

POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSE OFFERINGS FOR SPRING 2012

18-200 American National Government (3): L. Liesen, D Rzeszewski

This course is a comprehensive survey of the basic premises, permanent institutions and policymaking processes of the American National Government.

18-210 State and Local Government (3): J. Gaziano, M Scheib

This course is a review of the institutions, functions and operations of state and local government. This class takes a comparative approach, examining the similarities and differences of political institutions in the fifty states.

18-250 – Research Methods (3) Gallion (Required for all NEW majors)

This course will introduce students to the research methods used in political science, including research design, quantitative methods, and qualitative methods. Students will also learn to conduct research.

18-322 Mock Trial: J. Houlihan

This course teaches students about the law and is excellent preparation for law school. Students will learn critical thinking and communication skills as well as work in teams in preparation for various mock trial competitions.

18-324 Introduction to International Law (3): A. Hesselroth

This course provides an overview of the scope and principles of international law, its evolution during the twentieth century, and its role in world affairs today. Some of the topics to be studied are: how international law is made, the content and applicability of international treaties, state jurisdiction, the legitimacy of foreign policy, key historical developments and practices that have shaped the current international legal system, and a basic legal analysis of contemporary events in world politics.

18-327 Mediation (1-2 Credits) J. Houlihan

This course is focused on Alternative Dispute Mediation, a method of resolving differences and arguments without utilizing the traditional trial method. The philosophy of mediation and its role in assisting reaching common accord is explored and studied. Students learn and practice different approaches and techniques. Participation in actual mediation competition allows the students to apply and practice the techniques.

18-331 International Relations (3): A. Hesselroth

Students will examine the evolution of world political systems and the various methods of analysis used. In addition to examining the forces and actors that influence world politics, students will look at the prominent issues international politics, such as national and international security, weapons proliferation, political economy, and the global environment.

18-341 Public Administration (3): D. Guerin

The theory and practice of public administration are reviewed, including the principle and problems of administrative organization, personnel, fiscal management and bureaucratic behavior. This course fulfills the advanced writing requirement.

18-357 American Political Culture (3): J. Gaziano

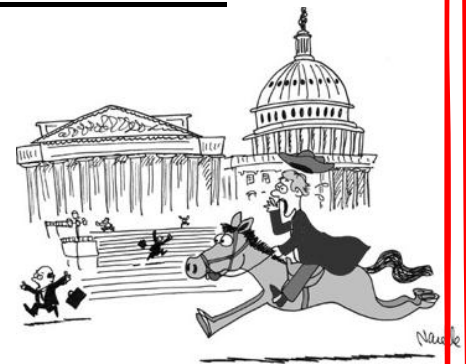
Students explore the shared beliefs, attitudes and values, as well as political symbols that help give meaning and structure to political life. Key cultural concepts, such as individualism, materialism and belief in technology, are considered and their connections to contemporary popular culture explored.

18-362 History of Political Thought II (3): L. Liesen

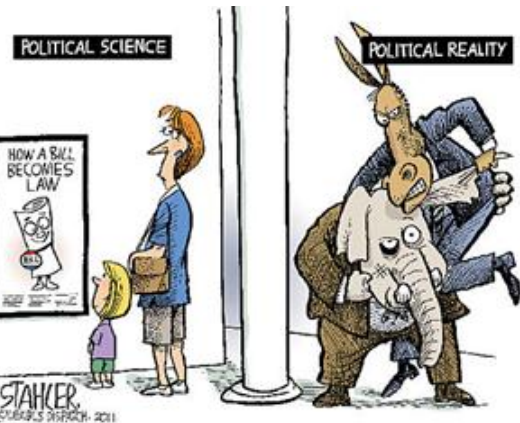
This course is a continuation of 18-361. Students will examine various political theorists from the modern Western period to the 21st century, such as Hobbes, Locke, Marx, Mill and John Rawls. This course fulfills the advanced writing requirement.

18-372 Civil Liberties (3): A Leisinger

This course examines civil liberties under the U.S. Constitution through review and discussion of Supreme Court cases concerning religious freedoms and freedom of speech, searches, seizures and criminal rights, discrimination and equal protection, and the right to privacy.



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18-378 Media and Politics (3) J. Gaziano

This course will analyze the ways the mass media influences politics in the U.S. In addition to exploring how the media provides information about elections, policies and government, students will learn about how new media technologies influences politics.

18-410 International Relations Capstone (3): L. Liesen

This course integrates all aspects of the learning experience for those students taking the international business concentration, and it is open to upper level political science majors. This class will be conducted in seminar style with students taking an active role in their own learning process through discusses and presentations. Students will examine the political, social, economic, and environment impacts of globalization.