

**POLITICAL SCIENCE
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
Fall 2009**

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**POL 10100-001
MWF 1:30**

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Shaffer

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**POL 10100-002
MWF 2:30**

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**POL 10100-003
TR 12:00-1:15**

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

McCann

This course will examine the institutions, processes, and actors involved in the American political system. It will integrate our understanding about current behavior with the constitutional framework adopted in 1789. Emphasis will be placed on analyzing and explaining the actions and inactions of government with regard to current policy issues. A variety of written homework assignments and some oral discussion will be asked of each student. Brief, in-class writing assignments also will be utilized as a basis for the final grade.

**POL 10100-004
MWF 8:30**

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Staff

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**POL 10100-005
MWF 9:30**

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Staff

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**POL 12000-001
MWF 8:30**

**INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC POLICY AND
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

Staff

This course will examine the nature of public policy and public administration in America. Processes of policy formation and administration are examined. Different approaches to evaluating and improving public policies will be discussed.

POL 12000-002 **INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC POLICY AND**
MWF 12:30 **PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION** **Staff**
This course will examine the nature of public policy and public administration in America. Processes of policy formation and administration are examined. Different approaches to evaluating and improving public policies will be discussed.

POL 13000-001 **INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**
MWF 9:30 **Clark**
Is the world made up of states intensely competing for power, or can we think of it as a society of states? This course starts by introducing and comparing basic theories of international politics. Then we will apply those theories by looking at how they help us to understand war, economic competition, and the role of international organizations in protecting the environment and human well being.

POL 13000-002 **INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**
TR 7:30-8:45 **Simonelli**
This course is intended to serve as an introduction to the study of international politics. We will cover a number of the traditional theories of international relations, but we will also focus on the link between domestic politics and international politics. In doing so, we will evaluate the logic and evidence for alternative explanations of international relations. The objective of this class is that you walk away with an understanding of the relevant literature of international relations, the ability to critically analyze theories of international politics, and the ability to analyze real political problems. There are no prerequisites for this class.

POL 13000-003 **INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**
TR 10:30-11:45 **Hoffman**
This course is intended to be a survey of the major issues and debates in the study of world politics. Course topics include the study of war and peace, Cold War history, the prospects for stemming environmental degradation, and the causes and consequences of international economic competition. The goal of this course is to provide students with the capacity to understand and analyze these and other fundamental problems in international relations. There are no prerequisites for this class and students are not expected or required to have an extensive background in world politics in advance of the course.

POL 13000-004 **INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**
MWF 8:30 **Staff**
This course is an analysis of the fundamentals of international law, organization, and politics, particularly as relevant to contemporary international relations.

POL 13000-005 **INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**
MWF 12:30 **Staff**
This course is an analysis of the fundamentals of international law, organization, and politics, particularly as relevant to contemporary international relations.

POL 14100-001 **GOVERNMENTS OF THE WORLD**
TR 4:30-5:45 **Tilton**
The course will introduce students to politics in countries outside the United States. It will cover (1) concepts for understanding politics; (2) contemporary political issues that affect states across the globe; and (3) the politics of the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Japan, Russia, China, Mexico, Brazil, South Africa and Nigeria. The course will attempt to spark your interest in the politics and cultures of other countries and to make you a better informed citizen.
The United States is the world's greatest power and the choices we make in foreign policy profoundly affect the well-being of our own people and of the rest of the world. Understanding the politics and cultures of other nations is essential to making wise choices in foreign policy. On a more everyday level, this class will help you understand your daily newspaper better. Instead of skipping over articles on Asia, Europe, or Latin America because they are difficult or unfamiliar, you will have tools and background from this course to follow issues around the world.

POL 14100-002
MWF 10:30

GOVERNMENTS OF THE WORLD

Staff

This course is an introduction to the politics and government in selected foreign countries. The course presents the tools and background needed to understand contemporary events in the world beyond the United States. Readings and discussions pay special attention to democratization and development.

POL 22200-001/H

WOMEN, POLITICS, AND PUBLIC POLICY

MWF 11:30

Weldon

Our gender (whether we are identified as boys or girls, women or men, masculine or feminine) affects our everyday lives in important ways. For example, it affects our chances of employment, our rate of pay, our family life, and our sexuality. In this class, we will focus on the ways that gender interacts with race and class to structure the world in which we live, both in the United States and in other countries. We will examine evidence of the changes in the status of different groups of women, as well as the role of both public policy and women's movements in creating those changes. Based on an examination of the position of women vis-à-vis men in the United States and around the world, we will examine whether attempts to improve women's status have worked.

