POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Advising Students majoring in Political Science are expected to have a member of the Political Science faculty as an adviser. Upon declaring their major, students are asked to identify an adviser in their substantive field of interest. The fields of interest of the faculty are listed on the departmental Web site (http://politicalscience.yale.edu/people/faculty) . For newly declared majors having difficulty identifying an appropriate adviser, one or more members of the faculty will be suggested by the department. Students are also encouraged to seek advice from the department’s residential college faculty representatives as well as from other members of the department who are knowledgeable about their fields of interest. Majors must secure written approval of their course selections each term from their adviser, another member of the department, or the director of undergraduate studies. All subsequent changes in a student’s major program must also be approved.

Students are urged to take the initiative in shaping a coherent program suited to their interests, and they should also consult frequently with their adviser. The director of undergraduate studies and other members of the department can provide advice about departmental requirements, options within the major, requirements of two majors, study abroad, and other matters related to the major. Additional information on advising can be found on the departmental Web site. (http://politicalscience.yale.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/advising)

The standard program for the Classes of 2014 and 2015 Eleven term courses in political science are required. Students must take at least two courses in each of any three of the department’s five fields—international relations, American government, political philosophy, analytical political theory, and comparative government. Students expecting to major in Political Science should take one or more introductory-level courses in the department early in their college careers. Introductory courses count toward the overall course requirement and toward the departmental fields requirement.

Students are encouraged to take courses related to political science that are offered by other departments. Students in the Classes of 2014 and 2015 who elect the standard program may petition to count up to three such courses toward the major. Students may routinely count college seminars taught by members of the Political Science faculty toward the major, and they may petition to count one college seminar taught by an instructor outside the department. Students who have completed Directed Studies may, with the approval of the director of undergraduate studies, count one term of DRST 005, 006 toward the major.

The standard program for the Class of 2016 and subsequent classes Twelve term courses in political science are required. Students must take at least two courses in each of any three of the department’s five fields—international relations, American government, political philosophy, analytical political theory, and comparative government. Students expecting to major in Political Science should take one or more introductory-level courses in the department early in their college careers. Introductory courses count toward the overall course requirement and toward the departmental fields requirement.

For students in the Class of 2016 and subsequent classes, up to two lecture courses taken Credit/D/Fail may count toward the major, with permission of the director of undergraduate studies.

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Senior requirement  Students in all classes majoring in Political Science are required to take at least two seminars taught by members of the Political Science department, one during the senior year. Seniors in the major must also complete a senior essay, as described under “Senior essay” below. The essay can be written either in one term or over both terms of the senior year. In order to graduate from Yale College, a student majoring in Political Science must achieve a passing grade on the senior essay.

Seminar preregistration  Each term, the department provides all declared majors the opportunity to apply for preregistration to its seminars. Instructors of seminars may preregister up to twelve students per course, or up to eight students for courses multiple-titled with other programs. The maximum enrollment for each seminar is eighteen. Students may be preregistered for up to two seminars per term. For fall-term seminar preregistration, an initial notice is sent to all majors in July; for spring-term preregistration, the notice is sent in November. Only students who are declared Political Science majors at the time the notice is sent are eligible to participate.

Senior essay  The senior essay provides an appropriate intellectual culmination to the student’s work in the major and in Yale College. The essay should ordinarily be written on a topic in an area in which the student has previously done course work. It should rest on extensive research that is appropriate to the subject matter. Essays are expected to be in the range of twenty-five to thirty double-spaced pages. At the beginning of the term in which the essay is written, students must have their senior essay topic approved by a faculty member who has agreed to advise them. Each student is expected to consult regularly with the seminar instructor or adviser and take the initiative in developing a plan of research, scheduling regular meetings, and submitting preliminary drafts for review.

One-term essays may be written either in a seminar or, with the approval of an adviser and the director of undergraduate studies, in PLSC 480, One-Term Senior Essay. Senior essays written in the fall term are due on December 6, 2013. Spring-term and yearlong essays are due on April 21, 2014. More extensive information about the senior essay can be found on the departmental Web site (http://politicscience.yale.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/undergraduate-senior-essay). The yearlong senior essay Students who wish to undertake a more extensive research project than is possible in a single term may fulfill the senior essay requirement by enrolling in the yearlong course sequence PLSC 490, The Senior Colloquium, and 491, The Senior Essay. PLSC 490 also counts toward the senior seminar requirement. In the fall term, students writing a yearlong senior essay develop a research prospectus for the essay and begin their research under the supervision of a member of the faculty who specializes in the area being investigated. In the spring term, students complete the essay. Yearlong senior essays are expected to be substantially longer than a regular term paper. While there is no fixed length, they are normally fifty to sixty pages long.

