

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS, SPRING 2010*

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

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.
Course registration no. 11517

200.002 AMERICAN POLITICS *ROCCA* MWF 1100-1150

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 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. 11514

200.003 AMERICAN POLITICS *SANCHEZ* TR 0930-1045

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. 11516

* 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.

200.004 AMERICAN POLITICS SIERRA TR 1100-1215
This course provides an overview of the process and structure of American politics at the national level. The course directs students towards analysis and evaluation of the American political system. Major governmental institutions and processes are examined, which include voting and elections, interest groups and political parties, the Presidency, Congress, federal bureaucracy and the Judiciary.
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 STAFF 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 1400-1450
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. 39315

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

240.003 INTERNATIONAL POLITICS STAFF MWF 0900-0950
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. 38169

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 KINGSBURY 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 STAFF 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.

Special Fee \$25.00

Course registration no. 11548

280.002 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL ANALYSIS STAFF TR 0800-0915

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. 38170

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 CARPENTER TR 1530-1645

Offered with ANTH 230.005, WMST 279.005, and RELG 247.005

(Description may be obtained from the Anthropology department)

Course registration no. 35738

300.001 T: GLOBALIZATION, IDENTITY, & POLICY MAZUMDAR MW 1300-1415

Offered with WMST 379.001, WMST 579.001, AMST 310.003, and SOC 398.005

(Description may be obtained from the Women's Studies department)

Course registration no. 34642

300.002 T: COMPARATIVE HEALTH POLICY MCFARLANE TR 0930-1045

This class examines the public health and health care delivery systems in both developing and industrialized countries. Topics covered include medical care, environmental health, reproductive health, and aging policies. The role and resources of government in each country will be analyzed.

Course registration no. 34788

300.003 T: TRIBUNALS & TRUTH COMMISSIONS POWERS TR 0800-0915

The purpose of this class is to examine political causes and consequences of war crimes tribunals and truth commissions. We will examine the politics involved in their creation, design changes and termination. In the next section, we examine the varied designs of these institutions and their implications (or lack thereof) for punishment and restorative justice. The third section of the course will focus on the role of war crimes tribunals and truth commissions in post-conflict reconstruction and democratic transition. Finally, we examine economic aspects of these institutions. The costs of creating and maintaining such tribunals as well as funding sources (international vs. domestic) often shape their effectiveness. This course is designed to analyze war crimes tribunals and truth commissions from the perspectives of international organizations, international law and international political economy.

Course registration no. 38020

300.004 T: RACE AND THE LAW GIPSON RANKIN TR 0930-1045

Offered with AFST 397.004, SOC 398.004, and AMST 350.004. See Africana Studies department for course description.

Course registration no. 38784

300.005 T: POLITICS OF URBAN MANAGEMENT KREBS TR 1100-1215

In this course we examine the politics of urban management. Topics include: the environment of urban management, reinventing government, the reform movement, institutional arrangements and actors, policy process, models of urban decision-making, service delivery, personnel, and urban budget and finance. We will also study a major management reform in public education, namely the mayor-led model of urban education.

Course registration no. 38022

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. 38254

300.007 T: CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT HARRIS ARRANGED

This is a restricted lecture and discussion course open only to five previously-selected interns, and offered onsite in Washington, D.C., with prior approval of the Professor.

300.008 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. 39066

300.009 T: POLITICS OF RELIGIOUS FUND. BANIHASHEMI TR 1600-1715

Offered with RELG 347.006 and SOC 398.006. See Religious Studies dept. for course description.

Course registration no. 39072

301.001 THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW MEXICO SIERRA W 1600-1830

The purpose of this course is to acquaint the student with the institutional structure, politics, and decision-making processes of the government of New Mexico. An overview of the formal branches of state government (executive, legislative, judicial) will be central to the course. Attention will also be given to the historical and political context of New Mexico politics, including the demographics of the state, interest groups active in state politics, and salient issues of public policy confronting the state and its citizens. Overall, the course will analyze New Mexico's politics through comparative analysis of states and localities across the nation.

Course registration no. 37453

314.001 WOMEN'S CONTEMPORARY RAMIREZ DE ARELLANO T 1730-2000
LEGAL ISSUES

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

316.001 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW-LIBERTIES KIERST MW 1600-1715

This class will grapple with one of the most challenging and important issues confronting a free society: how to protect a maximum amount of personal liberty while at the same time maintaining the order without which liberty is useless. The Constitution of the United States takes a particular approach to that question, based upon a particular understanding of the nature human liberty and the government created to protect it. We will examine the Supreme Court's interpretation of the Constitution's treatment of these issues, and how the Court's work reflects its role in the American political process.

Prerequisites: POLS 200

Course registration no. 26675

317.001 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW-RIGHTS KIERST TR 1600-1715

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.

Prerequisites: POLS 200

Course registration no. 33966

318.002 CIVIL RIGHTS & POL LEGISLATION SHUNKURI TR 1100-1215

Crosslisted with AFST 318.002

(Description may be obtained from Africana Studies)

Course registration no. 38257

322.001 HUMAN RIGHTS & POLITICAL LEIBY TR 1600-1715
VIOLENCE

An exploration of specific cases of human rights violations, the philosophical and legal foundations of human rights, and the ways in which this highly abstract concept, linked to very concrete tragedies, has affected politics.

Prerequisite: POLS 220

Course registration no. 38171

356.001 POLITICAL DEV IN LATIN AMERICA MICOZZI TR 1230-1345

This course provides an introduction to Latin American politics combining both historical and contemporary perspectives. The class will focus on the different kinds of political regimes and the patterns of political change inherent to the Latin American countries during the XXth century. As well, recent political events will be analyzed in line with already discussed theoretical approaches. The course puts a higher emphasis in the biggest countries in the South American cone (Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Venezuela and Chile), but also provides an overview of the remaining cases and the most salient Central American units.