We will also ask what possibilities there might be for public policy or private citizens to take action to improve the world. We will consider a wide range of policy issues, including violence against women, reproductive rights (including both abortion and forced sterilization of women of color and poor women), women and work, family values, poverty and dependency, women in politics, institutional politics, and the international women's movement. For each of these issues, we will try to examine how differences among women affect our understanding of each problem and solution. We will also attend to the ways in which classism, racism, and homophobia in the women's movement have made it difficult to create solidarity among women on some of these issues. Students will develop a familiarity with gender analysis, policy analysis, and how they apply to the main "women's issues" covered in this course. This is also an Honors Option course that meets with the regular class.

POL 22200-002

WOMEN, POLITICS, AND PUBLIC POLICY

TR 9:00-10:15

Staff

This course is an introduction to women's participation in politics, with an emphasis on America. We will also discuss structural and attitudinal conditions limiting women's political roles and contemporary efforts to change women's status in society through politics.

POL 22300-001/H

INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

MWF 3:30

Raymond

This course studies how the policy process addresses environmental problems. Most of the course focuses on domestic environmental policy, but there is a shorter section on international issues as well. While the course provides a thorough overview of specific modern and historical environmental policies, its primary question is conceptual rather than topical: what types of policies are most effective for different kinds of environmental concerns? Requirements include active class participation, midterm and final examinations, and an analytical paper on an environmental policy topic of the student's choice. There are no prerequisites. This is also an Honors Option course that meets with the regular class.

POL 22300-002

INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

MWF 9:30

Aldrich

In this course we will study decision making as modern societies attempt to cope with environmental and natural resources problems. The course focuses both on domestic and international environmental policy with special attention to theories involving interests, ideas, and institutions. Requirements include active class participation, quizzes, midterm and final examinations, and an analytical paper on an environmental policy topic of the student's choice. There are no prerequisites.

POL 23100**INTRODUCTION TO****MWF 2:30****UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY****Targ**

This course will examine in depth, the United States' foreign policy from the onset of the Cold War in 1945 to the present. Lectures, readings, and films will analyze United States' relations with the former Soviet Union, and U.S. policies toward Vietnam, Korea, Iran, Guatemala, Cuba, Chile, Nicaragua, El Salvador, as well as in nations in the Middle East and Southern Africa. The last part of the course will concentrate on United States' foreign policy in the post-Cold War era, an era characterized by commentators as shaped by "globalization." Students will be asked to read three books, write mid-term and final examinations, and to write short essays on readings and lecture materials throughout the semester.

POL 23500**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS****MWF 9:30****AMONG RICH AND POOR NATIONS****Woods**

This course is an introduction to the major themes in the contemporary international relations among rich and poor nations. We will examine such areas as North/South relations, interdependence, international organization, and global development.

POL 30000**INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL ANALYSIS****MW 12:30; Friday labs: 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, or 1:30****S. Parker**

This course introduces the formal process of scientific political research. We will study research design, statistical analysis, and the interpretation of results. The course will center on understanding the problems and limits of statistical analysis. To that end, we will place more emphasis on interpretation and graphical techniques than on the memorization of mathematical equations. There will be weekly homework assignments involving analysis of data from a text of presidential statistics, and students will design and conduct their own political science research project.

POL 32700**GLOBAL GREEN POLITICS****MWF 2:30****McNie**

People around the world are demanding a cleaner and healthier environment as well as more just access to, and benefits from, the environment in what some call the 'greening of international environmental politics'. Problems such as air pollution, deforestation, famine, access to clean water, loss of biodiversity, depletion of fisheries, and many others easily cross national boundaries, affecting multiple actors in many locations, demonstrating the need for integrated solutions to such complex and dynamic problems. In response to such problems, governments and civil society are increasingly pursuing multi-national and global agreements to improve the quality of life, maintain life-sustaining natural systems, and mitigate conflict over resources, in addition to addressing more discrete problems such as depletion of the ozone layer or whaling. Creating effective governance regimes and negotiating such policies is difficult given the disparity between various national and international actors, political and economic power, access to information and disparate national priorities. Additionally, other non-governmental actors are having significant influence on the framing of environmental problems and development of policy alternatives including environmental advocacy organizations, multi-national corporations, and civil society more generally. This course examines the politics, actors, issues, ethics, theories, and alternatives related to solving global environmental problems, and explores specific global environmental regimes in depth.