Majors who wish to enroll in the yearlong senior essay must apply for admission in the spring of their junior year. The deadline for the Class of 2015 is March 31, 2014. By that date, students should submit to the office of the director of undergraduate studies: (1) the yearlong senior essay prospectus form signed by a faculty adviser who has agreed to supervise the student during both terms of the senior year; and (2) a one-to-two-page statement describing the research project. It is expected that no more than fifteen students will be admitted each year.

The major with an interdisciplinary concentration  Students majoring in Political Science may choose an interdisciplinary concentration, which allows them to identify and pursue an area of study that crosses conventional disciplinary and departmental boundaries. Examples of interdisciplinary concentrations are urban studies, health politics and policy, political economy, political psychology, and global affairs. Students choosing such a concentration are required to take twelve term courses toward the major. At least seven courses must be in the field of concentration, and two courses must be taken in each of any two of the department’s five fields. The senior requirement is the same as for the standard program, with the proviso that the essay must be written on a subject that falls within the field of concentration.

For the Classes of 2014 and 2015, as many as three courses taken in other departments may, with the approval of the director of undergraduate studies, be applied toward the concentration. Two additional courses from other departments may be counted toward the departmental fields requirement, with the permission of the director of undergraduate studies. For the Class of 2016 and subsequent classes, a maximum of three courses taken other departments may be counted toward the major, with the permission of the director of undergraduate studies.

Students wishing to pursue the Political Science major with an interdisciplinary concentration must submit an application and meet with the director of undergraduate studies to discuss their proposed program of study. The application is due prior to the beginning of the November recess in the student’s final year of enrollment.

The intensive major  The intensive major gives students an opportunity to undertake more extensive course work and research for the senior essay than is possible in the standard major. Requirements for the intensive major are identical to those for the nonintensive major (standard program or interdisciplinary concentration), with the following exceptions: (1) in the spring term of the junior year, intensive majors take PLSC 474, Directed Reading and Research for Junior Intensive Majors, in preparation for writing a yearlong senior essay; (2) in the senior year, intensive majors fulfill the senior essay requirement by enrolling in the yearlong course sequence PLSC 490, The Senior Colloquium, and PLSC 493, Senior Essay for Intensive Majors (PLSC 490 also counts toward the senior seminar requirement); (3) for the Class of 2016 and subsequent classes, a total of fifteen term courses is required.

Juniors wishing to pursue an intensive major must apply to the director of undergraduate studies by November 15, 2013. The application should contain: (1) the intensive major application form signed by a faculty adviser who has agreed to supervise the student for the final three terms of enrollment; (2) a plan of study that identifies the political science courses that will be taken in those three terms; and (3) a one-to-two-page description of the proposed senior essay.
**Study abroad**  Students who study in a Junior Term Abroad program or at another university during the summer may, with the approval of the director of undergraduate studies, count up to two courses toward the major. Students who study in a Junior Year Abroad program may, with the approval of the director of undergraduate studies, count up to four courses toward the major.

**Combined B.A./M.A. degree program**  Exceptionally able and well-prepared students may complete a course of study leading to the simultaneous award of the B.A. and M.A. degrees after eight terms of enrollment. See "Simultaneous Award of the Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees” under “Special Arrangements” in the Academic Regulations. Interested students should consult the director of undergraduate studies prior to the sixth term of enrollment for specific requirements in Political Science.

**REQUIREMENTS OF THE MAJOR**

**B.A. DEGREE, STANDARD PROGRAM**

**Prerequisites**  None

**Number of courses**  Classes of 2014 and 2015—11 term courses; Class of 2016 and subsequent classes—12 term courses

**Distribution of courses**  2 courses in each of 3 of the 5 departmental fields

**Substitution permitted**  Classes of 2014 and 2015—3 courses from other depts with DUS approval; Class of 2016 and subsequent classes—2 courses from other depts with DUS approval

**Senior requirement**  2 sems, 1 in senior year, and 1-term senior essay in sem or in PLSC 480; or 1 sem as specified and 2-term senior essay in PLSC 490, 491

**Intensive major**  Classes of 2014 and 2015—11 term courses; Class of 2016 and subsequent classes—15 term courses; All classes—PLSC 474; 2 courses in each of 3 of the 5 departmental fields; 1 sem as specified and 2-term senior essay in PLSC 490, 493

