

POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSE OFFERINGS FOR SPRING 2023

POLS 10000 Politics and Civic Engagement (3): L. Liesen & D. Schreck (Online and In-person Sections)

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): S. Nawara & M. Lowry-Fritz (Online and In-person CEL 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 30000 Research Methods (3): S. Nawara (In-person)

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.

POLS 30400 Nonviolent Political Action (3): L. Liesen (In-person)

This course examines the history of nonviolent political action, its theoretical foundations, and various contemporary case studies. Students will read original works of political activists, examine the tactics of nonviolent political action, and analyze the effectiveness and outcomes of these tactics through the examination of various case studies.

POLS 30603 Special Topics: Focusing the Just Peace lens: Civil Rights (1): L. Liesen (Travel Study)

This is a travel study course in which students will travel to Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham, Alabama during Spring Break, March 5 – 11, 2023. Students will meet before the trip and after to reflect on the experience. *Cross listed with Theology*

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 33100 International Relations (3): J. Delacour (In-person and Online 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 and international security, weapons proliferation, political economy, human rights, and the global environment.

POLS 33500 Latin American Politics (3): J. Delacour (In-person)

This course introduces contemporary Latin American political institutions, processes and problems. It will focus on economic policy and development, regional integration, democracy, and US-Latin American relations.

POLS 36000 Pre-Law Seminar: Law School Preparation (1): J. Halloran (In-person)

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 36300 American Political Thought (3): L. Liesen (In-person)

This course examines the ideas and people who have helped shape American political thought from colonial times to the present. Students will examine various writers who discuss the themes of democracy, liberty, equality, rights, and the role of government.

POLS 37200 Civil Liberties (3): T. Dudgeon (In-person)

This course examines various civil liberties through a review of U.S. Supreme Court cases and the evolving interpretations of the freedom of religion, speech, press, and assembly, and the right to privacy.

POLS 38400 Environmental Politics (3): J. Delacour (In-person)

This course begins with an analysis of environmental decision making from both the institutional and behavioral perspective. Students will study the role that the public, media, political parties, interest groups, executive branch, congress, and the courts play in environmental politics. In addition, students will examine various environmental policies through case studies, and will touch briefly on environmental law and specific environmental acts. Lastly, students will examine debates on current controversial environmental issues.

