



POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSE OFFERINGS FOR FALL 2021

POLS10000 Politics and Civic Engagement (3) Sec 1 (ROM) Sec 2 (online asynchronous)

This course is an introduction to the various aspects of politics and political life. Students will learn about ideologies, political systems, types of political participation, current policy issues, and managing conflict

POLS20000 American National Government (3) Sec 1 (online asynchronous) Sec 2 (ROM)

A comprehensive survey of the basic premises, permanent institutions and policy making processes of the American national government is presented.

POL32100 American Government (3) Sec 1 & 3 (online asynchronous) Sec 2 (ROM)

A review of the structures, 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.

POL32100 Comparative Government (3): Sec 1 (ROM)

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.

POLS32200 Mock Trial Forensics (3), Sec 1 (ROM)

Participation in competitive forensics allows students to apply the legal concepts learned in the classroom in actual trial competition. Students explore the theory underlying the preparation and presentation of a jury trial; oral and written advocacy skills; jury selection; opening statements; witness examination; closing arguments and the use of physical and demonstrative evidence for litigation. This course may be repeated for credit. No prerequisites.

POLS32700 Mediation I (3): Sec 1 (ROM)

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.

POLS32900 Mediation II (3): Sec 1 (ROM)

As a continuation of POLS 32700 Mediation I, this class reinforces a variety of techniques, theories, and frameworks for analyzing and resolving conflict. Students will understand the procedure from conflict analysis to exploring techniques, process models, and third-party roles to constructively intervene in conflict. Students will demonstrate proficiency in mediation through community engagement, specifically training and mentoring youth, and passing a certification examination.

POLS32800 Model United Nations (3): Sec 1 (ROM)

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, the basics of international law, current events and major international issues related to the UN. Students will acquire practical skills in the procedures of diplomacy while developing their public speaking, writing, and research skills in preparation for participation in the National Model United Nations Conference. The course will be offered fall semesters to coincide with the American Model United Nations International Conference (www.amun.org), which takes place at the end of November every year in Chicago, IL.

POLS33600 American Foreign Policy (3): Sec 1 (ROM)

This course examines the forces that shape United States foreign policy, including interest groups, the Constitution, and Congress. Issues of current importance, such as terrorism, the threat of nuclear weapons, and the changing goals of foreign policy, are examined.

POLS35500 American Presidency (3) Sec 1 (ROM)

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 II (3) Sec 1 (ROM)

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.

POLS-38100 Public Policy Formation and Analysis (3) Sec 1 (ROM)

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.

POL-41000 International Relations Capstone (3) Sec 1 (ROM)

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