POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSE OFFERINGS FOR 
FALL 2019

POLS20000 American National Government (3) J Delacour, S Nawara, M Lowry-Fritz
A comprehensive survey of the basic premises, permanent institutions and policymaking processes of the American national government is presented.

POLS21000 State and Local Government (3) L. Liesen, J. Gaziano
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 50 states.

POLS30601 Special Topics: Community Engaged Learning Leadership Seminar (3): L. Wilmarth-Tyna
This course will investigate the distinctions among volunteerism, service, and community engagement, especially through community engaged learning (ECL), with attention to the strengths and challenges of this pedagogy. Course reading and discussion will challenge students to connect their community involvement to Catholic Social teaching and Lewis University's Lasallian tradition, and will provide opportunities for dialogue about mutually beneficial community relationships and leadership for social change. Students will be invited to consider their personal leadership style and to develop their skills in the areas of facilitation and reflection.

POLS32100 Comparative Government (3) J. Delacour
This course analyzes the politics of the U.K., Germany, France, Japan, China, Mexico, Russia, Nigeria, India, and Iran, among others. In the course, students compare democracies, dictatorships, the role of religion in politics, and economic development across countries.

POLS32700 Mediation (3): S. Sherwin
Participation in mediation helps undergraduate students understand the value of resolving disputes through mediation (peacemaking) so that they can apply these principles and methods to their personal and professional lives. This course will teach students about mediation and advocacy, and how to use the various tools and skills through class simulations, practices, assignments, and exams. Students will also participate in one tournament during the course of the semester. Profession, ethical, and collegial behavior is expected at all times. Students may take this course for more than one semester. Prerequisites: Consent of the instructor

POLS32800 Model United Nations (3) J. Delacour
This course provides students with a hands-on exploration of the organization and activities of the United Nations and an in-depth understanding of modern diplomacy. Students will learn about the UN's creation and development.

POLS35200 Public Opinion and Behavior (3): J. Delacour
The course analyzes how individuals are politically socialized and form their political attitudes, as well as how they participate in the political process through voting and other methods of civic engagement. The course also covers how public opinion and participation are measured through the survey process This course fulfills the advanced writing requirement in the major.

POLS35500 American Presidency (3): S. Nawara
An examination of the powers and responsibilities of the executive branch, this course offers an analysis of the relationship of the presidency to the Congress and the Supreme Court, as well as the relationship to the forces in the private sector that influence the development of the presidency. The way the office is shaped by individual presidents is also studied.

POLS36200 Western Political Thought 2 (3): L. Liesen
This course is a continuation of POLS 36100. Students will examine various political theorists from the modern Western period to the 21 century, such as Hobbes, Locke, Marx, Mill and John Rawls.

POLS38100 Public Policy Formation and Analysis (3): L. Liesen
This course explores what constitutes public policy, how it is determined, factors influencing the determination of public policy, means of implementation, reaction and modification of public policy, and evaluation of the effectiveness of policies.

POLS41000 International Relation Capstone (3) J. Delacour
This course integrates all aspects of the learning experience for those students taking the International Relations major, and should be one of the final courses taken in the program and would normally be taken in the senior year. The course offers advanced analysis and application of knowledge evaluation. This course is an intensive advanced writing course that satisfies the advanced writing requirement for General Education.