinkers addressed may include: Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, Augustine, Aquinas. Alternate years.

**POLS 3720 Renaissance and Modern Political Theory (3)**
This course is a survey of modern political thought. Issues addressed include the rise of humanism, individualism, and liberalism; changing interpretations of natural law; constitutionalism and checking of absolutism; the Enlightenment. Among writers considered are Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Hegel, Marx, Nietzsche, and Mill. Alternate years.

**POLS 3740 Capitalism, Racism, Patriarchy: Theorizing Structural Power (3)**
This advanced course in political theory teaches students to analyze systemic relations of power. We first address the idea of structural rather than individual power; then examine the logics of capitalism, racism and patriarchy; then consider the whole that they jointly comprise. Prerequisite: One theory course or permission of instructor.

**POLS 3750 The Modern Democratic State (3)**
Philosophy and theory of democratic government in the context of institutions and processes of nineteenth and twentieth century Western democratic systems; fundamental tenets of popular participation in the decision-making process.

**POLS 3770 Feminist Theory: Gender Justice (3)**
Feminist Theory: Gender Justice examines the various ways of understanding gender by looking at a variety of theories and philosophical perspectives within feminist thought, especially as it is formed by political philosophy including liberal, radical, Marxist and postmodern feminism. Sub-field in political science is Political Thought. Prerequisite: Second semester sophomore standing.

**POLS 3780 Disability Theory and Politics (3)**
This course applies insights from disability studies to Western political thought in order to examine the political nature of disability and the disabling nature of politics. In this course, students are exposed to varying definitions, cultural representations, social justice issues, human rights concerns, and bioethical debates related to disability.
POL 3790 Topics in Political Theory (3)
This course focuses in depth on selected thinkers and themes in political theory. Topics vary from semester to semester. Sample topics include Kant and Contemporary Theory, Theories of Political Action, Marx and Capitalism.

POL 3800 The Structure of Poverty: Globally and Locally (3)
This course examines the theoretical and empirical literature on the social, political, and economic structures that produce and perpetuate cycles of poverty. Students will get a first-hand view of the structure of poverty as they engage in service learning projects at the well-established, nonprofit organization, Queen of Peace Center.

POL 3810 Latin-American-U.S. Relations (3)
This course examines relations between the United States and the countries of Latin America. It focuses on both the history of US-Latin America relations as well as current issues. Topics range from economic relations and trade, security, drug trafficking, democracy and human rights, and the role of international organizations.

POL 3850 Feminism in Action (3)
This course addresses feminist activism on a wide range of issues (including domestic violence, rape, education and health care), and in a variety of forms (including writing, theater, public protests and coalition building). It gives students the opportunity to study the scholarship of activism and to participate in feminist action.

POL 3860 Global and Transnational Feminism (3)
This course offers an advanced survey of the field of theory and political activism referred to as transnational feminism. Students are introduced to the history of feminist work in international political and economic forums (e.g. the UN and World Bank), as well as to on-going feminist efforts in the context of current social movements around the globe.

POL 3910 Federal Government Internship (1-6)
Interns serve in federal agencies or offices of elected officials, in Washington DC or locally, and gain experience and insight into the functioning of the federal system. Students keep journals and write an essay relating their experiences to assigned readings or course work. Permission of instructor required.

POL 3911 State or Local Government Internship (1-6)
Interns serve in state or local agencies or other government offices located in Jefferson City or in the St. Louis area. Students keep journals and write an essay relating their experiences to assigned readings or course work. At least one previous course in American Politics preferred. Permission of instructor required.

POL 3912 Administrative Internship (1-6)
Students who have satisfied course prerequisites in public administration employ classroom administrative theory while working in a public administration agency under the direction of experienced administrators. Students keep journals and write an essay relating their experiences to assigned readings or course work. Permission of instructor required.
POLS 3914 Foreign Service Internship (1-6)
Interns serve in agencies or nongovernmental organizations concerned with the conduct of foreign relations abroad, in Washington, or in St. Louis. Students keep journals and write an essay relating their experiences to assigned readings or course work. At least one previous course in International Relations preferred. Permission of instructor required.

POLS 3915 Legal Internship (1-6)
Interns work in law firms, in the legal department of large corporations, or in public agencies involved in the judicial process. In selecting their internships, Political Science majors are guided by the faculty member directing this program. Ideal for students interested in a legal career. Permission of instructor required.

