



Department of Political Science

COURSE BROCHURE

Spring 2026

Subject to Change

SPRING 26 | Political Science Course Descriptions

POL 10100 - American Government and Politics

This course explores the institutions, processes, and actors in the American political system. It will integrate understanding about political figures' current behavior with the more abstract constitutional framework adopted in 1789. Emphasis will be placed on explaining the actions and inactions of government with regard to current policy issues, and on knowledge of American foundational principles and the basic aspects of political science. A number of brief reflective written assignments will be asked of each student. The final grade will also be based, in part, on multiple online assessment activities.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	18362-008 LEC	Whitney Tyler	MWF 10:30 AM - 11:20 AM	BRNG B222
Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	25839-010 DIS	Darrell Carter	ASYNC ONLINE	

POL 12000 - Introduction to Public Policy and Public Administration

Policy making is at once a problem-solving process and a fundamentally political process. Topics include why some social issues or problems become “public,” how some issues become priorities while others get ignored, how political institutions interact to produce policy, the role of citizen preferences in informing public policy, the role of interest groups in policy making, and how government agencies implement and enforce policy. In this course we will explore key concepts and theoretical models to understand how policy is made, but we will also closely study real world policy areas in order to see how these theories help us understand the actual political world.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	11574-001 LEC	Michael Brownstein	MWF 1:30 PM – 2:20 PM	BRNG 2290
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POL 13000 - Introduction to International Relations

This course teaches you tools for analyzing global politics. Who are the relevant players? What motivates their decision making? How has the international system evolved? What are the prospects for future peace and cooperation? How do global politics impact our personal, day-to-day lives? We will begin with some background on the historical development of the current state system and a sampling of the various approaches to and theories of international relations. As we move through this material, we will carefully identify and explore key concepts and terms that will help us in our analysis. Then—having established an initial vocabulary and theoretic framework—we will delve into more concrete, contemporary issues of war, transnational terrorism, failed states, nuclear weapons, globalization and economic development, and environmental degradation and global warming.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	11328-004 LEC	Kyle Haynes	MWF 9:30 AM – 10:20 AM	LILY G126
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POL 14100 – Governments of the World

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.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	22680-004 LEC	William Dory	MWF 2:30 PM - 3:20 PM	LWSN 1142
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POL 15000 – Introduction to Political Thought

This course is an introduction to basic concepts in political philosophy, such as conflict and community, justice and the good society, the origins of democracy, and the intersections of class, race, gender, and sexuality. Selected classical and contemporary political thinks covered.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	30392-009 LEC	Molly Scudder	TTh 10:30AM - 11:45 AM	WALC B066
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POL 20000 – Introduction to the Study of Political Science

Introduction to basic concepts and methods of political science. Basic concepts including, among others, power, justice, authority, ideology, and democracy, and a variety of quantitative and qualitative methods of analysis will be explored.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	30250-001 DIS	Lisa Argyle	TTh 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM	WALC 3087
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POL 22200 – Women Pol and Public Policy (xlist WGSS 21800E)

An introduction to women's participation in politics, with an emphasis on America. Structural and attitudinal conditions limiting women's political roles and contemporary efforts to change women's status in society through politics.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	16281-001 DIS	Rosalee Clawson	ASYNCR ONLINE	
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POL 22300 - Introduction to Environmental Policy

How do modern societies cope with complex environmental and natural resource issues? In this online summer course, we'll explore approaches to solving environmental policy problems. Students will gain an understanding of core policies that shape environmental issues both in the United States and around the world. With an emphasis on case studies, we will begin to tackle some of the key debates still raging in environmental policymaking today: Are there limits to growth? What is the appropriate role for markets? Where do scientists and science fit in? How do differing environmental worldviews shape the terms of debates like these? Finally, we will learn how we can become involved in the policy process - and in doing so, help promote a more sustainable environment for future generations to come.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	25835-007 LEC	Reed Kurtz	TTh 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	MTHW 210
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POL22800 - Data Science And Public Policy