**B.A. DEGREE, INTERDISCIPLINARY CONCENTRATION**

**Prerequisites**  None

**Number of courses**  12 term courses

**Distribution of courses**  Classes of 2014 and 2015—7 courses in field of concentration, incl up to 3 from other depts with DUS approval; 2 courses in each of 2 of the 5 departmental fields, incl up to 2 from other depts with DUS approval; Class of 2016 and subsequent classes—7 courses in field of concentration; 2 courses in each of 2 of the 5 departmental fields; maximum of 3 courses from other depts with DUS approval

**Senior requirement**  2 sems, 1 in senior year, and 1-term senior essay in sem or in PLSC 480; or 1 sem as specified and 2-term senior essay in PLSC 490, 491

**Intensive major**  Classes of 2014 and 2015—12 term courses; Class of 2016 and subsequent classes—15 term courses; All classes—PLSC 474; 7 courses in field of concentration; 2 courses in each of 2 of the 5 departmental fields; 1 sem as specified and 2-term senior essay in PLSC 490, 493

**Introductory Courses**

**PLSC 111a, Introduction to International Relations**  Jolyon Howorth

World affairs in the unsettled aftermath of a half-century of Cold War traumas. The relative positions of the United States, Japan and Germany, Russia, China, and the Third World. The spread of capitalistic markets and democratic forms; nongovernmental activity across nation-state boundaries; and the precariousness of the status quo.  SO

**PLSC 113a, Introduction to American Politics**  Kelly Rader

Introduction to American national government. The Constitution, American political culture, civil rights, Congress, the executive, political parties, public opinion, interest groups, the media, social movements, and the policy-making process.  SO

**PLSC 114b, Introduction to Political Philosophy**  Bryan Garsten

Fundamental issues in contemporary politics investigated through reflection on classic texts in the history of political thought. Emphasis on topics linked to modern constitutional democracies, including executive power, representation, and political parties. Readings from Plato, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Madison and Hamilton, Lincoln, and Tocqueville, in addition to recent articles on contemporary issues.  SO

EP&E: Intro Political Phil

**PLSC 116b, Introduction to Comparative Politics**  Adria Lawrence

Introduction to the study of politics and political life in the world outside the United States. State formation and nationalism, the causes and consequences of democracy, the functioning of authoritarian regimes, social movements and collective action, and violence.  SO

**PLSC 118a, The Moral Foundations of Politics**  Ian Shapiro

An introduction to contemporary discussions about the foundations of political argument. Emphasis on the relations between political theory and policy debate (e.g., social welfare provision and affirmative action). Readings from Bentham, Mill, Marx, Burke, Rawls, Nozick, and others. Please enter your discussion section preferences for PLSC 118 in Preference Selection (https://students.yale.edu/ocs-preference/select/select?id=8134).  SO

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International Relations

*PLSC 120a / EP&E 381a, Ethics in the Age of Globalization and Multinational Corporations  Prakash Sethi
Multinational corporations and their impact—both positive and negative—on national cultures, ethical norms, business practices, and political governance structures in the host countries. Attempts by corporations, civil society organizations, and national, multilateral, and international political entities to ameliorate the negative side effects of globalization while supporting efforts toward continued economic growth. so

*PLSC 121a / GLBL 322a / HLTH 420a, Strategic Thinking in Global Health  Elizabeth Bradley and staff
Core principles for the development and implementation of grand strategy in addressing common global health problems. Application of these principles and of strategic problem solving at both conceptual and practical levels. Political and policy analysis, organizational theory, and leadership skills central to addressing global health issues in low- and middle-income countries. so

*PLSC 122b / EP&E 285b, Humanitarian Intervention  Jolyon Howorth
Analysis of Western intervention in humanitarian crises since the end of the Cold War. Case studies from Kurdistan, Somalia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Ivory Coast, Libya, and Mali. Reasons for nonintervention in Rwanda, Darfur, and Syria. Ethics of the humanitarian dimension; politics of coalitions of the willing; the material dimension of interest; the effectiveness of humanitarian intervention in achieving its stated objectives. so

*PLSC 123a / GLBL 353a, Political Economy of Foreign Aid  Peter Aronow
Introduction to modern quantitative research methods in international political economy, with a focus on empirical evidence related to foreign aid. The state of knowledge regarding the effects of development assistance on democratization, governance, human rights, and conflict. The challenges of drawing causal inferences in the domain of international political economy. so

