

Political Science Courses, Spring 2018

CAS PO 141

Introduction to Public Policy

Undergraduate core course. Analysis of several issue areas: civil rights, school desegregation, welfare and social policy, education and urban housing, energy and the environment. Characteristics of policy systems in each issue area are analyzed to identify factors which may affect the content and implementation of public policies. Carries social science divisional credit in CAS. Cannot be taken for credit in addition to the course by the same title that was previously numbered CAS PO 241.

CAS PO 171

Introduction to International Relations

(Meets with CAS IR 271.) Undergraduate core course. Study of basic factors in international relations, Western state system, balance of power, nationalism, and imperialism. Carries social science divisional credit in CAS. This course cannot be taken for credit in addition to the course with the same title that was previously numbered CAS PO 271.

CAS PO 191

Introduction to Political Theory

Major works of political philosophy are considered, to address fundamental questions of political life. Looks at different conceptions of authority, justice, liberty, and equality, including how they justify and define government, law, and rights and how they pertain to current issues. Carries social science divisional credit in CAS. This course cannot be taken for credit in addition to the course by the same title that was previously numbered CAS PO 291.

CAS PO 300

Special Topics in American Politics

Topic for Spring 2018: The Politics of Consumption

Topics vary. May be taken multiple times for credit providing the topic is different. Examines the relationship between political behavior and consumer behavior in the USA. Topics addressed include ethical consumption, corporate social responsibility, and the consequences of "buying local" or "buying American."

CAS PO 304

The Judicial Process

Prereq: PO111. Introduction to the judicial process. Topics include the role of lawyers and judges, the structure of the court system, juries, and legal reasoning. Primarily intended for students who have little or no exposure to law courses. This course cannot be taken for credit in addition to the course with the same title that was previously numbered CAS PO 315. (Offered alternate years.)

CAS PO 307**Public Opinion and Electoral Politics**

Prereq: PO111. Determinants and consequences of public opinion in the American political system. Social, psychological, and economic influences on opinion formation; role of mass media, parties, and interest groups. Public and private propaganda. Measurement of opinion; sampling techniques; interviewing; data analysis. This course cannot be taken for credit in addition to the course with the same title that was previously numbered CAS PO 323.

CAS PO 320**Special Topics in Public Policy****Topic for Spring 2018: Law, Courts, and Public Policy: The Role of Courts in American Public Policy Making**

Topics vary. Investigates judiciary's role in the policy-making process. We compare the courts with other political institutions and how much they differ in their policy-making role. The objective is to develop an understanding of the courts as political actors.

CAS PO 321**Foundations of American Public Policy**

Investigates the social and political roots of U.S. policy solutions. Cross-national comparisons and historical perspectives are used to shed light on seemingly unique American solutions to pressing social and economic problems. This course cannot be taken for credit in addition to the course with the same title that was previously numbered CAS PO 343.

CAS PO 327**Non-State Actors in International Relations**

Meets with CAS IR 333. Examines the important role of non-state actors in international relations. Non-state actors include subnational governments, international organizations, multinational corporations, non-governmental organizations, religious groups, violent groups, for-profit security firms, social movements, and grassroots organizations. This course cannot be taken for credit in addition to the course with the same title that was previously numbered CAS PO 333.

CAS PO 330 A1**Special Topics in Comparative Politics****Political Violence**

May be repeated for credit if topics are different. Examines the causes and consequences of political violence around the world. Topics include civil war, electoral violence, riots, protests, and government repression. Particular emphasis on Africa and South/Southeast Asia.

CAS PO 330 B1**Special Topics in Comparative Politics****Democracy in the Middle East: Israel as a Case for Comparative Analysis**

May be repeated for credit if topics are different. Examines how Israel compares to other societies, especially the US, as a democracy, focusing on immigration, refugee, security, and human rights issues. May be of interest to Americanists as well as comparativists.