POLS 3916 Campaign Practicum (1-3)
Requirements: 1. A program of campaign activity approved by both the campaign organization and the Department of Political Science; 2. assigned preparatory reading on campaigning and a paper analyzing the participant’s campaign experiences in the light of this reading. A journal and additional academic task selected by supervising Saint Louis University Political Science faculty (e.g., internship report or research project) are required. See faculty member before accepting internship.

POLS 3917 Research Internship
Students work with Political Science professor on professor’s research. Instructor’s permission required.

POLS 3918 Overseas Fieldwork (1-6)
Students work at overseas agency or organization. Students keep journals and write an essay relating their experiences to assigned readings or course work. Permission of instructor required.

POLS 3919 Women Leaders Internship (1-6)
Interns work with women in leadership positions in governmental or nongovernmental organizations, or collaborate on research projects related to women leaders in the public sector. Students relate their experiences to assigned readings on gender justice and the role of women in public policy. Permission of the instructor required.

POLS 3930 Special Topics (1-4)

POLS 4010 Cultural Methods: Gender, Politics, and Power (3)
This course covers methods of studying issues of culture, gender, and power, such as focus groups, interviews, and ethnographic fieldwork, often described as qualitative methods. Emphasis will be learning by doing – by completing small research exercises, including online surveys, and examining examples of research. Examination of ethical aspects of social research, of theoretical underpinnings of these methods, and of application of scientific procedures. Each student writes an extensive research proposal about some area of their choice. Junior level capacity in political science or women’s and gender studies expected.
**POLS 4110 American Political Institutions**  
Course examines design and contemporary function of America’s political institutions, including the three constitutionally-defined branches of government, parties and interest groups. Historical and contemporary readings on organization of Congress and the Executive; mobilization of societal interests for political action; how representative and responsive these institutions are; whether they produce “good” policy. Pre-requisite: At least junior-level standing and a prior course in American Politics.

**POLS 4120 Civil Rights: A Moot Court Seminar (3)**  
This course examines civil rights law in the US since mid-20th century. Students serve as lawyers and justices and retry Supreme Court cases on school desegregation, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, affirmative action, school busing, sex discrimination, and sexual orientation discrimination. Prerequisite: POLS 2100, POLS 3110, or permission of instructor.

**POLS 4140 Parties and Interest Groups (3)**  
This course examines the role of political parties and interest groups in the US representative process, elections and governance. Pre-requisite: At least junior-level standings and a prior course in American Politics.

**POLS 4150 Gender and Politics (3)**  
This course examines the ways women shape and are shaped by American politics and public policy. We explore the history, approaches, findings, and controversy in research about women in American politics and political science from various theoretical and methodological approaches. Pre-requisite: a previous course in American politics and junior-level standing.

**POLS 4160 Advanced Topics: American Presidency (3)**  
Studies the executive policy-making process, recruitment processes; Office of the President; bureaucracy’s role, effect of presidential style and personality on policy processes. Pre-requisite: At least junior-level standings and a prior course in American Politics.

**POLS 4170 Electoral Politics (3)**  
An analysis of the dynamics of party alignment, realignment, and of nomination and election to public office in American national government. Pre-requisite: At least junior-level standings and a prior course in American Politics.

**POLS 4300 Administration of National Policy (3)**  
How responsibly public officials perform in implementing public policies. Principles of accountability in democratic government; public interest theory; achievements and failures of bureaucracy, regulatory problems; discretionary power of public administrators; how to check administrative abuses. Pre-requisite: At least junior-level standings and a prior course in American Politics.

**POLS 4350 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems**  
Focus on Geographic Information Systems analysis of the politics and legal issues involved in selected functional categories of urban public policy. Offered Fall semester.
POLS 4500 Russian Political Culture (3)
This course examines the fundamental political beliefs and values of Russians, focusing on whether Russians today have the right attitudes to sustain democratic institutions. To understand what people think, we examine various kinds of sources: works of fiction, political philosophies, historical analyses, first-hand accounts, ethnographies, and quantitative public opinion studies. Prerequisite: Junior-level standing and a previous course in comparative politics.

POLS 4510 Seminar: Democratization (3)
This course examines the process of developing new democratic systems, with particular focus on Eastern and Central Europe, theories of democratic transition, and interconnections between democratic and market systems. Prerequisite: Junior-level standing and a previous course in comparative politics.