*PLSC 124a / ER&M 317a, The Politics of Migration  Margaret Peters
The politics of migration in both receiving and sending states during the past two hundred years. Focus on current debates over immigration in the United States. Topics include public opinion, interest group politics, the role of institutions, policy formation, and human rights. so

*PLSC 125b / GLBL 355b, Global Politics and Media  Zachary Kaufman
The role of digital media in shaping conflict, democracy, and justice around the world. Attention to key actors, initiatives, and trends. Case studies from international organizations, governments, corporations, NGOs, and individuals. so RP

PLSC 126b, The Balance of Power  Nuno Monteiro
The theory and practice of the balance of power in international politics. Different theories of the role of the balance of power. The history of great-power politics since the turn of the twentieth century, including the causes and conduct of World Wars I and II, the Cold War, and post–Cold War events and trends. so

PLSC 130a / GLBL 260a, Nuclear Politics  Alexandre Debs
The pursuit, use, and non-use of nuclear weapons from the Manhattan Project to the present. The effect of the international system, regional dynamics, alliance politics, and domestic politics in the decision to pursue or forgo nuclear weapons. The role of nuclear weapons in international relations, the history of the Cold War, and recent challenges in stemming nuclear proliferation. so

*PLSC 132a / GLBL 379a, China’s International Relations  Jessica Weiss
Analysis of contemporary Chinese diplomacy, including China’s increasing regional and global influence. Mainstream concepts and theories in international relations applied to current events and policy debates. Priority to majors in Political Science and in Global Affairs. so

*PLSC 132b / GLBL 379b, China’s International Relations  Jessica Weiss
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*PLSC 135a / GLBL 355a, Global Politics and Media  Zachary Kaufman
The role of digital media in shaping conflict, democracy, and justice around the world. Attention to key actors, initiatives, and trends. Case studies from international organizations, governments, corporations, NGOs, and individuals. so RP

PLSC 136b, International Security  Matthew Kocher
An introduction to international security. General theories of state interests and behavior; the causes, conduct, and regulation of violence among nations. so

PLSC 168b / LAST 168b, Law and Politics of Globalization  Alec Stone Sweet
The relationship between globalization (primarily economic activity across national borders) and national, international, supernational, and transnational legal systems. Topics include global trade and the World Trade Organization, European integration, the new lex mercatoria, and corporate responsibility for violations of human rights and environmental law. so

PLSC 179b / EAST 219b, China in World Politics  Jessica Weiss
China’s rise to prominence and its foreign relations from 1949 to the present, focusing on the post-Mao period. so
*PLSC 181b / EP&E 425b / SAST 342b, South Asia in World Politics  Elizabeth Hanson  
Relations of the major countries of South Asia with each other and with the rest of the world; emphasis on India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. Identification of the various actors and interests that are fueling current conflicts in the region. Analysis of issues in world politics, including nation building, ethnic conflict, militant extremism, nuclear proliferation, and strategies of development.  

*PLSC 183b / EP&E 259b, Europe, the United States, and the Iraq Crisis  Jolyon Howorth  
Examination of the contrasting relations between the major European powers and the United States in their approaches to Iraq in order to understand the divisions attending the 2003 war and the subsequent transfer of sovereignty. Topics include the Iran-Iraq War (1980–88), the first Persian Gulf crisis (1990–91), the sanctions regime (1991–2002), problems of peacekeeping and nation building, and the Obama exit strategy.

*PLSC 184a / GLBL 378a, The United Nations and the Maintenance of International Security  Jean Krasno  
The evolution of the United Nations and its role in a post–Cold War international system both in preventive diplomacy, with its use of force for peacekeeping and peace enforcement, and in peace building.

*PLSC 190a / MMES 184a, Religion, Middle East Politics, and Conflict Resolution  Sallama Shaker  
Analysis of major issues affecting twenty-first-century politics in the Middle East. The relationships between culture, identity, religion, and socioeconomic challenges. Faith-based diplomacy as a means of reaching out to warring groups; Islamic principles and values that support nonviolence and peace building. Focus on case studies of minority groups such as Kurds and Shiites.

American Government

PLSC 201b / PSYC 332b, Political Psychology  John Bullock  
Examination of mental processes that underpin political judgments. Conformity and social pressure, the influence of political parties and other groups, reactions to political news, common decision-making heuristics and biases, and causes and effects of political ignorance. Emphasis on the political thinking of ordinary citizens, with some attention to political elites.

