

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS, SPRING 2009*

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.

Internships

The Department of Political Science offers internship opportunities in city, state, and federal government. Interested students should contact Professor Ellen Grigsby, egrigsby@unm.edu.

110.001 THE POLITICAL WORLD *KIERST* MW 1000-1050

This course is designed to help students make sense of the political events about which they hear, see and read every day. The course should provide students with a basis for more clearly understanding and participating in the world of politics, and for studying it in more depth. (Students who have already taken courses in Political Science may not count this course towards the major). **MUST register for POLS 110 Lab (001-006).**
Course registration no. 11510

200.001 AMERICAN POLITICS *STAFF* TR 1230-1345

In this course we examine the many forces that shape American politics and government. After defining politics and introducing key concepts such as democracy, political power, and collective action, we discuss the U.S. Constitution, federalism, civil rights and liberties, and American political institutions. We then explore several important aspects of the American political environment, including public opinion, political behavior, campaigns and elections, political parties, and interest groups. Our basic objective is to enhance our ability to describe, interpret and understand political processes at the national level.
Course registration no. 11517

200.002 AMERICAN POLITICS *STAFF* MWF 1100-1150

An understanding of the American system of government is essential to the development and the protection of our citizenship. This understanding includes knowledge of where we came from, where we are, and how we got here. Therefore, we will be investigating important documents in the development of the American republic as well as examining the fabric of the modern system. Through this analysis we will attain appreciation of the progression of American government.
Course registration no. 11514

200.003 AMERICAN POLITICS *ROCCA* TR 0930-1045

This course is designed to introduce students to the institutions of American national government and the processes of American political life. We will be concerned with analyzing how well this political system operates in light of its democratic goals and what it actually accomplishes in terms of policy results. To fulfill these objectives, we will examine the constitutional basis of American government and the institutional structure of the Presidency, Congress, and Supreme Court which was built on that political foundation. Complementing this institutional focus will be an exploration of how U.S. citizens translate their political aspirations into governmental action. What is the

* While we make every effort to adhere to the published list of course offerings, they are subject to change dependent upon the availability of instructors, resources, and enrollment. We appreciate your understanding and patience.

role of interest groups and political parties in representing the views of the citizenry? How do elections and shifts in public opinion affect governmental decision-making? Finally, we will look at the policy impacts of this political process, with special attention given to economic performance and recent developments in foreign affairs.

Course registration no. 11516

200.004 AMERICAN POLITICS STAFF TR 1100-1215

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Course registration no. 11515

220.001 COMPARATIVE POLITICS STAFF TR 1700-1815

Designed to give students the ability to understand and evaluate political regimes by focusing on the political history, socioeconomic structure and contemporary political institutions and behavior. Includes consideration of European and developing systems.

Course registration no. 11530

220.002 COMPARATIVE POLITICS HOCHSTETLER TR 0930-1045

Designed to give students the ability to understand and evaluate political regimes by focusing on the political history, socioeconomic structure and contemporary political institutions and behavior. Includes consideration of European and developing systems.

Course registration no. 11525

220.003 COMPARATIVE POLITICS STAFF MWF 0900-0950

Designed to give students the ability to understand and evaluate political regimes by focusing on the political history, socioeconomic structure and contemporary political institutions and behavior. Includes consideration of European and developing systems.

Course registration no. 11529

220.004 COMPARATIVE POLITICS STAFF MWF 1100-1150

Designed to give students the ability to understand and evaluate political regimes by focusing on the political history, socioeconomic structure and contemporary political institutions and behavior. Includes consideration of European and developing systems.

Course registration no. 11526

240.001 INTERNATIONAL POLITICS STAFF MWF 1100-1150

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

Course registration no. 11538

240.002 INTERNATIONAL POLITICS STAFF MWF 1000-1050

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

Course registration no. 11536

260.001 POLITICAL IDEAS GRIGSBY MWF 1000-1050

This course provides an introductory survey of classical and modern political theory. Emphasis is placed on textual analysis of primary documents. We will examine questions pertaining to epistemology (how do we know what is true?), interpretation (how do we understand what a work means?), application (how do we decide what is relevant?), and development (how do ideas of democracy--or liberalism, or conservatism, or socialism, etc.--change across historical periods?). Aristotle, Hobbes, Smith, Burke, Oakeshott, Mill, Marx, King, and Gutierrez are among the political theorists we will analyze and debate.

