POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSE OFFERINGS FOR SPRING 2022

POLS 10000 Politics and Civic Engagement (3) 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) M. Lowry-Fritz, D. Schreck (Online)
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 25000 Research Methods (3): S. Nawara
Learn how to conduct and analyze political science research by exploring topics that you find interesting throughout a semester-long research project. This class also will introduce you to Stata, a valuable computer program that will help you work with and analyze real-world data. Recommended for all new majors, since it’s a pre-requisite for the capstone.

POLS 3220 Mock Trial: Forensics (3): A. Sam
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
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 33100 International Relations (3): J. Delacour (Online and In-person Sections)
Students will examine the evolution of world political systems and the various methods of analysis used in international relations. In addition to examining the forces and actors that influence world politics, students will look at the prominent issues in international politics, such as national & international security, weapons proliferation, political economy, human rights, & the global environment. Gen Ed: Social Science, Globalization.

POLS 33300 International Human Rights (3): J. Delacour
This course will discuss the history and theoretical foundations of human rights, addressing the various types of political, economic, social, and group rights. Students examine the challenges of enforcing international human rights and how intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations respond to human rights violations. Elective for: Peace Studies

POLS 33600 American Foreign Policy (3): S. Nawara
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.

POLS 33800 International Political Economy (3): J. Delacour
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 35900 Section 1: Contemporary Political Issues: Immigration Policy (3): O. Adeoye (Hybrid)
At every level of government (federal, state and local) immigration remains controversial and dominates policy debates. Our goal in this course is to understand U.S. immigration from all facets. We will explore immigration policy trajectory over time and how it became an enduring problem across administrations. The central goal is for students to gain new insights on immigration as part of the broader American public policy.

POLS 35900 Section 2: Contemporary Political Issues: Social Welfare Policy (3): J. Halloran (Hybrid)
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. Cross-listed with Social Work.

POLS 36000 Pre-Law Seminar: Law School Preparation (1); J. Halloran
This course is a weekly seminar for students interested in applying to law school. Students will learn about the legal profession and its various fields, the writing style required, the process of preparing for the LSAT, and how to apply to law school.

POLS 37100 Constitutional Law (3): T. Dudgeon
Students study the theory of constitutionalism, the federal system, judicial review, the nature of legislative power, the Commerce Clause, federal regulatory power, executive power and constitutional construction. Prerequisite: POLS 20000.