This course is an introduction to the politics and policies of data science and "big data". Students will (1) gain an understanding of how public policy is made, including the role of data in policymaking; (2) learn about whether and what policies govern the use of data in various applications (such as autonomous vehicles, ownership of health care data, etc.); and (3) explore the ethical, legal, and social implications of data science and big data.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	40376-001 LEC	Chee Hae Chung	MW 4:30 PM - 5:45 PM	BRNG 1268
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POL 22900T – Social and Political Philosophy (xlist PHIL24000)

This course focuses on problems and issues that are beginning to be recognized as worthy of public discussion or policy action, or that may be new areas of expertise and interest for our faculty members. We use it to introduce new topics and approaches, including experimental pedagogies, courses that involve travel, and the like. The content of the course varies from one offering to the next.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	28869-001 LEC	Brian Kogelmann	MWF 9:30 AM – 10:20 AM	BRNG 1268
Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	38555-002 LEC	Leonard Harris	TTh 1:30 PM – 2:45 PM	BRNG 1230

POL 23100 - Intro to US Foreign Policy

This course is designed to introduce students to the major themes and issues in both historical and contemporary U.S. foreign policy. Lectures, discussion, and readings will examine such areas as U.S. relationships with the major powers, the Third World, and international organizations.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	30251-002 DIS	Darrell Carter	ASYNC ONLINE	
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POL 23500 - Rich and Poor Nations

An introduction to the major themes in international political economy among rich and poor nations. We will examine such areas as international trade, finance, multi-nationals and intellectual property rights and how they connect to the theme of Rich/Poor nations, international organizations, and global development.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	27605-002 LEC	Owura Kuffuor	MWF 8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	BRNG 2290
Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	36114-003 DIS	Alexander Pijanowski	ASYNC ONLINE	

POL 23700 - Modern Weapons and International Relations

Whether it was the "smart weapons" used by the United States or the weapons of mass destruction it was looking for, the recent Iraq War confirmed, once again, the central importance of weapons technology and capabilities in international relations. Many argue that we are at a critical turning point where rapid advances in certain critical technologies are fundamentally altering the way nations (especially the United States) prepare for, and fight, wars. This, in turn, can have profound social and political implications for American society, for its military, and for U.S. relations with the rest of the world. In this course we will explore what has become known as the "Revolution in Military Affairs" (RMA) from an historical and contemporary perspective. We will compare the current RMA to previous military revolutions, particularly the Gunpowder Revolution of the 1400s and 1500s and the changes in warfare wrought by the Industrial Revolution. The bulk of the course, however, will focus on the debates and challenges of the current military revolution.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	10785-001 LEC	Keith Shimko	TTh 3:00 PM – 4:15 PM	MTHW 210
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POL 25801 – Introduction To Tech Diplomacy In International Affairs

This course is an overview and introduction to the field of tech diplomacy in international affairs and foreign policy. It explores the risks and opportunities of emerging technology in international relations and potential strategies in governance, foreign policy, and diplomacy to address them.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	39171-001 LEC	Matthew Ellis	TTh 1:30 PM – 2:45 PM	WALC 2051
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POL 30000 - Introduction to Political Analysis

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 proper application and interpretation than on the memorization of mathematical equations. There will be regular homework assignments involving analysis of data, and students will write a review of the social science literature on some specified research topic.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	69958-005 LEC	Eric Waltenburg	TTh 9:00 AM – 10:15 PM	BRNG 2280
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POL 31400 – Presidential Political Process (xlist HIST 41005)

A study of presidential leadership as the embodiment of social forces and as reflective of the personality of the incumbent; the president as national leader reflecting national myths and ideologies; the growth of the presidency; issues and forces affecting the continuity of presidential leadership; the degree of institutionalization of the presidency.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	39099-001 LEC	Michael Brownstein	ASYNCR ONLINE	
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POL 32600 – Black Political Participation In America (xlist AAS 37100BP)

An examination of African American political participation in the United States. Analyzes political culture and socialization, with a focus on the interaction between African Americans and actors, institutions, processes, and policies of the American system of politics and governance.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	39172-001 LEC	Valeria Sinclair Chapman	TTh 1:30 PM – 2:45 PM	BRNG 1245
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POL 32700 - Global Green Politics