Course registration no. 11541

- 260.002 POLITICAL IDEAS** *TODSEN* **TR 1700-1815**
 It is said by some that the second oldest profession in the world is politics. While this may or may not be the truth, the roots of political thought do stretch back as far as the written word. Throughout history, political theory has been concerned with the fundamental questions of public life. It addresses such issues as the nature of political authority and the relationship of the state to the individual, as well as the obligations and responsibilities that citizens owe to each other. As such, an understanding of the theoretical underpinnings of politics is fundamental to a proper understanding of any of the other various fields of political science. To that end, this course is designed to facilitate such an understanding through an introduction to political theory. In a whirlwind voyage through time, we will be discussing primary materials reaching from classical antiquity into the 20th century.
Course registration no. 26672
- 270.001 PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION** *PRIMAK* **M 1730-2000**
 This is an introduction into public policy-making. The main emphasis is on the policy formulation, implementation, and evaluation. The course will start with the theory, focusing primarily on the US public policy and bureaucracy, but also drawing on the foreign governments' experiences. Problems of policy implementation will be given substantial attention, as well as the problems of effective agenda setting and comprehensive evaluation. Current policy events will be analyzed to understand theoretical concepts. Guest speakers will be invited to illuminate theoretical concepts when appropriate.
Course registration no. 11542
- 280.001 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL ANALYSIS** *FREEMAN* **M 1730-2000**
 This course is an introduction to scientific methods of research in political science. Students will learn how to design a research project, develop hypotheses, generate and collect data, test hypotheses through data analysis, and explain results. Students will learn basic statistical skills using SPSS, a statistical software package widely used in business, government, and education. No prior computer or statistical skills are required; but students will find a basic understanding of algebra very helpful.
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Course registration no. 11548
- 291.001 INTERNSHIP** *GRIGSBY* **ARRANGED**
 Provides supervised work experience in the practical application of political science skills.
 Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor; contact Dr. Grigsby at egrigsby@unm.edu .
- 291.002 INTERNSHIP** *ATKESON* **ARRANGED**
 Interns will be in a unique position to observe the operation of the New Mexico state legislature first-hand. Each intern will work full-time during one week of the regular legislative session, receive a stipend to help cover their Santa Fe expenses, and receive one hour of academic credit (granted on a credit/no credit basis) upon completion of the internship. Submission of a daily internship journal and a short summary paper is required.
 Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor; contact Dr. Atkeson at 277-7592 or by e-mail at atkeson@unm.edu.
- 299.005 T: PEACE STUDIES 101** *NAGENGAST* **TR 1230-1345**
 Offered with ANTH 230.005, WMST 279.005, and RELG 247.005
 (Description may be obtained from the Anthropology department)
Course registration no. 35738
- 300.002 T: CRISIS OF BLACK MID CLASS** *GOODING* **T 1230-1515**
 Offered with AFST 397.002, SOC 398.009, and AMST 315.002
 (Description may be obtained from the Africana Studies department)
Course registration no. 34642
- 300.003 T: RACE, CLASS, & FEMINISM** *MAZUMDAR* **MWF 1000-1050**
 Offered with WMST 325.003, AMST 350.003, AFST 397.003, and SOC 398.010
 (Description may be obtained from the Women's Studies department)
Course registration no. 34788
- 300.006 T: BLACK POL THEORY** *SHUNKURI* **MWF 1100-1150**
 Offered with AFST 333.006
 (Description may be obtained from the Africana Studies department)

Course registration no. 34500

303.001 LAW IN THE POLITICAL COMMUNITY WRIGHT TR 1830-1945

The purpose of this course is twofold: to introduce students to the principal features of the American legal system as a part of the political system, and perhaps more importantly, to equip the students with a set of analytical tools that they can use to analyze how actors and institutions operate within this system and why they behave in certain ways. With a critical eye, we will explore how the law functions as a tool and an institution of government, the presidency, the judiciary, the bureaucracy, etc. Furthermore, we will examine the role played by the court system in the formation and implementation of public policy.