CAS PO 350**The Making of Asia**

(Meets with CAS IR 275.) Explores the diverse experiences of modernization and development in China, Japan, Korea, as well as the countries of Southeast Asia. Also examines the domestic and international impacts of growing social-economic ties, as well as the complex security challenges among Asian states. This course cannot be taken for credit in addition to the course titled "The Pacific Challenge" that was previously numbered CAS PO 350 and CAS PO 365.

CAS PO 355**International Relations of South Asia**

(Meets with CAS IR 372.) Introduction to South Asia and regional conflict and cooperation. Focus on India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka inter-state relations; great power interventions; power distributions; norms; political, military, and economic conflict and cooperation. This course cannot be taken for credit in addition to the course with the same title that was previously numbered CAS PO 378.

CAS PO 373**African Politics Today**

(Meets with CAS IR 343.) An introduction to the issues dominating African political life today. Core course debates revolve around recent trends in African economic growth, democratic governance, and armed conflict, in addition to several other issues of contemporary concern.

CAS PO 376**Understanding Modern North Africa**

(Meets with CAS IR 383.) Considers political, cultural, economic, and social developments in the modern states of Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, and Libya as they struggle to gain independence from colonial domination and to consolidate viable, secure, and legitimate states and prosperous national communities. This course cannot be taken for credit in addition to the course with the same title that was previously numbered CAS PO 383.

CAS PO 378**International Human Rights: Applying Human Rights in Africa**

(Meets with CAS IR 352.) Studies the growing international influence on politics of human rights principles, documents, and organizations, drawing especially on African cases such as Congo, Zimbabwe, and Sudan. Topics include universality vs. cultural relativism, individual vs. group rights, and issues in human rights enforcement. This course cannot be taken for credit in addition to the course with the same title that was previously numbered CAS PO 587.

CAS PO 380**Special Topics: International Relations in Political Science: Nuclear Governance**

(Meets with CAS IR 300 A1.) Topic for Spring 2018: Nuclear Governance. Examines how states administer their nuclear weapons and energy programs at the domestic and international levels. Explores the bureaucracies, military services, and government officials responsible for creating and maintaining nuclear weapons and energy.

CAS PO 393**The European Enlightenment**

(Meets with HI215 and PH412.) Survey of the intellectual and social transformation of Europe from the 1680s to the French Revolution. Readings draw on both eighteenth-century sources (including Voltaire, Diderot, Condorcet, Lessing, Smith, and Hume) and recent work by historians. This course cannot be taken for credit in addition to the course with the same title that was previously numbered CAS PO 395.

CAS PO 409**The Political Psychology of Group-Based Politics**

(Meets with PS512.) The study of political psychology, integrating political science and social and cognitive psychology as it informs the dynamics of group-based politics, including especially race, gender, class, and political party affiliation. Must have junior standing and one previous course in political science or social psychology; or consent of instructor.

CAS PO 503**The U.S. in the Middle East**

(Meets with CAS IR 503.) Examines the historical development and present status of the United States' association with the Middle East: American commercial, economic, political, military, and humanitarian interests in the area and their interaction. This course cannot be taken for credit in addition to the course with the same title that was previously numbered CAS PO 570. Must have senior standing.

CAS PO 508

The Judiciary and Civil Liberties

First Amendment rights of speech, press, assembly, religion; rights of defendants in criminal cases; and the constitutional protection of racial minorities. Supreme Court decision-making processes and modes of compliance with its decisions are also considered. This course cannot be taken for credit in addition to the course with the same title that was previously numbered CAS PO 514.

CAS PO 519

Inequality and American Politics

Combining research from history, political science, economics, and public policy, this course examines the role of income inequality in shaping American politics and policy.

CAS PO 520

Readings in Public Policy

Topic for Spring 2018: The Politics of National Security: Theory & Practice

Topics vary. Combines classic and recent political science research with current events to explore threats to US national security, the tools available to U.S. policymakers to combat these threats, and the domestic and bureaucratic politics of the U.S. defense establishment.

CAS PO 533

Globalization of Nationalism

Focuses on the problem of nationalism, distinguishing types, examining origins, and analyzing political, social, and economic implications. Emphasis in Spring 2017 is on nationalism's spread into territories in Asia, specifically China, and under the cover of religion (e.g., ISIL) and secular social movements (e.g., "June Days" in Brazil).