This course examines many challenges central to global environmental politics and enables students to identify and analyze his/her own values regarding these problems while looking at a variety of solutions to these problems. Recognizing the increasing set of challenges created by human-environment interactions from the individual to the global scale, this course explores the political dynamics of global environmental affairs, introducing a range of different political actors, their power sources and strategies.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	24375-004 LEC	Reed Kurtz	MWF 9:30 AM – 10:20 AM	BRNG 2280
Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	14662-005 DIS	Reed Kurtz	ASYNCR ONLINE	

POL 34800A - East Asian Politics

The course will examine East Asian politics and society, with special emphasis on China.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	36654-001 LEC	Darrell Carter	TTh 1:30 PM – 2:45 PM	WALC 2088
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POL 35200BK - Current Political Ideology

This course explores the intellectual roots and development of major political ideologies from the 18th century to the present. Students will examine traditions such as liberalism, conservatism, socialism, progressivism, fascism, neoliberalism, and the rise of the new right. Through critical analysis of key thinkers and texts, the course investigates how these ideologies emerged, evolved, and shaped political life. Students will also evaluate the continuing relevance and influence of these ideas in contemporary politics, connecting historical debates to current global and national issues.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	40099-001 LEC	Brian Kogelmann	MWF 10:30 AM – 11:20 AM	BRNG 1245
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POL 36000 – Women And The Law (xlist WGSS 39000L)

An introductory survey of women's legal status in America. Topics include constitutional law, marriage and divorce, reproductive rights, employment discrimination, and crimes of violence.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	25859-001 LEC	Linda Kampe	MWF 8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	SC 239
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POL 37200 – Indiana Government and Politics

An examination of the political and governmental organization of the state of Indiana. Includes the political and historical development of Indiana state government and comparison of policies and institutions with those of other states.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	22741-001 DIS	Christopher Kulesza	ASYNC ONLINE	
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POL 40300PNP - Field Experience in Political Science

Students earn credit for internships in federal, state, and local government offices as well as with political parties, campaign organizations, nonprofit organizations, legislative bodies, and interest groups. Credit and course requirements to be arranged with the instructor. All internships for credit must be approved by the Department of Political Science through the application process. **Pass/No Pass option**

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	32892-005 EX	Linda Kampe		
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POL 40300ISL - Field Experience in Political Science

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Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	39322-006 EX	Leocadia Bien
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POL 40302 – Self-Initiated Internship in Political Science

Employers recognize that the most qualified college graduates come into the workforce with a combination of strong academic preparation and practical on-the-job experience. Internships strengthen resumes and law and graduate school applications. All internships for credit must be approved by the Department of Political Science through the application process.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	24495-001 EX	Linda Kampe
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POL 40302CA - Self-Initiated Internship in Political Science - Capstone

Employers recognize that the most qualified college graduates come into the workforce with a combination of strong academic preparation and practical on-the-job experience. Internships strengthen resumes and law and graduate school applications. All internships for credit must be approved by the Department of Political Science through the application process. Students wishing to complete a Capstone project select the CA option.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	29946-002 EX	Linda Kampe
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POL 40302ISL - Indiana State Legislative Internship

Each spring semester, the Indiana General Assembly awards 50-60 internships. These are competitively awarded and are distributed among the colleges and universities in Indiana. Generally, about 12 Purdue students are chosen. To be eligible, you must be at least a junior and have at least a 3.0 GPA. Approval for legislative internship credit is contingent upon the student securing a position in the Indiana General Assembly's Intern Program run by the party caucuses in the House and Senate.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	39201-003 EX	Leocadia Bien
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POL 40700 – Research Collaboratory

The Collaboratory provides a small-group educational experience for students who seek to hone their research skills and gain hands-on experience in an academic research environment. Collaboratory students will constitute a pool of potential research assistants who will be matched with a faculty member or advanced graduate student seeking research support on a project. Collaboratory members might be engaged in such activities as data collection and processing, survey design, and data analysis and visualization. Collaboratory members who are not working on a faculty or graduate student project will work on one of several ongoing research projects of the Collaboratory itself.