Cross-listed with AMST 303.001

Course registration no. 11583

303.004 LAW IN THE POLITICAL COMMUNITY GOODING M 1600-1830

Cross-listed with AMST 303.004

Offered with AFST 397.004 & SOC 398.013

Course registration no. 34805

307.001 THE POLITICS OF ETHNIC GROUPS SIERRA TR 1400-1515

Course description unavailable at time of publication. Please check again.

Offered with CHMS 393.008

Course registration no. 30396

311.001 LEGISLATIVE PROCESS HARRIS ARRANGED

This is a restricted lecture and discussion course, offered onsite in Washington, D.C., with prior approval of the Professor. It deals primarily with the U. S. Congress, its historical framework, leaders, customs, and internal workings. The course will not only consider how a bill goes through Congress, by why as well. There will be considerable use of current events and issues to exemplify principles and will feature a number of expert and knowledgeable guest lecturers. Prerequisite: POLS 200

Special approval required for registration

312.001 THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY ROCCA TR 1230-1345

This course is designed to meet two goals. First, it is designed to increase your understanding of the presidency as an institution. In particular, we will review how institutional rules influence presidential politics. For instance, how do electoral rules affect presidential candidates' campaign strategies? How does our system of separation of powers influence presidents' policy decisions? What role does the president play in the legislative and judicial processes? Second, it will introduce you to how scholars think about the executive branch and familiarize you with important concepts and ideas in the political science discipline. Throughout the course of the semester, we will review a number of important debates in presidential research. For instance, are presidents single-minded reelection seekers or do other goals also drive their behavior? And which theories best explain how presidents make decisions?

Prerequisite: POLS 200.

Course registration no. 30394

314.001 WOMEN'S CONTEMPORARY LEGAL ISSUES RAMIREZ DE ARELLANO TR 1700-1815

This course looks at the intersection of sex and the law, concentrating on several topics, including: 1) marriage and prostitution as sex contracts; rape law and the legal gaze; 3) pornography; 4) sado-masochism; and 5) torture. The course will entail various assignments designed to provide students with legal analysis skills (e.g., case briefing; legal memoranda, statutory analysis). The course also provides students with a strong theoretical background to complement the legal analysis. Class readings include: Carole Pateman, Michael Foucault, Katherine MacKinnon, Elaine Scarry, Arthur Kroker, among others.

Prerequisite: POLS 303

Crosslisted with WMST 314.001

Course registration no. 32116

Course registration no. 33968

362.001 MODERN POLITICAL THEORY GRIGSBY MWF 0800-0850

An analysis of Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Wollstonecraft, Marx, and Nietzsche. While focusing on the primary texts of the individual theorists, the course also examines disputes over the meaning of modernity and the logic of interpretation. Prerequisite: POLS 260

Course registration no. 26688

376.001 HEALTH POLICY & POLITICS MCFARLANE TR 0800-0915

This class provides an introduction to health policy and politics in the United States, other industrialized countries, and the developing world. The course begins with basic determinants of health at both the individual and community levels, distinguishing between health care and public health. Given that foundation, we cover major health policies in the United States and examine the prospects for universal coverage. Next, the course examines how health services are covered in other industrialized countries as well as the evolution of those policies. The final covers issues and politics in global health, particularly in the developing world.

