POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSE OFFERINGS FOR FALL 2022

POLS 10000 Politics and Civic Engagement (3) S. Nawara & D. Schreck (Online)
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. In addition, students will experience various ways to become more civically engaged within their communities. GenEd: Civic Engagement and Social Science

POLS 20000 American National Government (3) O. Adeoye & M. Lowry-Fritz (Online and Hybrid Sections)
A comprehensive survey of the basic premises, permanent institutions and policy making processes of the American national government is presented. GenEd: Civic Engagement and Social Science

POLS 21000 State and Local Government (3) L. Liesen & M. Lowry-Fritz (Online and In-person Sections)
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. GenEd: Civic Engagement and Social Science.

POLS 32100 Comparative Government (3) J. Delacour (In-person)
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. GenEd: Globalization

POLS 32200 Mock Trial: Forensics (3): A. Sam (In-person)
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.

POLS 32700 Mediation I & POLS 32900 Mediation II (3): S. Sherwin (In-person)
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. Profession, ethical, and collegial behavior is expected at all times. Cross listed with JLPSS

POLS 32800 Model United Nations (3) J. Delacour (In-person)
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.

POLS 33800 International Political Economy (3): J. Delacour (In-person)
This course is an introduction to the interdisciplinary field of international political economy. Students analyze several key topics in the field related to poverty, development, international trade, and international institutions.

POLS 35000 Parties and Interest Groups in America (3) S. Nawara (In-person)
This course is organized around the three components of political parties: parties as organizations, parties in the electorate, and parties in government. The formation and evolution of interest groups is also covered, as well as their attempts to influence the policy-making process through tactics such as lobbying and electioneering.

POLS 35900 Contemporary Political Issues: Social Welfare Policy (3) J. Halloran (In-person)
Introduction to social welfare systems from a macro perspective, including both historical and contemporary issues. Provides students with an analytic framework for identifying social welfare policies and the processes through which these policies are formulated and implemented

POLS 36100 Western Political Thought I (3) L. Liesen (In-person)
This course examines the history of political thought from the ancient Greeks through Machiavelli. Students will learn various political theorists' understanding of the world and human behavior, the political crises they addressed, and their proposed solutions for these crises.

POLS 38200 Issues in Public Policy (3) L. Liesen (In-person)
This course analyzes various policy issues in detail in terms of the policy-making process: agenda setting, policy formation, implementation, and evaluation. In addition to examining the key actors and institutions, students explore the political factors and policy problems that affect each stage of the policy-making process. Policy topics may include social welfare programs, drug control policy and gun control policy.

POLS 41000 International Relations Capstone (3): J. Delacour (In-person)
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.