*PLSC 202a / EP&E 466a, Children’s Law and Policy  Alexandra Dufresne  

*PLSC 203b, Inequality and American Democracy  Jacob Hacker  
Exploration of how inequalities across lines of class, race, and gender affect the working of American democracy. Analysis of ways that public policies contribute to or mitigate such inequalities. Interdisciplinary and multimedia inquiry into participation, policy making, and public policy in the United States.

*PLSC 204a, Courts, Judges, and Controversies  Deborah Beim  
Controversies surrounding courts, judges, and the decisions they make, with a focus on the American judiciary. Topics include affirmative action, race and the death penalty, ethnic bias in judicial decision making, gender and judging, and courts and social change.

PLSC 205a, The American Presidency  Stephen Skowronek  
The historical development and current operations of the American presidency. Topics include constitutional powers, the organization of popular support, the modern executive establishment, and the politics of presidential leadership.

*PLSC 207b, Representation in the United States  Daniel Butler  
Ways in which institutions affect the functioning of democracy in the United States. Focus on representation of citizens’ preferences in the public sphere. Topics include primary elections, redistricting, campaign finance, early voting, multimember districts, term limits, and term lengths.

PLSC 209b, The United States Congress  Eleanor Powell  
A critical investigation of the United States Congress, the primary democratic institution in the American political system. Focus on individual members of Congress, institutional features, and the role of Congress within the larger separation-of-powers system.

*PLSC 210a, Political Preferences and American Political Behavior  John Bullock  
Introduction to research methods and topics in American political behavior. Focus on decision making from the perspective of ordinary citizens. Topics include utility theory, heuristics and biases, political participation, retrospective voting, the consequences of political ignorance, the effects of campaigns, and the ability of voters to hold politicians accountable for their actions.

*PLSC 212a / EP&E 390a, Democracy and Sustainability  Michael Fotos  
Democracy, liberty, and the sustainable use of natural resources. Concepts include institutional analysis, democratic consent, property rights, market failure, and common pool resources. Topics of policy substance are related to human use of the environment and to U.S. and global political institutions.

*PLSC 214b, The Politics of Public Policy  Jacob Hacker  
Comparative study of the links between politics and policy in the United States, with an introduction to research and theory in the field of public policy. Emphasis on processes of long-term policy development. Topics include American exceptionalism, power and organized economic interests, tax and economic policy, and the welfare state.
PLSC 215b / EVST 255b / F&ES 255b, Environmental Politics and Law  John Wargo
Exploration of the politics, policy, and law associated with attempts to manage environmental quality and natural resources. Themes of democracy, liberty, power, property, equality, causation, and risk. Case histories include air quality, water quality and quantity, pesticides and toxic substances, land use, agriculture and food, parks and protected areas, and energy.  SO

*PLSC 216a, Polarization in American Politics  Gregory Huber
Contemporary and historical patterns of polarization in American politics at both the mass and elite levels. Evidence for polarization, as well as potential sources and consequences of the phenomenon.  SO

PLSC 218b / ECON 275b, Public Economics  Ebonya Washington
The role of government in the economy and in our economic lives. Reasons for government intervention in the market economy and the impact of government expenditure programs and taxation systems on welfare and behavior. Tools of microeconomics applied to issues such as government response to global warming, the impact of redistribution and social insurance on individual behavior, school choice, social security vs. private retirement savings accounts, and government vs. private health insurance. After introductory microeconomics.  SO

*PLSC 224b, Political Leadership  Stephen Skowronek
Examination of political leadership as both a concept and a practice. Survey of classic works by Machiavelli, Carlyle, Weber, Lenin, and Schumpeter. Consideration of the difference between transformational leadership and transactional leadership, and between executive leadership and reform leadership. Issues include the conundrum of “democratic leadership” and the role of narrative in leadership.  SO

*PLSC 225a, Policing in America  Dean Esserman
Examination of major innovations in policing over the past three decades. The effects of these changes on crime control and public safety; the extent to which new approaches have been implemented in police departments; dilemmas these approaches have created for police management. Analysis of critical issues that persist in the profession, including race, the use of force, and police deviance.  SO

*PLSC 227b / EP&E 310b, Refugee Law and Policy  Alexandra DuFresne
Controversies and challenges in U.S. and international refugee law and policy, with a focus on asylum law and practice in the United States. Emphasis on legal reasoning and analysis through close reading of statutes, regulations, and case law. Final project is a legal brief on behalf of a client.  SO

*PLSC 228b, The State and American Foreign Policy  Samuel DeCanio
Theoretical and historical questions regarding U.S. foreign policy. The nature of the state, the sources of foreign policy, the causes of war, and the nature of international relations. American involvement in conflicts such as World War I and World War II; ways in which war has influenced military power and American state authority.  SO