Students must apply via the Purdue Political Science Research Collaboratory page and be accepted and matched with a researcher before enrolling in the course. Applications are found on the Political Science website.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	36657-001 EXP	Logan Strother	ARR HOURS	
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POL 41300 – Analysis Of Political Behavior

A broad-based survey of human political attitudes and behavior and the forces that underlie them, utilizing contemporary research tools to examine and evaluate theoretical claims. Examines how people respond to information about politics, communicate about politics, form attitudes and preferences about politics, and their political interactions with other individuals, groups, and nations. Introduces survey research methodology, its uses, and its challenges in measuring political attitudes and behavior.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	30256-002 LEC	Rosalee Clawson	MWF 9:30 AM- 10:20 AM	BRNG 1245
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POL 42300 – International Environmental Policy

Students will engage with leading theoretical approaches to the sources of international environmental problems, including theories of collective action and the commons, as well as critical theories of capitalism and environmental exploitation. Then, we will analyze some of the solutions proposed for tackling these problems, including the roles of public and private governance, intergovernmental institutions and regimes, market-based policy instruments, globalization, and sustainable development.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	27532-001 LEC	Reed Kurtz	MWF 1:30 PM – 2:20 PM	WALC 2124
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POL 42800 – Politics of Regulation

Politics and policies of federal and state regulatory agencies. Explanations of regulatory agency behavior, arguments for and against government regulation, and alternatives to government regulation.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	14311-001 LEC	Logan Strother	MWF 11:30 AM – 12:20 PM	BRNG 1245
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POL 42900AM – American Political Communication (xlist COM 46400)

This course examines the content, processes, and effects of communication within the American political system. Designed for students to experience the breadth of the field of political communication, the course emphasizes relevant theories and practical skills.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	40197-001 LEC	Jessica Collier	TTH 9:00 AM -10:15 AM	BRNG 2275
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POL 42900 – Communicating Democracy Through Media (xlist COM 49100)

This course will focus on the unique aspects of the C-SPAN television network in the U.S. media and political world. The emphasis will be on how this nonprofit organization relates to principles and concepts in the media and politics in the United States and the implications for democracy.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	40197-001 LEC	Jessica Collier	TTH 9:00 AM -10:15 AM	BRNG 2275
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POL 42900DY – Governing Commons and Infrastructure for Sustainability

This course introduces concepts and tools for analyzing and designing governance arrangements for the sustainable management of shared natural resources and engineered/technical systems. Emphasis is on collective action and human behavior, institutional analysis, infrastructure interdependence, and sustainability and resilience thinking. By the end of the course, students will be able to analyze and model social dilemmas in existing and emerging shared-resource contexts, evaluate trade-offs between governance designs and physical/technical constraints, and craft practical arrangements that deliver durable performance and sustainability across settings.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	39880-003 LEC	David Yu	TTH 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	BRNG 1245
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POL 42900N – Intro To Nuclear & Radiological Source Security (Xlist HSCI 41500)

The course focuses on the basic elements of nuclear and radiological source security. It examines methods for planning and evaluating nuclear security activities at the state and facility level, establishing nuclear security culture in different types of nuclear and radiological installations, and examines nuclear cyber and information security measures. Issues and

approaches for nuclear security concerns, both state-level (e.g., nonproliferation and deterrence) and asymmetric concerns (e.g., nuclear smuggling and nuclear terrorism) will be addressed. Group exercises and simulations in applied nuclear security scenarios will complement lectures. This course is designed for both "technical" (engineering and science) and "non-technical" (policy) students and the interaction between students of different backgrounds is encouraged.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	39155-001 LEC	Jason Harris	TTH 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	SCHM 316
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POL 43000PV – Political Violence: Terrorists, Freedom Fighters, and Governments

This course will study the concept and occurrence of political violence with a focus on non-state actors and unconventional warfare. We will examine political violence in the context of civil conflict, trans-national terrorism, and government repression, at multiple levels of analysis. This course examines theories about sources, strategies, and outcomes of political violence. This course explores questions about the rationality of choosing political violence, collective action problems in rebellion, and effective responses. We will discuss the role of gender in rebel groups and civilian violence. The course will also examine counterterrorism policies and outcomes. Political violence by non-state actors occurs frequently in conflicts around the world. A deeper understanding of political violence also improves our understanding of international relations, foreign policy, state repression, civil war, and terrorism.