POLS 4520 Political Change (3)
This course examines major theoretical approaches to understanding and explaining periods of political change, focusing mostly on Latin America. Attention is given to both long-term and immediate causal processes and their consequences. Topics include revolution, democratization, social mobilization, and protest. Pre-requisite: junior-level standing and a previous course in comparative politics.

POLS 4530 Authoritarianism: A Study in Conceptual Utility (3)
Since its identification as a regime type by Juan Linz in 1964, “authoritarianism” has become a major concept in the field of comparative politics. In this course, we will explore the conceptual utility of authoritarianism. Pre-requisite: Junior-level standing and a previous course in comparative politics.

POLS 4610 International Relations: Theory and Practice (Madrid) (3)
A comprehensive introduction to international relations, starting from the central concepts and theories used to understand international affairs. Specific topics covered include the causes of war and peace, economic relations among states, humanitarian intervention, terrorism and immigration. Pre-requisite: Junior-level standing and a previous course in international relations.

POLS 4620 Global Diplomacy (3)
This course examines diplomacy used by international actors to address the problems confronting international society. Problems addressed include peace and security; the maintenance of order in the world; economic stability; sustainable development; and the protection of human rights, the environment, and global social justice. Pre-requisite: Junior-level standing and a previous course in international relations.

POLS 4630 The European Union: Politics and Political Economy (Madrid) (3)
Review of the origins and history of European integration; examination of the E.U. governance model, its institutional framework and the role of lobbying within the Union; and analysis of the mechanics of economic and monetary integration. The course also explores the role of the E.U.’s most influential member-states, as well as the U.S.-E.U. relationship. Optional academic trip to Brussels incorporated into the course.
POL 4640 Problems of International Terrorism (3)
This course provides an in-depth examination of selected problems related to global terrorism and the struggle against it. Pre-requisites: junior-level standing and a previous course in International Relations.

POL 4650 The Use of Force in International Relations (3)
Role and limitations of military power in international politics. Military power as an instrument of foreign and military policy and its influence on the behavior and relations of nations. Alternatives to the continued reliance on the use of military power within the international system.

POL 4660 Asymmetric Warfare (3)
This course examines the lessons of Western intervention in Vietnam and other insurgencies during the Cold War with the view of assessing their relevance to the two Gulf Wars and other interventions of the 9/11 Era. Pre-requisite: Junior-level standing and a previous course in international relations.

POL 4692 Theories of World Politics (3)
An advanced field seminar of the theories of world politics. Students will analyze key writings in the basics of the field, borrowings from other disciplines, and contemporary critiques. Coverage includes realism, liberalism, political economy, political psychology, international security, Marxism, critical studies, constructivism, and feminism. Pre-requisite: At least junior-level standing plus POLS 1600 or equivalent.

POL 4710 Citizenship & Social Difference (3)
This course will attempt to integrate the insights of feminist theory, critical race theory, and disability studies into an analysis of what it means to be an American citizen. Pre-requisite: Junior-level standing and a previous course in political thought.

POL 4730 Contemporary Political Ideologies (3)
This course traces the development of contemporary political ideologies from the mid-19th century through the 20th century. Emphasis on Marxist and other social movements, feminism, environmentalism, contemporary transnational movements. Explores the rise of culture and religion as sources of identity and political legitimacy. The course emphasizes the ability to interpret texts and use evidence to support both written and oral arguments. Pre-requisite: Junior-level standing and a previous course in political thought.

POL 4740 Marx’s Capital (3)
Marx’s CAPITAL is a seminal work of social philosophy and political economy, providing the foundation for any number of fields of 20th century inquiry—including critical theory and cultural theory. The upper-level seminar consists of a very close reading of Volume 1. Previous coursework in political theory subfield (as per department guidelines), or permission of instructor.
POLS 4750 American Political Thought (3)
From 1765 to the present. Eighteenth century consensus, nationalism versus sectionalism, nineteenth century reform movements, pragmatism and progressivism, current liberalism and conservatism. Pre-requisite: Junior-level standing and a previous course in political thought.

POLS 4800 Theories of Constitutional Interpretation (3)
Course explores justification for the judicial review in the U.S. Why, in a democratic system, do unelected judges possess the power to invalidate laws approved through the democratic process? Students read historical, legal, philosophical, and empirical works and develop their own ideas about the role of constitutional courts. Prerequisite: at least junior-level standing plus one American politics course.