POL 34500/H**WESTERN EUROPEAN DEMOCRACIES****MWF 11:30****Woods**

This course is designed as a comprehensive study of Western European politics and society. The objective of the course is to introduce students to the major political, economic, international, and social issues shaping Western Europe. We will examine these issues at the national level and at the level of the European community. The course can be considered a success if students come away with a good analytical and descriptive understanding of contemporary Western European politics and society. This is also an Honors Option course that meets with the regular class.

POL 34700**INTRO TO LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS****TR 1:30-2:45****Fernandez**

Prerequisite: POL 141 or consent of instructor. We will discuss aspects of Latin American politics and development. Questions such as the impact of the military on political development, the dynamics of Latin American industrialization, and Latin America's changing international role will be explored.

POL 35300/H**CURRENT POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES****TR 10:30-11:45****Weinstein**

This course is an exploration of the forms of thinking about politics that are current in our social environment. We take materials such as current Left- and Right-wing community newspapers, USA Today, articles from opinion magazines, publications of fringe parties and movements, manifestoes off the Internet--whatever is happening right now--and show the images of the political world that they construct. In this safari through the niches of the culture jungle, we take the approach of a geology, botany, or anthropology field trip--examining specimens of ideology, finding out where they come from, and understanding the views they have of what the world we live in is, and what it should be. Students are encouraged to provide materials to the class--any student contribution supersedes what the instructor has chosen. There are two exams based on class discussion of assigned material, and one paper--a report on what went on in a class session. This is also an Honors Option course that meets with the regular class.

POL 36000/H**WOMEN AND THE LAW****MWF 2:30****Boling**

This course examines how the law affects women and men with regard to a number of areas of life: gender discrimination, equality under the law, sexual harassment, the wage gap, affirmative action, family law (marriage, divorce, unconventional relationships), reproductive choice, surrogacy, and rape. It spans many fields: constitutional and federal statutory law; labor, criminal, and family law, and legal thought. This is also an Honors Option course that meets with the regular class.

POL 37200**INDIANA GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS****MWF 11:30****Waltenburg**

This course is a survey of the political and governmental organization of the state of Indiana. It will cover the Hoosier state's basic political institutions, public policy, and historical and political culture. Throughout the semester, we will compare Indiana politics to the broader federal system.

POL 40300**FIELD EXPERIENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE--Basic****Instructor Permission Required**

Prerequisite: consent of instructor. This Basic Internship course is open to students who have internships with organizations other than the Indiana General Assembly. Internships may be with foreign, federal, state or local government offices or with campaign organizations, lobby groups, political parties, or nonprofit organizations. Politically-oriented internships with business and labor organizations are also appropriate. Credit is not granted for the internship alone. Grades will be based on the submission of research questions and a final paper of approximately 2500 words. Information on Internship opportunities are available on the political science website: <http://www.cla.purdue.edu/polsci>.

POL 40300**FIELD EXPERIENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE--Capstone****Instructor Permission Required**

Prerequisite: 12 hours of political science credit; at least 9 at the 300-level or above, and consent of instructor. This internship fulfills the Capstone "E" requirement for the political science major. The Indiana general assembly legislative internship automatically qualifies for Capstone credit. Any other internship will qualify for Capstone credit only upon the approval of the Internship Director. Capstone credit is not granted for the internship alone. Grades will be based on the submission of research questions and a final paper of approximately 3500 words. The paper must incorporate some basic quantitative analysis. Information on Internship opportunities is available on the political science website: <http://www.cla.purdue.edu/polsci>.

POL 41300/H
MWF 10:30

HUMAN BASIS OF POLITICS

Clawson

Students who have taken POL 300 Introduction to Political Analysis (or its equivalent) will be much better prepared for this course. This course will investigate the sources, organization, content, and consequences of public opinion in American politics. We will grapple with the following questions: What is the role of citizens in a democratic society? How do we measure public opinion? Are citizens pliable? Do citizens organize their political thinking? Do citizens demonstrate and endorse democratic basics? What is the relationship between citizens and their government? Students read course materials carefully and participate actively in class discussions. This is also an Honors Option course that meets with the regular class. For the Honors students enrolled in this course, POL 300 (or its equivalent) is a requirement.