Students will read core scholarship on political violence, terrorism, and intrastate conflict, discussing these concepts in detail. After completing this course students will be able to classify and contrast theories on the sources of political violence, identify and evaluate trends in different types of non-state actor political violence, discuss the relationship of political violence by the state to terrorist or rebel organizations, and evaluate pros and cons of policies addressing political violence. This course provides students with broad understanding of multiple aspects of political violence by non-state actors.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	36662-001 LEC	Darrell Carter	TTH 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	WALC 1121
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POL 43300 - International Organization

A study of the structure and functions of the United Nations and associated agencies, with an emphasis on the role of this system in contemporary international relations.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	39209-001 LEC	Darrell Carter	TTh 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	WALC 2127
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POL 43801 – International Human Rights

This course exposes students to the politics of international human rights through reading, lectures, film, discussion, and student research. Topics include the concept of human rights, international law related to the protection of human rights, empirical research on political and economic causes of human rights violations in individual countries, and research on prevention

efforts and remedies for past violations. This political science course is also part of Purdue's Human Rights Minor program.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	18387-001 LEC	William Dory	MWF 1:30 PM – 2:20 PM	BRNG 1245
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POL 43900 – US Foreign Policy Making

An analysis of the decision-making process in United States foreign policy.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	39817-017 LEC	Matthew Ellis	TTH 4:30 PM - 5:45 PM	BRNG 1245
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POL 45000 – Game Theory And Strategy In Political Science

This course introduces students to the basics of game theory and its applications in political science. The course will cover foundational concepts in game theory, including strategic rationality, best responses, normal and strategic form games, backward induction, and games of incomplete information. Students will complete problem sets to demonstrate mastery of these subjects. We will also apply these basic game theoretic tools to important problems in political science to better understand the dynamics of bargaining, coercion, reassurance, cooperation, and other key concepts.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	36672-001 LEC	Tara Grillos	TTh 3:00 PM – 4:15 PM	BRNG 1245
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POL 46100 - Constitutional Law I

This class will introduce the student to the work of the United States Supreme Court in a number of areas. These include the power of the Court to interpret the Constitution, standing, presidential and congressional powers, federalism, and elections.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	28461-001 LEC	Linda Kampe	MWF 12:30 PM - 1:20 PM	BRNG 1245
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POL 46200 - Constitutional Law II

An Examination of the development of individual rights and civil liberties through constitutional

law and interpretation of the Bill of Rights and Civil War Amendments. Both doctrinal and political pressures will be discussed to illustrate the evolution of these rights.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	23540-003 LEC	Martin Sweet	TTh 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM	BRNG 1245
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POL 46400 – Legal Professionalism, Writing and Ethics

This class is designed to provide students with the practical skills and knowledge they will need to embark on an internship or career in the legal environment. The class will focus on legal ethics, writing and research skills. We will focus both on writing technique and the sorts of documents that lawyers produce, as well as the practical skills and ethical concerns that commonly arise in dealing with clients.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	36676-001 LEC	Linda Kampe	MWF 10:30 AM – 11:20 AM	BRNG B206
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POL 49100JC – Parties Groups & Policymaking

This course will equip students to analyze and more deeply understand the political realities of public policymaking in the United States. Students will learn how to identify relevant players in a given policy fight, analyze the problem-identification stage of policy development, manage publicity and agenda-setting, and tailor policymaking strategy to institutional context. In addition to providing students with knowledge about the policymaking process, the course hones practical political skills useful for a career in public policy.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	39642-001 LEC	Jesse Crosson	MWF 9:30 AM – 10:20 AM	BRNG B206
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POL 49100KH – Game Theory, Strategy, And War

This course applies the tools of game theory to understand the causes of war and peace in international politics. Students will learn the technical basics of game theory and complete problem sets to demonstrate mastery of these skills. We will apply these tools to show how they can help us better understand important historical and contemporary cases.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	40129-003 LEC	Kyle Haynes	MWF 11:30 AM - 12:20 PM	BRNG B206
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POL 49100KS – Conservatism In America

The modern American conservative movement began in the mid-1930s largely as a reaction against the liberalism of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal during the Great Depression, which many saw as undermining the economic and political foundations of the republic. Since then an incredibly diverse, and often colorful, range of figures have shaped the evolution of conservatism as an intellectual and political force in American life. In this seminar we will examine the ideas, sentiments and policies that have united, divided and animated America conservatives over the decades.