POLS 4840 Politics of Health (3)
Course offers students political and analytical insights into understanding health policy issues in the U.S. and developing world. It examines how power relations and values affect choices on health issues. Of particular interest in this course is the AIDS pandemic in Africa. Prerequisite: Methods or permission of instructor.

POLS 4910 Political Science Internship
Student work in political science relevant area, such as on research projects with professor, with research governmental agencies, legislators, or legal institutions. For advanced students. Permission of instructor required.

POLS 4930 Special Topics (1-4)

POLS 4950 Senior Residency
Required of all graduating seniors in their final semester. This is a 0-credit course.

POLS 4960 Senior Research
Permission of the instructor required.

POLS 4990 Research Design (3)
An independent research project under a project director and a faculty committee in any of the subfields of Political Science. A requirement for students in the Political Science Honors Thesis Program, which is designed for students with a strong record in political science courses who want to apply to graduate school or top law schools. Permission of the Honors Thesis Program director and project director required. Counts as one 400-level seminar.

POLS 4991 Political Science Honors Thesis (3)
An undergraduate thesis written in any of the subfields of Political Science under the direction of a Political Science thesis director and a faculty committee. For members of the Political Science Honors Thesis Program only. A requirement for this program. Prerequisites: POLS-490 and permission of the Honors Thesis Program director and the project director required.

POLS 4980 Advanced Independent Study
Students examine a topic of their own choosing and write a substantial paper under the direction of a professor. Permission of the instructor is required.
Graduate classes

**POLS 5010 Cultural Methods: Gender, Politics, and Power (3)**
This course covers methods of studying issues of culture, gender, and power, such as focus groups, interviews, and ethnographic fieldwork, often described as qualitative methods. Emphasis will be learning by doing – by completing small research exercises, including online surveys, and examining examples of research. Examination of ethical aspects of social research, of theoretical underpinnings of these methods, and of application of scientific procedures. Each student writes an extensive research proposal about some area of their choice. Junior level capacity in political science or women’s and gender studies expected. Fulfills the Political Science Methods requirement.

**POLS 5020 Advanced Topics in Research Methods (3)**
This course focuses on the application of qualitative and quantitative methods in political science. Topics examined in this course include survey design, experimental design, focus groups, field research, case study analysis, interview techniques, analysis of variance, linear regression, and introduction to non-linear models.

**POLS 5060 Qualitative Research Methodology (3)**
The course will provide descriptive research methods including participant observation, oral history, and photography and their application to program evaluation and policy analysis.

**POLS 5100 Seminar in American Politics (3)**
This is a graduate seminar in American politics. It is designed to provide an overview of the literature and theoretical concepts associated with political science as it relates to American government and politics. The topics we cover include campaigns and election, mass behavior, public opinion, institutions of government, and policymaking.

**POLS 5110 American Political Institutions (3)**
Course examines design and contemporary function of America’s political institutions, including the three constitutionally-defined branches of government, parties and interest groups. Historical and contemporary readings on organization of Congress and the Executive; mobilization of societal interests for political action; how representative and responsive these institutions are; whether they produce “good” policy.

**POLS 5130 American Race Relations (3)**
The theme of this course is the transformed nature of racism and its effect on racial inequality. The course examines the degree to which racism and privilege are systemic, institutionalized features of U.S. society, focusing on the structural, ideology, and public-policy factors that created and sustained patterns of racial inequality.

**POLS 5140 Political Parties and Interest Groups (3)**
Though the Constitution is largely silent about them, political parties and interest groups perform indispensable functions in modern democracies. Despite their importance, these institutions are
often misunderstood by the public and there is a deep ambivalence toward these political organizations. In this course we will pursue a detailed understanding of parties and organized interests in America – how and why parties and organized interests form, what they do, and what we might want them to do.

**POLS 5150 Gender and American Politics (3)**
This course examines the ways in which women shape and are shaped by American politics and public policy. We explore the history, approaches, findings, and controversy in research about women in American politics and political science from a range of theoretical and methodological approaches.

**POLS 5170 Seminar in Electoral Politics (3)**
An analysis of the dynamics of party alignment, realignment, and of nomination and election to public office in American government systems.

**POLS 5171 Law, Policy, Society (3)**
This class examines the complexities and concerns inherent in social science and legal understanding of the relationship between law and society. The class will focus on (1) the dynamics and development of law and legal processes and (2) the relationship between law/courts and society.