PLSC 229b, Election Rules and Campaign Strategy  Eitan Hersh
Examination of political campaigns in the United States. Factors that people use to make voting decisions; the influence of election rules on candidate strategy and on voters’ decision-making processes; reasons candidates choose to pursue specific strategies, and the effectiveness of those strategies at winning votes; critical analysis of opinions voiced by campaign operatives and media personalities.  SO

*PLSC 232b, Information, Technology, and Political Power  Eitan Hersh
The role of information in the political process. Effects on politics of information generated through new and old technologies; the decision-making processes of voters, mass mobilizers, and government reformers, as well as elite political actors such as campaign operatives, bureaucrats, and members of Congress; political and moral issues related to information flows, including privacy, innovation, and collective action.  SO

PLSC 233b, Constitutional Law  Akhil Amar
An introduction to the main themes of the American Constitution – popular sovereignty, separation of powers, federalism, and rights – and to basic techniques of constitutional interpretation. Special emphasis on the interplay of constitutional text, judicial doctrine, and constitutional decision making outside the judiciary.  SO

*PLSC 235a, Political Journalism and Public Policy  Derek Slap
The effects of political journalism on American public policy from 1960 to the present. Focus on changes in the media during the past few decades. The Dewey-Lippmann debate on the role journalism should play in politics, marketing in the 1968 presidential campaign, broadcast news and audience fragmentation in the 1970s, media dysfunction and the Clinton and Obama health care initiatives, the Internet, hyperpartisanship, media bias, and recent gun control initiatives.  SO

*PLSC 236b, The 2012 Presidential Campaign and the News Media  Walter Shapiro
The intersection of two institutions in the midst of major transformations—the political campaign industry and the news business. Presidential campaign coverage during the last third of the twentieth century; the beleaguered economic structure of the news business in the twenty-first century; media coverage of the 2008 and 2012 presidential races, with emphasis on how campaigns adapted to the changed news landscape and to new ways of communicating with voters.  SO

*PLSC 237a, Persuasion and Political Communication  John Henderson
The history of political communication, persuasion, and demagoguery in the American political tradition, from the design and ratification of the Constitution to modern debates over terrorism and authoritarianism. The limits of democratic deliberation and representation; elite communication strategies that influence policy making and elections.  SO

PLSC 239b, The State and American Foreign Policy  Samuel DeCanio
Theoretical and historical questions regarding U.S. foreign policy. The nature of the state, the sources of foreign policy, the causes of war, and the nature of international relations. American involvement in conflicts such as World War I and World War II; ways in which war has influenced military power and American state authority.  SO
*PLSC 238a, Public Opinion and Representation in the United States  John Bullock
Americans’ views on political issues and the extent to which their views influence, and are influenced by, elected officials. Special attention to opinion polarization, the roles of political knowledge and partisanship, and the effects of public opinion on legislators. Online datasets help answer questions about politics and public opinion.  SO

*PLSC 240b / EP&E 443b, Public Schools and Public Policy  John Bryan Starr
Exploration of policy options on controversial education issues. Case studies from both districts and states. Preference to students with training and experience in national, state, and local public policy.  SO  RP

*PLSC 245a / AFAM 268a, Urban Politics and Policy  Cynthia Horan
Approaches to urban politics and political economy. Application of theories to contemporary policy issues such as policing, metropolitan disparities, and inner-city revitalization.  SO

*PLSC 246a / EP&E 369a, Ethics and American Business  Prakash Sethi
Ethical norms and values as they are incorporated in business decisions in the United States. Corporate culture and reward systems that influence ethical concerns; corporate responses to societal pressures to protect individuals and groups; emerging trends in corporate social responsibility, shareholder activism, and civil society organizations; changes in core concepts of economic efficiency and profitability.  SO

*PLSC 247a / ENGL 277a / HUMS 248a, The Age of Lincoln and Whitman  David Bromwich
Ideas of the self, the nature of democracy, and the relationship between slavery and constitutional liberty in the years 1840–70. Extensive readings in Lincoln and Whitman, as well as Emerson, Thoreau, Douglass, Webster, Dickinson, and Melville.  WR, HU

PLSC 248a, Political Economy of Health Care  Peter Swenson
Political and economic factors that have influenced efforts to achieve quality, economy, and equality in the delivery of American health care since the early twentieth century; some attention to international comparisons. Medical licensing; drug regulation; malpractice law; provider payment and care management; guaranteed health insurance; emergence of the private, employer-based insurance system; recent legislative actions and controversies concerning the quality and cost-effectiveness of health care. Recommended preparation: introductory microeconomics.  SO