Course registration no. 33971

400.001 ADV T: GENDER & RACE- US POL LDR SIERRA W 1600-1830

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Course registration no. 31565

400.002 ADV T: IR THEORY & PRACTICE ROSS MW 1600-1715

This course represents an attempt to bridge the divide between international relations theory and practice. Students will be introduced to contending approaches to the study of international relations and will grapple with the application of those approaches to real world problems. The analytical bases of competing perspectives for dealing with a broad range of contemporary international issues will be examined. Among the issue areas to be covered are: the causes of war; proliferation; the bases of international cooperation; globalization, economic interdependence, and conflict; democracy and war; ethics and international relations; the nature of post-cold war, post-9/11 international relations; and U.S. grand strategy alternatives. Both "classic" and recent readings are drawn upon. Classroom exercises in which students will participate actively will play an integral role in the effort to develop the connections between theory and practice.

Offered with POLS 512.002

Instructor Approval required for registration

400.013 ADV T: WMD NON-PROLIFERATION AND PUBLIC POLICY GHANBARI TR 1530-1645

This course presents an interdisciplinary introduction to the nonproliferation regime, the US and international agencies responsible for development and implementation of nonproliferation policies, and the social and political dynamics underlying the development of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) in selected countries. The course will review the current nonproliferation treaties and discuss the technological approaches available for verification and implementation of these policies and treaties. The concept of non-proliferation policy and its application extending from major powers such as the United States, Russia, to European countries and regional powers, especially countries in the Middle East, will be discussed.

Lectures and discussions will focus on various spheres: from international relations and domestic security concerns, to political economy at local, regional, and global levels. The course will take a comparative approach to specify technical, structural, and institutional configurations favorable and unfavorable to the adoption of nonproliferation policies by regional powers. The course will examine conceptual understandings of the relationship between technology and policy; measures of conflict prevention and management; and the question of terrorist use of WMD and related prevention strategies. The course is a senior level class and designed to benefit students of social sciences, engineering, and physical sciences who are interested in pursuing a career in the nonproliferation field.

Offered with SOC 398.003, CHNE 515.001, and CHNE 499.001

Course registration no. 32846

442.001 INT'L PEACEKEEPING & CONFLICT RESOLUTION STANLEY TR 1400-1515

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Offered with POLS 512.003
Course registration no. 33972

453.001 ASIAN STUDIES THESIS BRAU ARRANGED
Crosslisted with HIST 453.001, PHIL 453.001, RELG 453.001, COMP 453.001
(Description may be obtained from the History Department.)
Course registration no. 32281

491.001 INTERNSHIP GRIGSBY ARRANGED
Provides supervised work experience in the practical application of political science skills.
Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor; contact Dr. Grigsby at egrigsby@unm.edu .

491.002 INTERNSHIP ATKESON ARRANGED
Interns will be in a unique position to observe the operation of the New Mexico state legislature first-hand. Each intern will work full-time during one week of the regular legislative session, receive a stipend to help cover their Santa Fe expenses, and receive one hour of academic credit (granted on a credit/no credit basis) upon completion of the internship. Submission of a daily internship journal and a short summary paper is required.
Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor; contact Dr. Atkeson at 277-7592 or by e-mail at atkeson@unm.edu.

495.001 JUNIOR HONORS SEMINAR BUTLER R 1300-1530
The purpose of this course is to teach you about conducting your own political science research. The course will also help prepare you to do an honors project and thesis in your senior year (should you wish to pursue that option). In particular, you will read and evaluate published research papers and previous honors theses; you will also undertake a small-scale individual research project and write a report based on your research. We will cover such topics as framing a question for original research, thinking theoretically, finding appropriate data, undertaking rigorous analysis, and writing for a social science audience. Excellent work in this seminar is a prerequisite for continuing in the honors sequence as a senior.
The course is open to juniors with a GPA in Political Science of at least 3.5 (3.2 overall). Students interested in participating in the seminar should submit a writing sample and advisement transcript to the departmental honors advisor prior to enrolling. Political Science 280 is strongly recommended, either as a prerequisite or in conjunction with this course.
Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor; contact Dr. Butler at 277-3742 or by e-mail at: ckbutler@unm.edu.

496.001 SEMINAR: AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS ROCCA ARRANGED
This is a restricted lecture and discussion course, offered onsite in Washington, D.C., with prior approval of the Professor.
Special approval required for registration.