POL 42900-001
MWF 3:30

SELECTED POLITICAL PROBLEMS:
Southern Politics

S. Parker

[A 429 may be repeated for credit from a different instructor.] This course investigates the unique social and political legacy of the American South and the effects of this unique history on the political institutions and culture existing in the South today. We will examine the nature of the one-party system that existed in the South from the end of the Civil War until the 1960s, the evolution of that one-party system to the "competitive" political systems that operate today, and the effects of segregation on Southern politics. We will also examine the growing role of the South in the election of American presidents, and its effect on the operation of Congress. Students will be asked to write a paper examining the changes that have occurred in the South over the last fifty years, and to answer the question "How much change has actually occurred?"

POL 42900-002
MWF 11:30

SELECTED POLITICAL PROBLEMS:
"Not In My Back Yard" (NIMBY) Politics

Aldrich

[A 429 may be repeated for credit from a different instructor.] In this course we will focus intently on a critical problem faced by governments around the world: handling facilities and projects that are thought to be necessary for the common good, but bring with them focused costs on local communities. Nuclear power plants, incinerators, airports, and even worship houses have come under pressure from "Not In My Back Yard," or NIMBY, movements.

Course requirements include active class participation, weekly responses to readings, fieldwork in the community (or an accessible location), and an extended research paper. There are no formal prerequisites, but students are expected to have had exposure to the basic elements of research design and political inquiry, such as POL 300.

POL 42900-003
TR 12:00-1:15

SELECTED POLITICAL PROBLEMS:
Race and Politics

Carter

[A 429 may be repeated for credit from a different instructor.] What are "race" and "ethnicity"? How have American politics been shaped by issues of race and ethnicity? How have American racial and ethnic identities and statuses been shaped by American politics? Is race, and the conflicts that have ensued, a fundamental American value? Or has racism been an exceptional moment in the practice of American democracy? How and why does race persist in an era of official colorblindness? Are we in a post-racial America? This course will examine these and many other questions around race as we examine the social, political, and economic institutions that have supported the growth and development of this concept. Through engaging a host of contemporary and historical documents, as well as popular debates on the topic, we will try to untangle these thorny issues. Although the U.S. is our primary focus, we will also look at the practice of race in a comparative perspective where appropriate.

POL 43200/H
TR 3:00-4:15

SELECTED PROBLEMS IN WORLD ORDER:
HUMAN TRANSFORMATIONS

Beres

Prerequisite: POL 130 or consent of instructor. This course is designed to explore the connections between human transformations and planetary political life, with special reference to war, terrorism, genocide and affirmations of self. Aware that structural alterations of world politics (e.g., new institutions

of world government or collective security) must in themselves be inadequate to world order reform, we will focus on the essential foundation of change and survival: the individual human being. In so doing, we will examine a broad and promising literature that goes far beyond the mainstream texts of conventional international relations scholarship. This is also an Honors Option course that meets with the regular class.

A Note on Procedure: Political Science 432/H is conceived as a sustained investigation of world order reform. The readings and class sessions represent a pair of closely-linked, interdependent parts. It follows that students are required to partake of both parts on a regular basis. Attendance is required!

Graded Assignments: There will be two graded assignments: (1) a short paper, done at home, on the idea of world order; and (2) a full-length paper linking world order reform to particular kinds of individual human transformation. The final paper is to be submitted one week before the last day of class. There are no examinations in this class.

**POL 43400 UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY IN CENTRAL AMERICA
MWF 12:30 AND THE CARIBBEAN**

Targ

Prerequisite: POL 130 or 231. This course will examine the historical political and economic development of the United States, Central America, and the Caribbean drawing extensively on the connections between the three regions (particularly since World War II). Issues of U.S. economic influence and regional revolutionary ferment will be highlighted. Countries covered will include Mexico, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Haiti, and Cuba. Assignments will include readings and classroom discussion, two short papers, and two examinations.

**POL 43500H INTERNATIONAL LAW
TR 12:00-1:15**

Beres

Prerequisite: POL 130 or consent of instructor. This Honors Only course is designed to acquaint qualified students with the essential institutions, norms and dynamics of our world legal order. To accomplish this objective, we begin with a careful consideration of the distinctive quality of international law. Thereafter we will investigate the changing structure of international law; trends and patterns in international legal thought, and the world order approach to international law. This investigation will be followed by a look at the subjects of international law, territorial/jurisdictional questions, and treaties. We will then turn our attention to various aspects of international law in promoting human rights and preventing terrorism; international law and nuclear war; international law and genocide; and alternative systems of world legal order. The concluding exercise will be a final paper, taking the place of a final examination, that articulates the student's own informed plan for international legal reform. Throughout the course, we will examine daily events in world politics from the standpoint of international law..