PLSC 249b, Introduction to Public Opinion  Samuel DeCanio
Public opinion in democratic societies. Voter ignorance, representation, elite manipulation of public opinion, and attitude formation.  SO

*PLSC 250b / ARCH 347b, Infrastructure: Politics and Design  Elihu Rubin
Infrastructures—the physical frameworks for human settlement, urbanization, and social life, including networks for transportation, water, energy, and communication. Current debates on infrastructure spending in the context of historical investments in the modern American city.  SO

*PLSC 251a / AMST 468a / EP&E 396a, Progressivism: Theory and Practice  Stephen Skowronek
The progressive reform tradition in American politics. The tradition’s conceptual underpinnings, social supports, practical manifestations in policy and in new governmental arrangements, and conservative critics. Emphasis on the origins of progressivism in the early decades of the twentieth century, with attention to latter-day manifestations and to changes in the progressive impulse over time.  SO

*PLSC 253a or b / ENGL 467a or b, Journalism  Steven Brill
An intensive workshop in the journalism profession and its changing role and accelerating challenges. Definitions of journalism; the role of journalism in a democracy and a free market; differences between information, news, vicious news, and entertainment; knowing and telling a good story; the structure of newspaper articles, blogs, online newspapers and magazines, mixed digital media, magazine features, television reports, and nonfiction books; interviewing techniques; fairness; sourcing; the economics of journalism; and audience. Fulfills the core seminar requirement for Yale Journalism Scholars. No prerequisites. Requires an application; consult the English department Web site at http://english.yale.edu/courses/creative-writing?tid_1=93 for detailed instructions and application deadlines.  WR

PLSC 254b, Political Parties in the American System  John Henderson
The evolution of American political parties and the role of parties and partisanship in contemporary government and elections. Empirical and theoretical accounts of parties, including divided government, parties in Congress, realignment, responsible party government, party identification, and ideology. Elite-led polarization, decline and resurgence of strong parties, and the antiparty constitutional tradition.  SO

*PLSC 256b / EP&E 248b, American Political Institutions  Michael Fotos
The origins and development of American political institutions, especially in relation to how institutions shape the policy process. Issues of temporality, policy feedback, and policy substance.  SO

PLSC 257b, Bioethics and Law  Stephen Latham
The treatment by American law of major issues in contemporary biomedical ethics: informed consent, assisted reproduction, abortion, end-of-life care, research on human subjects, stem cell research, and public health law. Readings include legal cases, statutes, and regulations. No background in law assumed.  SO
*PLSC 259b, Making Urban Policy  Cynthia Horan
Investigation of how policy ideas, analysis, and implementation both contribute to and constrain the mitigation of America’s urban problems. Particular attention to how policy analysts define issues, design public programs, and assess policy effects in situations of economic change, fiscal constraint, political fragmentation, racial conflicts, and shifting power relationships.  SO

*PLSC 260a, Public Schools and Politics  John Bryan Starr
Investigation of how political decisions that affect public schools are made at local, state, and federal levels. Case studies from both districts and states. Preference to students with training and experience in national, state, and local politics.  SO RP

*PLSC 268b, U.S. Fiscal Politics  Kelly Rader
Analysis of contemporary American fiscal politics and the ongoing federal budget battles using theories and empirical findings from political science. Models of bargaining and policymaking; ideological polarization among political elites; trends in public opinion on federal taxes and spending; the geographical distribution of federal outlays.  SO

*PLSC 269b / SOCY 253b, Ethnography of Everyday Political Life  Matthew Mahler
Introduction to ethnographic research for examining the sociological underpinnings that shape, structure, and inform everyday political life in the United States. Empirical realities of organized political life are approached through close analysis of political memoirs and biographies. Various sociological theories are introduced, including interactionism, dramaturgy, cultural sociology, phenomenology, and practice theory.  SO

*PLSC 270bG, Capitalism: Success, Crisis, and Reform  Douglas Rae and staff
Examination of capitalism as it functions in practice, with extensive use of business cases. The role of capitalism in generating wealth and innovation. Survey of critical institutions in banking, regulation, taxation, and trade. Negative consequences of capitalist development such as radical inequality, disruption of the natural environment, and intermittent social crises. Consideration of strategies for shaping capitalism in future decades.  SO

*PLSC 272a, U.S. Party Formation  Samuel DeCanio
The ideological development of the Republican and Democratic parties. The rise of contemporary American ideological divisions; economic regulatory issues generating partisan conflict during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.  SO

