

Political Science, in the broadest sense, is the study of governments and governing procedures--whether these "governments" are sovereign states, international entities, or sub-units of political systems. Thus, political science has many facets.

Political scientists are interested in the origins of, and the preconditions for, governments, the growth and evolution of governments, and the decline of governments. Political scientists also are interested in how governments are structured, how governments make decisions, as well as the content of the decisions, and how governments manage societal conflicts. In addition, true to their oldest academic traditions, political scientists retain their concern with the fundamental question of how governments ought to be constituted.

Political scientists usually study these broad topics through specific subfields such as:

- ☞ *political parties and voting behavior*
- ☞ *interest groups*
- ☞ *bureaucracies and administrative procedures*
- ☞ *international politics and organization*
- ☞ *executive politics and legislative behavior*
- ☞ *courts and the administration of justice*
- ☞ *intergovernmental relations*
- ☞ *political socialization and political recruitment*
- ☞ *political personality*
- ☞ *mass movements and revolutions*
- ☞ *political philosophy*
- ☞ *community organization and urban politics*
- ☞ *policy studies*

The study of political science has value in several different ways. The Greek word "idiot" was used to refer to one who took no interest in affairs of state. Today, no less than twenty centuries later, it is incumbent upon all useful citizens to learn something about the political system in which they will spend their lives. Educated people should know something of the nature of government even if they have no professional interest in political science.

More than a minimum knowledge of the function of political systems should be acquired by those who expect to have jobs that will make them "representatives" of the political system itself. Thus, anyone expecting to enter a career in law enforcement, teaching, the civil service, the military, or the law has some social responsibility to obtain an education in the nature of governmental processes. This responsibility exists if only because, by virtue of the career chosen, others will perceive that person to be a source of information about the political system and about politics in general.

Finally, there are some careers for which an extensive training in political science can be most useful. This is true especially for those planning to seek careers in higher education, the legal profession, state and local government, urban planning, the federal bureaucracy, journalism, or in any of the proliferating organizations that seek to monitor the political processes or to influence the content of public policy.

Political science, like its sister fields within the arts and sciences, should help any student develop reasoning and analytical skills and build competence in oral and written expression. In addition, many departments of political science encourage students to acquire skills in statistical analysis and computer usage. All of this training will be useful to students no matter what their ultimate career choices.

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Political Science
Maymester and Summer 2011
Schedule of Classes

Updated 2/28/11

Maymester (Module 1) May 16 - June 10

POL 10100	American Govt & Politics	M-F 9:50-12:00	BRNG B242	R. Kulzick
POL 13000	Intro to International Relations	M-F 1:00-3:10	BRNG B268	A. Rodin
POL 22200	Women, Politics, Public Policy	M-F 9:00-11:10	BRNG 1254	C. O'Brien
POL 30000	Intro to Political Analysis	M-F 9:50-12:00	BRNG 2208	B. Zhao

Maymester (Module 1) May 9 - May 20 : Washington DC

POL 42900	Washington DC Practicum	TBA	TBA	C. Curiel
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Summer (Modules 2 & 3) June 13- August 2

POL 10100	American Govt & Politics	M-F 1:00-2:00	BRNG 1254	M. Dabros
POL 10100Y	American Govt & Politics	Distance Learning	TBA	M. Petersen
POL 13000	Intro to International Relations	M-F 11:00-12:00	BRNG 1254	S. Nguyen
POL 13000Y	Intro to International Relations	Distance Learning	TBA	J. Schultz
POL 14100	Governments of the World	M-F 9:50-10:50	BRNG B268	C. Bechtel

Summer Study Abroad Courses In Political Science -- Application deadline, March 1

For more information visit the Study Abroad Office (YONG 105), call 494-2383, or log on to their website:

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Maymester 2011 - Module I

May 16 - June 10

Final exams - June 10

POL 10100 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

M-F 9:50-12:00

Kulzick

This course introduces students to the norms, policies, and laws that shape U.S. politics, as well as to key concepts and theoretical approaches in American government. Major themes include American democracy, federalism, the nature of political institutions (President, Congress, and Judiciary), political participation, and public opinion.