**POL 46000 JUDICIAL POLITICS
TR 1:30-2:45**

McLauchlan

Prerequisite: POL 10100. This course will explore the structure, processes, and politics of federal and state courts in the United States. A variety of assigned readings, library and Internet research materials, and in-class discussions will provide a number of perspectives on these subjects. Grades will be based on a diverse set of in-class quizzes, out-of-class reading and writing assignments, and one or two larger projects, as well as a comprehensive final examination.

**POL 46100 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I
TR 4:30-5:45**

McLauchlan

Prerequisite: POL 101. This course will explore the constitutional doctrines and developments surrounding the powers and structure of the original, formal institutions (branches) of government, and national/state governmental relations (federalism). A number of readings, largely based on the case law and deriving from Internet legal research and library research, will form the basis for class discussions and other assignments in the course. The final grade in this course will be based on regular writing assignments, a class research project, and class participation.

POL 49100-001**SENIOR SEMINAR:****TR 7:30-8:45****Contemporary Power Relations****Weinstein**

Prerequisites: Senior major in Political Science. This course is an exploration of the distribution of power in today's multi-polar world, both within societies and among states and regional blocs. The course is meant to present the biggest picture possible, with participants filling in some of the details in projects of their own choosing. Each project will involve providing materials to the class for discussion, compiling a bibliography on the person's specialization and writing an independent research paper. Participants will be encouraged to draw upon all that they have learned in political science courses that they have taken previously.

POL 49100-002**SENIOR SEMINAR:****MW 4:30-5:45****Video Research in Political Science****Browning**

This course is an introduction to research using video-based sources and specifically C-SPAN video. It will focus on five areas in American politics. These are the Constitution, the Congress, the Executive Branch, the Judicial Branch, and elections. Each student will be required to lead a presentation on the topic, participate in class discussion, create a web page with video illustrations of process and concepts of their chosen topic, and write a full-length paper on the topic that uses video or data derived from video. Professor Browning is the founding director of the C-SPAN Archives and will direct the use of video-based research tools that he has developed in the Archives.

POL 49100-003**SENIOR SEMINAR:****TR 10:30-11:45****International Cooperation****Simonelli**

Prerequisites: Senior major in Political Science. The focus of this course is cooperation between states. This course draws from both theoretical and empirical works in the international organization literature. We will cover theories of cooperation between and among states, enforcement and compliance, and international bargaining. We will also discuss the role that norms, non-state actors, and/or domestic politics may play in these processes. Finally, we will look at specific issue areas where states cooperate, such as arms control, the environment, and peacekeeping.

POL 49500**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Prerequisite: POL 300 or equivalent, and consent of instructor. Instructor permission required. Students are able to earn credit by working on a research project conducted by a faculty member. Students will become familiar with all phases of the research process. Credit & course requirements are arranged with the instructor. Current research opportunities can be by invitation of the professor, or viewed on the Political Science website: <http://www.cla.purdue.edu/polsci>.

POL 50100**POLITICAL SCIENCE: METHODOLOGY****W 1:30-4:20****Waltenburg**

Prerequisite: Six credit hours of political science and consent of instructor. This course is an introduction to the basic techniques of statistical analysis applicable to political science data; elementary descriptive statistics and statistical inference; multivariate analysis. Undergraduates should see Professor Waltenburg before enrolling.

POL 52000**SELECTED TOPICS: PUBLIC POLICY****MW class, F labs****Models in Climate Change Policy****Raymond & Huber**

There are no prerequisites. The proper use of models is controversial in both science and policy making. Nowhere is this controversy more apparent today than over the issue of climate change. This course will provide students with a better understanding of the role of political, economic, and scientific models in the study of climate change. Team-taught by instructors from Political Science, and Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, the course will combine students across disciplines to work on applying models to distinct aspects of the climate change problem. There are no prerequisites except a desire to learn across disciplines in a hands-on, intellectually challenging environment.

POL 52300 ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND PUBLIC POLICY
MW 4:30-5:45

McNie

In this class we will study the political problems of natural resource use and environmental quality. Theoretical foundations for environmental policy and its evaluation, the political context of environmental policy, principles of administering environmental policies, and the significance of international law and institutions for environmental policies will also be addressed.

POL 59000 DIRECTED READINGS

This is a reading course that is directed by the instructor in whose field of specialization the content of the reading falls. Approval of each reading project must be secured from the department.