

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO  
**POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT**  
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS, SUMMER 2008

**Departmental requirements for major**

A total of 36 hours is required for a major in Political Science. These hours must be distributed among the following requirements:

- a. 12 hours from the core courses (200, 220, 240, 260, 270 and 280), including at least one course from each of the following groups: (200 or 270), (220 or 240), and (260 or 280);
- b. 21 hours from courses numbered 300 or above;
- c. 3 additional hours from any level.

**Departmental requirements for minor**

A total of 24 hours, including at least three of the core courses and four courses numbered 300 or above, is required for a minor in Political Science.

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**Internships**

The Department of Political Science offers internship opportunities in city, state, and federal government. Interested students should contact Professor Ellen Grigsby, 277-5233.

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<b>200.001</b>	<b>AMERICAN POLITICS</b>	<b>STAFF</b>	<b>MTWR</b>	<b>0900-1130</b>
(07/07-08/02)				

Survey of American politics, including political behavior of the American electorate, the theory of democracy, the structure and function of American political institutions, and contemporary issues.

**Registration call no. 12063**

<b>220.001</b>	<b>COMPARATIVE POLITICS</b>	<b>EDWARDS</b>	<b>MTWR</b>	<b>1140-1410</b>
(06/09-07/05)				

Designed to give students the ability to understand and evaluate political regimes by focusing on political culture, socioeconomic structure and contemporary political institutions and behavior. Includes consideration of European and developing systems as well as an introduction to basic concepts in comparative politics.

**Registration call no. 12064**

<b>240.001</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL POLITICS</b>	<b>STAFF</b>	<b>MTWR</b>	<b>1140-1410</b>
(06/09-07/05)				

Analyzes significant factors in world politics, including nationalism, "national interest," ideology, international conflict and collaboration, balance of power, deterrence, the global economy, international law and international organization.

**Registration call no. 12066**

**NOTE:**

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**317.001**            **CONSTITUTIONAL LAW/RIGHTS**    *KIERST*            **MTWR**            **0900-1130**  
(06/09-07/05)

No ideas are more central to American constitutionalism than Equal Protection of the Laws and Due Process of Law. This course will examine what the Constitution means by those two concepts, and how the Supreme Court has interpreted them over the years. This study will cause us to examine what as a society we mean by "equality", and how we seek to create an equal society, and what we mean by "justice" as we try to create a just society. We will also necessarily focus on the role of the Supreme Court in determining those meanings, and advancing those goals.

*Registration call no. 16308*

**320.001**            **T: COMP. POLITICS OF LAW & COURTS**    *INGRAM*    **MTWR**            **1140-1410**  
(06/09-07/05)

This course is about comparative judicial politics – how the law, courts and the legal system in general relate to political actors and institutions. The course introduces the world's main legal systems, and proceeds to analyze how these systems interact with different types of political regimes and patterns within these regimes. Thus, the course explores two main causal relationships: (1) politics-to-courts, and (2) courts-to-politics. The first examines the effect of politics on the functioning of legal systems, e.g., political interference in the independence of judges, or the functioning of courts in authoritarian vs. democratic environments. The second analyzes the impact of the legal system on politics, e.g., the political impact of Supreme Court decisions, or the problem of inaccessible courts and the reduced effectiveness of individual rights. The course begins by emphasizing a theoretical understanding of potential problems of judicial politics, while the second half highlights specific cases or countries in order to conduct a finer examination of these problems. Particular emphasis is placed on understanding sources of change as we examine the causal relationships identified above. Throughout the course, cases and examples will draw from experiences inside and outside the U.S.

*Registration call no. 16309*

**340.001**            **T: LABOR RIGHTS IN THE**                            *NOLAN-GARCIA*    **MTWR**            **1140-1410**  
(07/07-08/02)    **INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY**

This topics course takes an in-depth look at how increased international trade and foreign direct investment has impacted labor rights protections for workers in the global economy. Substantive topics revolve around public and private efforts to promote labor rights enforcement in the global economy, and include discussion on: corporate codes of conduct; anti-sweatshop initiatives; campaigns and boycotts; labor solidarity movements; and trade-based labor rights clauses. Student performance is evaluated through two exams and a short research paper on a topic related to the class material.

*Registration call no.14842*

**478.001**            **SEM: EU & GERM HIST & CURR ISS**                            *SAUER*            **ARRANGED**  
(07/07-08/02)    **STUDY ABROAD- GERMANY**

Crosslisted with ECON 478 (Description may be obtained from the Economics Department.)

*Registration call no. 16606*

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