POL 13000 INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

M-F 1:00-3:10

Rodin

This course will introduce you to the study of international relations. It will acquaint you with the tools and concepts necessary to study politics on the global stage. In the course we will explore various international relations theories and apply these theories to important issues in international politics. Areas of focus will include international security, war, conflict, cooperation, human rights, international political economy, development, and international law.

POL 22200 WOMEN, POLITICS, AND PUBLIC POLICY

M-F 9:00-11:10

O'Brien

This course is an introduction to women's political participation regarding a wide range of "women's issues." Gender-based policy analysis, informed by feminist political theory, will be utilized as we study developing and developed nations.

POL 30000 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL ANALYSIS

M-F 9:50-12:00

Zhao

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 methodological techniques than on the memorization of mathematical equations. There will be frequent computer-based laboratory assignments involving data analysis and interpretation. There is a cumulative exam at the term's end.

POL 429/COM 495 WASHINGTON PRACTICUM

May 9 through May 20

Washington From the Outside In

Curiel

Instructor permission required. Enrollment capped at 22 students. For the first time, the College of Liberal Arts will offer a Washington, DC, experience for students who wish to study up close the workings of government and its institutions as well as that of the news media that cover them all. Participants will have the opportunity meet and interact with Washington decision makers and visit the corridors of power, from Capitol Hill to the White House to the State Department, and more. Students will utilize facilities at C-SPAN (and interact with Purdue alumnus and network founder and CEO Brian Lamb and his team) and spend time with other media powers. Two forums are planned during the intensive two-week period, with time allowed to absorb Washington culture and sights. Students will be encouraged to explore further Washington engagement post-practicum through internships and employment in public service and news media. Housing and some transportation for the practicum will be included in the cost of the course (to be

determined). Participants will be required to propose a paper before departure to DC, which is to be informed by the experience and written for final submission on Friday, May 27, 2011, one week after class sessions in the nation's Capital are concluded.



Summer 2011 - Modules II & III
June 13 - August 2
Final exams - Aug 3 - 5

POL 10100 **AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS** **Dabros**
M-F 1:00-2:00
This course introduces students to the norms, policies, and laws that shape U.S. politics, as well as to key concepts and theoretical approaches in American government. Major themes include American democracy, federalism, the nature of political institutions (President, Congress, and Judiciary), political participation, and public opinion.

POL 10100Y **AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS** **Petersen**
Distance Learning
This course introduces students to the norms, policies, and laws that shape U.S. politics, as well as to key concepts and theoretical approaches in American government. Major themes include American democracy, federalism, the nature of political institutions (President, Congress, and Judiciary), political participation, and public opinion.

POL 13000 **INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS** **Nguyen**
M-F 11:00-12:00
This course will introduce you to the study of international relations. It will acquaint you with the tools and concepts necessary to study politics on the global stage. In the course we will explore various international relations' theories and apply these theories to important issues in international politics. Areas of focus will include war and conflicts, peacebuilding, human rights, international political economy, and development.

POL 13000 **INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS** **Schultz**
Distance Learning
This course will introduce you to the study of international relations. It will acquaint you with the tools and concepts necessary to study politics on the global stage. In the course we will explore various inter-national relations theories and apply these theories to important issues in international politics. Areas of focus will include international security, war, conflict, cooperation, human rights, international political economy, development, and international law.

POL 14100 **GOVERNMENTS OF THE WORLD** **Bechtel**
M-F 9:50-10:50
The goal of this course is to acquaint you with the concepts, ideas, and analytical tools necessary to understand the institutions and processes of different political systems. We will apply these tools to the study of government and politics in selected countries throughout the world. We will focus on topics such as democracy, development, and nationalism.