**POLS 5200 Seminar in American State Politics (3)**
This course will focus on the comparative study of U.S. State politics. The topics we cover include campaigns and elections, mass behavior, public opinion, institutions of government, and policy making. The overarching theme of the course will focus on the process of representation in the American states.

**POLS 5210 Law, Crime, and Policy**
This course will provide students with theory and analytical skills to understand the socio-political parameters of crime and society’s policy response. Students will engage in real world policy analysis with an acute understanding of the political and practical issues involved in constructing public policies.

**POLS 5300 Administrative Law (3)**
Administrative law studies the regulatory behavior of governmental agencies from a legal perspective through case law, specifically how public administrators uphold procedural due process while conducting regulatory business. Topics include: legal-administrative relations, rule-making, adjudication, administrative discretion, judicial review of agency actions, and administrative search and seizures.

**POLS 5310 Issues in U.S. Public Administration**
This course examines the implementation of government policy in the US, focusing on the historical evolution of government policies, programs, and behavior of officials and current issues. Issues include: privatization, quotas, affirmative action, whistle-blowing.

**POLS 5320 Environmental Politics and Policy-making (3)**
This course investigates why governments make environmental laws; the competing values that influence environmental policy; and the institutions, processes and political actors that shape the creation and implementation of environmental laws in the U.S. We also consider the U.S. role in global efforts to address climate change.

**POLS 5325 Public Sector Budgeting**
Public budgeting at all levels of government; economic and political aspects of budgeting. Features an in-class budget simulation. Offered every Fall semester.

**POLS 5330 Public Sector Economics**
This course introduces the economics of the public sector. Topics include: public good, externalities, revenues and expenditures, taxation, and the economics of certain public policies like Social Security, Medicare, and welfare programs.

**POLS 5340 Policy Ethics**
This course enhances students' awareness of ethical tensions present in the study of public policy and administration, focusing on how religious, cultural and moral principles interact in the making and implementation of public. Particular themes include social justice, equality, fairness, individual liberty, and minimizing harm to others.

**POLS 5500 Russian Political Culture (3)**
This course examines the fundamental political beliefs and values of Russians, focusing on whether Russians today have the right attitudes to sustain democratic institutions. To understand what people think, we examine various kinds of sources: works of fiction, political philosophies, historical analyses, first-hand accounts, ethnographies, and quantitative public opinion studies.

**POLS 5510 Democratization (3)**
This course examines the nature of democracy and the recent trend toward democratic reform, focusing especially on the experiences of Central Europe and Latin America. The course also examines the relationship between political and economic reform and between democratic and market systems.

**POLS 5520 Political Change (3)**
This course examines major theoretical approaches to understanding and explaining periods of political change, focusing mostly on Latin America. Attention is given to both long-term and immediate causal processes and their consequences. Topics include revolution, democratization, social mobilization, and protest. Pre-requisite: junior-level standing and a previous course in comparative politics.

**POLS 5530 Authoritarianism: A Study in Conceptual Utility (3)**
This course explores the conceptual utility of authoritarianism. We begin by examining the literature on concepts. We then explore the classics in the field. The heart of our inquiry explores the transitions literature, sub-types of authoritarianism and contemporary cultural, economic and institutional approaches to the study of authoritarianism. Offered in the fall of odd years.
POLS 5550 Politics of Economic Development (3)
This course undertakes an advanced study of the development of the modern state and of how states interact with various other forms of political community as well as with markets and other states. Students examine how ongoing processes of economic globalization have rendered the concept of “the state” problematic.

POLS 5620 Global Diplomacy (3)
The course is concerned with the kind of diplomacy that enables international actors to address the problems confronting international society: problems addressed include peace and security; the maintenance of order in the world; economic stability; sustainable development; and the protection of human rights, the environment, and global social justice.

POLS 5640 Problems of International Terrorism (3)
This course provides an in-depth examination of selected problems related to global terrorism and the struggle against it. Pre-requisites: Students must have completed a previous course in International Relations. While there is not a specific pre-requisite for the course, students with limited background may need to do supplemental reading.

POLS 5660 Asymmetric Warfare (3)
This course examines the lessons of Western intervention in Vietnam and other insurgencies during the Cold War with the view of assessing their relevance to the two Gulf Wars and other interventions of the 9/11 Era.

POLS 5692 Theories of World Politics (3)
An advanced field seminar of the theories of world politics. Students will analyze key writings in the basics of the field, borrowings from other disciplines, and contemporary critiques. Coverage includes realism, liberalism, political economy, political psychology, international security, Marxism, critical studies, constructivism, and feminism. Prerequisite: POLS 1600, or equivalent.