496.002 SEMINAR: ST & URBAN POLICY ANALYSIS KREBS R 1330-1600
Offered with POLS 511.001. (See this course listing for description.)
Instructor approval required for registration.

496.003 SEMINAR: COMPARATIVE POLITICS HOCHSTETLER T 1600-1830
Offered with POLS 520.001 (See this course listing for description.)
Instructor approval required for registration.

496.004 SEMINAR: HEALTH POLICY & POLITICS MCFARLANE T 1230-1500
Offered with POLS 511.002 (See this course listing for description.)
Instructor approval required for registration.

511.001 SEM: ST & URBAN POLICY ANALYSIS KREBS R 1330-1600
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Offered with POLS 496.002
Course registration no. 26746

511.002 SEM: HEALTH POLICY & POLITICS MCFARLANE T 1230-1500

This seminar examines health policy and politics in the United States, other industrialized countries, and globally. This class is designed to address some major questions in the health policy area.

1. Why doesn't the U.S. have universal health care?
2. What are the disparities in health care and health status in the U.S.? How are they related to politics?
3. How do other economically advanced countries approach health policy and health care delivery?
4. What are major issues in health policy and health status? How are they measured? How do these differ in wealthy and poor countries? How are they related to politics?

Overall, work from political science is emphasized, but class readings are drawn from a number of academic disciplines, including epidemiology, economics, public health, sociology, and literature. Because this is a research seminar, students should anticipate some flexibility in pursuing health topics in which they are interested.

Offered with POLS 496.005

Course registration no. 26745

512.002 T: IR THEORY & PRACTICE ROSS MW 1600-1715

This course represents an attempt to bridge the divide between international relations theory and practice. Students will be introduced to contending approaches to the study of international relations and will grapple with the application of those approaches to real world problems. The analytical bases of competing perspectives for dealing with a broad range of contemporary international issues will be examined. Among the issue areas to be covered are: the causes of war; proliferation; the bases of international cooperation; globalization, economic interdependence, and conflict; democracy and war; ethics and international relations; the nature of post-cold war, post-9/11 international relations; and U.S. grand strategy alternatives. Both "classic" and recent readings are drawn upon. Classroom exercises in which students will participate actively will play an integral role in the effort to develop the connections between theory and practice.

Offered with POLS 400.002

Course registration no. 26748

512.0032 T: INT'L PEACEKEEPING & STANLEY TR 1400-1515

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Offered with POLS 442.001 (See this course listing for description.)

Instructor approval required for registration.

520.001 PRO-SEM IN COMP POLITICS HOCHSTETLER T 1600-1830

This course is a graduate-level introduction to the sub-field of comparative politics. It is designed to provide students with an overview of the conceptual, methodological, and theoretical tools used in the advanced cross-national study of government institutions and political processes. The readings range broadly across nations and geo-political regions, and they cover a wide variety of substantive topics. Assignments include participation in the seminar discussions, a take-home mid-term, and a research design paper.

Offered with POLS 496.004

Course registration no. 26749

541.001 RES SEM in INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS POWERS W 0900-1130

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Instructor approval required for registration.

681.001 ADV STAT ANALYSIS FOR SOCIAL RSRCH HANSEN M 0900-1130

This course is designed to provide advanced graduate students of political science with the tools and knowledge that they need to understand and carry out quantitative research. This course should give you a solid foundation for taking advanced methods classes outside the political science department. The course will emphasize econometric methods, beginning with regression analysis, but will incorporate a review of basic math tools (esp. calculus). The ultimate goal of the course is that you understand a variety of econometric models, how to test hypotheses that are based on carefully constructed causal models, and how to deal with problems that arise when basic assumptions of classical models are violated. Beyond regression, as time permits we will cover a variety of commonly used econometric models such as limited dependent variable models (logit, probit, tobit, event count and other categorical models), simultaneous equation models, time series, and duration models.

Prerequisite: POLS 581 or equivalent

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Course registration no. 33998