CAS PO 536

Social Europe: Identity, Citizenship, and the Welfare State

(Meets with CAS IR 551.) The past, present and future of "social Europe." Impact of European economic and political integration on national identities, cultures, politics, and citizenship; EU policies affecting these social constructions; and changes over time in the welfare state. This course cannot be taken for credit in addition to the course with the same title that was previously numbered CAS PO 528. Must have junior standing or consent of instructor.

CAS PO 537

The British Political System

(Meets with CAS IR 537.) Links developments in U.K. politics to broader themes in comparative politics, ranging from identity politics to the evolution of bureaucracies, parties, and voting behavior. Examines the general failure to export the Westminster model in the aftermath of colonialism.

CAS PO 542**Immigration: Politics and Policy**

Immigration has become a subject of much debate and controversy in democratic polities. This course explores the politics, economics, and social consequences of immigration policies across a number of countries, including European states and the United States. Must have junior standing or consent of instructor.

CAS PO 548**Political Economy of China**

(Meets with CAS IR 527.) How did China implement economic reform? What were the progresses and limitations? How is China's political-economic development influencing the global system? Discussions are conducted in a comparative perspective. Countries of reference include Japan and India. This course cannot be taken for credit in addition to the course with the same title that was previously numbered CAS PO 527. Must have junior standing or consent of instructor.

CAS PO 549**Problems and Issues in Post-Mao China**

(Meets with CAS IR 585.) An in-depth examination of politics in post-Mao China, this course focuses on several critical issues, uses various conceptual frameworks to try to understand why the reform process broke down and examines prospects for the future. This course cannot be taken for credit in addition to the course with the same title that was previously numbered CAS PO 558. Must have junior standing.

CAS PO 552**Japan in International Politics**

(Meets with CAS IR 579.) International and domestic influences on Japan's international behavior in the past as a predictor of Japan's future role in international politics. Covers Japan's role in the Cold War, post-war Asia, and the management of the global economy. Examines viability of the post-Cold War U.S.-Japan relationship. This course cannot be taken for credit in addition to the course with the same title that was previously numbered CAS PO 579. Must have junior standing or consent of instructor.

CAS PO 554**Conflict and Cooperation in Asia**

(Meets with CAS IR 501.) Investigates patterns of conflict and cooperation in South and East Asia surrounding issues ranging from water resources and health to borders and war. Analyzes how such issues contribute to instability in the region, as well as methods of cooperation. This course cannot be taken for credit in addition to the course with the same title that was previously numbered CAS PO 530.

CAS PO 576**The Foreign Policy of the People's Republic of China**

(Meets with CAS IR 577.) Explores China's perception of its role in the world, its evolution from a regional to a world power, and its security and economic relationships within the international system. Relationships with the superpowers, Third World, and world economy, focusing on technology and capital transfers. This course cannot be taken for credit in addition to the course with the same title that was previously numbered CAS PO 578. Must have junior standing or consent of instructor.

CAS PO 578**The United States as a World Power**

(Meets with GRS HI 859.) The course material is organized along a debate format. Although the course is primarily concerned with twentieth-century U.S. foreign policy, attention is also given to eighteenth- and nineteenth-century issues. This course cannot be taken for credit in addition to the course with the same title that was previously numbered CAS PO 674. Juniors, seniors, and graduate students only.

CAS PO 586**Science Fiction and World Politics**

Uses science fiction literature as a starting point for an analysis of themes that concern scholars of present international relations, and those interested in imagining and making alternative political futures. Topics include causes of war, distribution of wealth and power, and consequences of nationalism. This course cannot be taken for credit in addition to the course with the same title that was previously numbered CAS PO 670.

CAS PO 589**Religion and International Relations**

(Meets with CAS IR 561 and CAS RN 561.) Explores the role of religion in contemporary international relations in the context of questions about the common core of modernity. Reviews scholarly and policy literature, and case studies, in order to elucidate religion's intellectual and operational diversity in international relations. Must have junior standing or consent of instructor.