Course registration no. 37460

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

400.001 ADV T: US POLITICAL CULTURE GARCIA TR 1600-1715

What are the main attitudes, beliefs and values of the American populace, and how do they have major effects on the politics and government of the United States?

This course critically examines the political culture of the United States, including many of its subcultures. The focus is on the most basic attitudes, beliefs and values of the American public that have relevance for politics and government. Topics include the historical and philosophical background of the political culture, and how these have developed; the processes through which the political culture is formed, both at an individual and group level; assessments of its contemporary condition, including conflicts and consensus; and possible future developments. The purpose is to examine, analyze and attempt to understand how the political culture affects the policies, processes, people and institutions of contemporary American politics and government. The approach is primarily behavioral rather than historical, philosophical or institutional. It is multidisciplinary and largely empirical, based on research in the social/behavioral sciences. Its format is that of a pro-seminar. Students will read relevant writings, primarily books, and will present oral and written descriptions and analyses in class. Participation through discussion is the main format, although some lectures will be included. Recommended pre-requisites: PS 200, 305. Offered with POLS 512.001

Course registration no. 31565

400.002 ADV T: NATIONAL SECURITY & ROSS TR 1600-1715
DEFENSE PLANNING

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Offered with POLS 512.002

Instructor Approval required for registration

400.003 ADV T: HEALTH POLITICS AND POLICY MEDEIROS TR 1230-1345

OF THE LATINO COMMUNITY IN THE U.S.

This course is intended as an overview of Latino Health Politics in the United States. After we gain an understanding of how health care and health policy functions within the United States, we will then examine the Latino community and health care. The first section of the class explores health care within the U.S., how health research defines Latinos, the utilization of health services by the Latinos community, Latino health status and Latino access to health care, and disparities that exist in health care for the Latino community. The second half of the course focuses upon health issues for sub-populations of the Latino community (i.e., children, Latinas, elders) and specific health issues and concerns that arise for the Latino community in general. You will be asked to think critically and analyze the concepts discussed in class. The goal of this course is for students to analyze health politics and policy within the context of the Latino community.

Offered with POLS 512.003

Course registration no. 37474

400.004 ADV T: TRADE POLICY HANSEN TR 0930-1045

Want to learn more about international disputes like the recent US-China clash over tariffs on tire imports from China? This course examines the law, politics, and economics of past and current developments in U.S. and international trade policy, focusing on such issues as why nations trade, the economic effects of trade laws and regulations on U.S. markets and the world, the role of political and legal institutions, and the future of world trade. The course will build on students' basic knowledge of politics and economics and the workings of government institutions in an attempt to develop a meaningful understanding of trade policy decision-making, negotiations in trade, and the national and international disputes surrounding trade issues.

Course registration no. 38172

400.005 ADV T: WAR & PEACE OBERST M 1600-1830

Offered with RELG 447.002

(Description may be obtained from Religious Studies department)

Course registration no. 38484

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

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

521.001 SEM: HUMAN RIGHTS IN LATIN AMERICA STANLEY W 1730-2000

This graduate seminar provides an overview of the theory and practice of human rights protection in Latin America. It will include literature on the intellectual history of human rights concepts; the development and functioning of domestic and international human rights institutions; the regional human rights regime in the Americas; the causes of episodes of systematic human rights violations; the role of transnational networks and social movements in rights protection; and contemporary issues and debates including police violence, post-authoritarian and post-conflict “transitional justice,” indigenous and other group rights, and socio-economic rights. We will devote at least three weeks to in-depth case studies of human rights violations and protection efforts in specific country cases drawn from multiple sub-regions in Latin America. The seminar combines the discussion of assigned readings, as well as the completion and presentation of independent research papers on topics approved by the instructor. This class is intended to serve as a component of the human rights concentration in the Latin American Studies program, but will also be of interest to students in the social sciences and history. The content is inherently interdisciplinary. Written assignments will include brief essays on assigned readings, as well as an article-length research paper.

Course registration no. 37480

521.002 SEM: COMPARATIVE POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS MICOZZI T 1730-2000

Relying on the long-lasting statement “institutions matter”, this course covers the effects of varying kinds of institutional designs over political, legislative and electoral behavior. Far from the old legalistic views, the approach highlights the incentives and restrictions offered by different frameworks, and their expected and unpredicted consequences. The consequences of relevant concepts like regime types, electoral systems, term limits, minority representation, redistricting processes and legislative rules, among others, will be assessed in a broad comparative perspective.

Course registration no. 37481

541.001 SEM: GAME THEORY BUTLER TR 1400-1515

The purpose of this class is for students to explore and understand the applicability of game theory in their substantive areas of study. To this end, we will begin with the nuts and bolts of strategic thinking: Nash equilibrium (for game matrices) and subgame perfect equilibrium (for game trees). We will then examine expected utility theory, mixed strategies, incomplete information, and repeated games (cf. evolutionary game theory). We will then go through applications of game models that are in the students’ substantive areas of study. The class specifically examines game theoretic models in political science, but graduate students from other departments are welcome. A tolerance for mathematical reasoning is expected; the ability to do basic algebra is necessary.

Offered with POLS 496.002

Course registration no. 34639

681.001 ADV STAT ANALYSIS FOR SOCIAL RSRCH HANSEN W 0930-1200

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

SPECIAL FEE \$25.00

Course registration no. 33998