Focusing on some of the most important conservative intellectuals and political actors — from Friedrich Hayek to Milton Friedman, Willam F. Buckley to Ayn Rand, and Robert Taft to Barry Goldwater to Ronald Reagan to Donald Trump — we will emphasize two central issues/questions. First, what does it mean to be a “conservative” in the American context? Second, how has the meaning and understanding of conservatism in the United States changed since the end of WW II?

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	39882-002 LEC	Keith Shimko	TTh 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	BRNG B232
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POL 49500ISL – Indiana State Legislation Intern Capstone

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Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	39315-001 EXP	Eric Waltenburg	ASYNC ONLINE	
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Note: 500-Level Courses

According to the Graduate council, only students with classifications of five or higher will be considered eligible for enrollment in 500-level courses, unless they have consent of instructor.

POL 50601 – Data Machine Learn AI Public Sector

This course examines how machine learning algorithms and tools related to artificial intelligence can be used to advance our understanding in public sector domains. Students will develop a comprehensive understanding of how to apply AI and various machine learning

algorithms, focusing on practical applications and hands-on experience. It provides an overview public sector data sources and addresses ethical and privacy issues associated with this type of data.

Week 1-8	01/12/26-03/07/26	40058-001 DIS	Bryce Dietrich	ASYNCR ONLINE	
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POL 52000 – Policy Analysis Climate Change (Xlist IE 59000POL)

This class focuses on how to create a sustainable and equitable transportation future. Taking an interdisciplinary approach, students will learn about historical issues around transportation justice, individual biases and how they affect transportation issues, contemporary structural inequities, environmental justice, technology and societal impact, and public policy. Students will be expected to do significant reading to prepare for class, participate actively in class discussion, take quizzes, write a group paper, and present the paper in class. This is a graduate level class appropriate for advanced undergraduates and graduate students. Students are welcome from any discipline.

Full Term	01/12/26-05/09/26	39485-107 LEC	David Johnson	TTh 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM	KRAN G023
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POL 52101– Applied Public Policy

Applied introduction to the institutions, processes, and practices in the field of public policy. Students will examine the role of government institutions, standards organizations, corporate actors, and non-governmental organizations, policymakers, regulators, and the public in the policy process. The course will draw examples from one or more applied policy areas such as economic development, emerging technology policy, sustainability policy, energy, foreign policy, or social policy.

Week 1-8	01/12/26-03/07/26	39325-002 DIS	Samuel Grubbs	ASYNCR ONLINE	
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POL 52601 – Technology, AI and Ethics in Policy (DO)

Examines how emerging technologies like artificial intelligence (AI), automated decision systems, and digital platforms are being adopted in the public sector. It explores the benefits as well as ethical risks and challenges associated with implementing these technologies in areas like healthcare, education, child welfare, and criminal justice. Students will analyze governance strategies, policies, and administrative procedures to promote responsible technology use in government.

Week 9-15	03/09/26-05/09/26	33275-002 DIS	TBD	ASYNCR ONLINE	
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POL 52701 – Technology, Data, and AI in Governance (DO)

This course introduces students to the institutions and governing systems at the subnational, national, supranational, and international levels that regulate emerging technology, AI, and data. Focusing on laws, standards, and best practices, students will examine comparative case

studies of regulation of big tech in differing governing environments. Students will explore how social, economic, and political factors shape differences in technology regulation across the globe.

Week 1-8	01/12/26-03/07/26	32944-003 DIS	Swati Srivastava	ASync ONLINE	
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POL 52801 – Policy And Program Evaluation

This course introduces students to the logic of designing and implementing program evaluations to assess implemented policies and programs. The course examines research designs for different evaluation goals, the application of evaluation strategies, and strategies for reporting results to specialist and non-specialist.

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Week 1-8	01/12/26-03/07/26	40044-001 DIS	Matthew Ellis	ASYNC ONLINE	
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POL 55901 – Emerging Tech In International Affairs

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POL 59000ISL – Sub-National Government

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