POLS 5700 Politics, Rhetoric and Culture (3)
This course examines the relationship between politics and rhetoric. Does communication reflect political reality or create it? What are the political effects of different rhetorical styles? We will examine classical writings on rhetoric as well as contemporary democratic and rhetorical theory.

POLS 5710 Citizenship & Social Difference (3)
This course will examine several aspects of the embodied nature of citizenship. Looking specifically at the interplay between citizenship (as an identity, legal status, and practice) and socially constructed identities predicated upon perceived bodily differences (gender, race, and disability), we will examine the following preliminary questions: Historically, how and why has the American state denied women, people of color, and people with disabilities citizenship status? Should civil, social, and political rights, which are contingent upon citizenship status, be universal rights, or group-differentiated rights? How should we expand/amend conventional definitions of citizenship and political participation to account for the lived experiences of women, people of color, and people with disabilities? How do social constructed and maintained inequalities- via sexism, racism, and ableism- influence the practice of citizenship? Overall, this
course will attempt to integrate the insights from feminist theory, critical race theory, and disability studies into an analysis of what it means to be an American citizen.

**POL 5730 Contemporary Political Ideologies (3)**
This course traces the development of contemporary political ideologies from the mid-19th century through the 20th century. Emphasis on Marxist and other social movements, feminism, environmentalism, contemporary transnational movements. Explores the rise of culture and religion as sources of identity and political legitimacy. The course emphasizes the ability to interpret texts and use evidence to support both written and oral arguments. Prerequisite: Junior-level standing and a previous Political Thought course, or permission of the instructor.

**POL 5740 Marx’s Capital (3)**
This class is devoted to the close reading of Volume 1 of Marx’s CAPITAL, leading to an understanding of Marx’s analysis of capitalism. Students with a background in political theory or philosophy will find that training to be helpful, but the course does not presuppose previous reading of the text. Offered periodically.

**POL 5760 Feminist Theory (3)**
Begins with the history of feminist scholarship from the pre-modern period and 19th century and proceeds to examine liberal, socialist/Marxist, radical, postmodern, and global feminism. Critical reviews of each theory will include issues of race/ethnicity, class, sexuality, and spirituality. Offered each fall semester.

**POL 5770 Feminist Epistemologies (3)**
Examination of how feminist scholarship has re-contextualized epistemological issues in the philosophy of science, eco-feminism, hermeneutics, mysticism, and phenomenology. Students will write and present papers to demonstrate their integration of feminist theory and feminist epistemological issues within their own major fields of study. Offered each spring semester.

**POL 5800 Theories of Constitutional Interpretation (3)**
Course explores justification for the judicial review in the U.S. Why, in a democratic system, do unelected judges possess the power to invalidate laws approved through the democratic process? Students read historical, legal, philosophical, and empirical works and develop their own ideas about the role of constitutional courts. Prerequisite: one American politics course

**POL 5840 Global Health Politics & Policy (3)**
Course offers students political and analytical insights into the understanding of health policy issues in the U.S. and developing world. It examines how power relations and values affect choices on health issues. Of particular interest in this course will be the AIDS and Ebola pandemics in Africa.

**POL 5850 Policy Evaluation and Assessment**
This course will provide students with an understanding of the complexity and scope of policy evaluation and analysis. Students will become familiar with the concepts, methods, and applications of evaluation research. Students will also develop a toolkit to design traditional and cutting-edge evaluation methodology and analysis.
POLS 5910 Graduate Internship (1-3)
Interns work in Government agencies/offices, nonprofit organizations, or interest groups under the guidance of a preceptor from the sponsoring organization and under a course director from the political science department who develop a graduate level professional experience following department internship guidelines. Offered very semester.

POLS 5911 Graduate Capstone Internship (3-6)
Interns work in government agencies/offices, non-profit organizations, or interest groups under similar conditions to POLS 518. In addition, interns prepare a Policy Recommendation Paper, formal Grant Proposal, or Professional Quality Paper as specified in department capstone guidelines. Offered every semester.

POLS 5912 MPA Internship

POLS 5913 Field Service
Field experience by the student as community organizer, research assistant or administrative intern with a voluntary association, community organization or public or private agency. A paper evaluating the field experience is required. Offered every semester.

POLS 5950 Study for Special Exams (0)
Required of all graduating MA students in their final semester. A grade of "S" indicates that the oral exam has been passed.

