Graduate Course Descriptions

SPECIAL TOPICS IN PUBLIC POLICY: Gender, Race, and Class
POL 52000 - MW 4:30-5:45 (N. Brown)

This class will investigate the political and theoretical basis of policymaking as it reflects and affects relations of gender, race, and class. Policy issues examined in the class will include welfare reform, violence against women, wage gaps, sweatshops, “affirmative action”, reparations, reproductive rights, and political representation. Assignments will include class participation (quality and quantity), presentations, two tests, and two papers.

RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODS
POL 60500 - Th 3:00-5:50pm (J. McCann)

Prerequisite: POL 501 or equivalent. This course will cover advanced topics in quantitative methods for political science. Most of these topics are built on the basic regression model and deal with many of the problems encountered in these models using social science data. Requirements include exercises, an examination, and a research paper.

PRO SEMINAR: AMERICAN POLITICS
POL 61000 - M 6:30-9:20pm (J. McCann)

This course is an introduction to American political systems, processes, and behavior as a field of graduate study with an emphasis on literature.

RES SEMINAR: INTL RELATIONS – Theories and Practice of Justice in International Politics
POL 63100 - M 1:30-4:20pm (A. Clark)

Admission by consent of department. May be repeated for credit with a different instructor. This course will focus broadly on justice in international politics. The word is used in many ways these days. How has justice been conceived by political theorists? How is justice understood and pursued by advocates? How is it practiced in international institutions? This course is being offered for the first time. It will have a strong theoretical emphasis that will include normative and analytical approaches to theories of justice, and a significant empirical component addressing scholarly work on the international pursuit and practice of justice.
PRO SEMINAR: COMPARATIVE POLITICAL SYSTEMS
POL 64000 - W 7:00-9:50pm (D. Woods)

This course may be repeated for credit with a different instructor. This course is an introduction to the theories, concepts, methodologies, and literature of comparative politics. The course seeks to expose students broadly to the discipline, to spark interest in issues and theories, and to provide tools for later research.

QUALITATIVE METHODS
POL 69300-001 - T 3:00-5:50 (L. Raymond)

Prerequisite: POL 501 or consent of instructor. This course is an introduction to the use of qualitative methods in political science. In addition to a detailed consideration of several leading qualitative approaches to political research, the course will also consider the distinctive issues of research design for qualitative research as well as the relationship of qualitative and quantitative methods.

P2P: PAPER TO PUBLICATION
POL 69300-002 - F 2:30-5:20 (A. Hoffman)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor Publishing articles in peer-reviewed journals is increasingly important for students who intend to pursue careers in academia. P2P is a course designed to help students in any Political Science sub-field turn already-written seminar papers into peer-reviewed publications. It combines weekly meetings focused on manuscript development with workshop sessions involving scholars from inside and outside Purdue.

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NOTE: 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.

NOTE: The following conditions should be obtained for each senior student recommended for enrollment in a 600-level course: 1) a GPA of at least 3.2 or acceptance to a graduate program for a subsequent term; 2) semester load restricted to 16 hours with the inclusion of the one 600-level course; and 3) signature of instructor on Form 23.