POLS 5951 MPA Special Study for Exams
Required of all graduating MPA students in their final semester.

POLS 5960 MPA Capstone
Student selects a project examining an issue of importance to St. Louis, the region, or the nation, conducts independent research, and works with an adviser and committee to produce and present the capstone project to the committee. Offered every semester.

POLS 5971 MPA Research Topics (1-3)

POLS 5980 Graduate Independent Study (1-3)
Students embark on a course of individual study on a course not available in the regular curriculum in an area of faculty expertise. Schedule and workload are to be determined by the faculty instructor in accordance with the mutually agreed upon pedagogical objectives of the course. Offered every semester.

POLS 5981 MPA Reading Course (1-3)

POLS 5990 Thesis Research (0-6)
For students completing an MA thesis. Permission of the instructor and the director of graduate studies is required.
POLS 5CR Master's Degree Study (0)
This is a 0-credit course for students who want to keep their registration active even though they have not enrolled in classes for a semester.

POLS 6100 Judicial Policy Making (3)
The role of the judiciary in the policy making process is examined and compared with the roles of legislators and policy implementers.

POLS 6250 Poverty, Inequality and Public Policy (3)
This course provides a multidisciplinary framework to understand the theories and mechanisms that contribute to poverty and inequality in the U.S. The course will also provide a history of anti-poverty policies interventions and introduce current state of knowledge on policies that work at the national, state, city, and neighborhood level.

POLS 6300 U.S Health Care Policy (3)
This course will provide students with an overview of the U.S. health care system; orient students to the policy process, and increase the student's understanding of the nature of health policy making and health politics; and provide opportunities to develop an in-depth understanding of current health care issues.

POLS 6310 Policy Process (3)
This course deals with various inputs into the US policy-making process. Particular attention is focused on the impact of legislative law, administrative rule, and judicial order.

POLS 6320 Organization Theory & Behavior (3)
This course will provide a general focus on theories that provide insights into organizational life. Emphasis is given to public bureaucracies. Topics include motivational theory, management behavior and policy evaluation.

POLS 6330 Public Finance Theory (3)
This course examines the public finance functions of governments: stabilization, allocation, and distribution. Topics include the elements of an effective tax structure, in-depth analysis of revenue sources. Discussion is focused on theories of political economy, including classical, Marxist, Keynesian, neo-classical and new institutional economics.

POLS 6340 Politics, Power, and Coalitions (3)
This class offers an intensive consideration of power, coalition, and decision theory and models for purposes of analyzing behavior and policy outcomes in communities and formal organizations.

POLS 6350 Economic Development Policy (3)
This course on community economic development policy will focus on three issues: (1) theories of economic development; (2) methodological choices for the scale for community economic development (e.g., neighborhood, street, and block); and (3) Best practices and evidence based approaches to community economic development.
POLS 6700 American Political Thought (3)
This course focuses on selected ideas, issues, and institutions that have been central to the U.S. Constitution and the practice of American constitutionalism, from the founding era to the present. Readings emphasize seminal works in American political thought, which are supplemented by historical accounts, illustrative literature, and contemporary analyses. Offered every year.

POLS 6710 Leadership & Culture (3)
This seminar examines why certain leaders and styles of leadership have emerged in the cultures of particular social groups, ranging from electoral coalitions in American presidential campaigns, to African American churches, to transnational social movements and more. Particular emphasis is placed on the role of gender and race.

POLS 6930 Special Topics (3)

Courses that meet the Global Citizenship Requirement
POLS1510 Introduction to Politics of the Developing World
POLS1600 Introduction to International Politics
POLS2520 African Politics
POLS2530 Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics
POLS2540 Ethnicity and Internal War
POLS2550 Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa
POLS2560 The Politics of Asia
POLS2570 Introduction to Latin American Politics
POLS2600 Introduction to International Political Economy
POLS3500 Asian Miracles
POLS3530 Comparative Revolution
POLS3540 Latin American Social Movements
POLS360 Problems of Globalization
POLS3650 International Relations of Africa

Courses that meet the U.S. Diversity Requirement
POLS2010 Ethics and Politics
POLS2150 The Politics of Black America
POLS2220 Urban Politics
POLS3130 Civil Liberties and Rights
POLS3770/WSTD390 Feminist Theory: Gender Justice
POLS 3780 Disability Theory and Politics
POLS3800 Structure of Poverty

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