*PLSC 277b, Politics and Digital Media  Cynthia Farrar
A study of changes taking place in contemporary American journalism. The impact of these changes on government and political campaigns.  SO

*PLSC 278b, Politics and the Supreme Court  Kelly Rader
The role of the U.S. Supreme Court in the American political system. Ways in which the political preferences of Congress, the President, and the American public shape, constrain, or compel the Court’s decision making. Supreme Court justices as political actors who issue decisions that make policy.  SO

*PLSC 279b, New Haven and the American City  John Destefano
New Haven as a window on the problems and promise of American urbanism, with a focus on the relationship of people to place. The experience of New Haven from its beginnings as America’s first planned city through twentieth-century urban renewal and deindustrialization; New Haven today as the city transitions to new leadership at City Hall, at Yale, and in the public school district.  SO

*PLSC 280b / AFAM 270b, Poverty, Politics, and Policy in the American City  Cynthia Horan
Examination of how politics informs the formulation and implementation of policies to address urban poverty. Consideration of alternative explanations for poverty and alternative government strategies. Focus on efforts by local organizations and communities to improve their situations within the context of government actions.  SO

Political Philosophy

PLSC 281a / PHIL 334a / RLST 273aG, Ethical and Social Issues in Bioethics  Stephen Latham
A selective survey of issues in biomedical ethics. Comparison of different points of view about biomedical issues, including religious vs. secular and liberal vs. conservative. Special attention to issues in research and at the beginning and end of life.  SO

*PLSC 283aG / EP&E 235a / PHIL 457aG, Recent Work on Justice  Thomas Pogge
In-depth study of one contemporary book, author, or debate in political philosophy, political theory, or normative economics. Focus varies from year to year based on student interest and may include a ground-breaking new book, the life’s work of a prominent author, or an important theme in contemporary political thought.  HU

*PLSC 285b / HUMS 311b, Machiavelli  Alissa Ardito and Alissa Ardito
Close reading of Niccolò Machiavelli’s political writings and influential interpretations of them. Topics include the relationship between moral and ethical virtue, mixed government, class conflict, the meaning of liberty, the history of republicanism, and the rise of the modern state.  SO

*PLSC 287a / EP&E 411a, Democracy and Distribution  Ian Shapiro and Michael Graetz
An examination of relations between democracy and the distribution of income and wealth. Focus on ways in which different classes and coalitions affect, and are affected by, democratic distributive politics. Open to juniors and seniors.  SO
PLSC 288a / EP&E 287a, Liberty in Politics, Markets, and Society  Andrew Sabl
Key questions regarding liberty explored through critical examination of classic texts by Locke, Montesquieu, Smith, Tocqueville, and Mill. The definition, origins, and foundations of liberty; whether liberty in some realms might require the restriction of freedom in others.  

PLSC 290a / HUMS 302a / SOCY 151a, Foundations of Modern Social Theory  Emily Erikson
Major works of social thought from the beginning of the modern era through the 1920s. Attention to social and intellectual contexts, conceptual frameworks and methods, and contributions to contemporary social analysis. Writers include Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Kant, Adam Smith, Marx, Freud, Peirce, Weber, and Durkheim.  

*PLSC 291a, A History of Compromise  Alin Fumurescu
History of the concept of compromise in politics, with a focus on early modern France and England. Connections between the idea of compromise and other key political concepts such as representation, self-representation, and social contract. Political rhetoric surrounding compromise, including when it is considered beneficial and when it is avoided.  

PLSC 292a / PHIL 328a, European Political Thought from Weber to Derrida  Seyla Benhabib
A survey of major themes in twentieth-century Continental political thought. Topics include reason and rationalization in modernity; legality, legitimacy, and sovereignty; decline of the public sphere; origins of totalitarianism; and communicative ethics and the inclusion of the "other" in the new Europe.  

*PLSC 295a / HUMS 329a / PHIL 456a, Contemporary Theory: Berlin, Oakeshott, and Strauss  Steven Smith
Close reading of works by three major figures in twentieth-century political philosophy – Isaiah Berlin, Michael Oakeshott, and Leo Strauss. The authors' critiques of social science, and their views on the Enlightenment and on the role of the university in a free society.  

*PLSC 297a / EP&E 312a, Moral Choices in Politics  Boris Kapustin

*PLSC 300b, The Politics of Silence  Lucas Thompson
Examination of the role of silence in politics. Silence as a precondition of republican government and as a right and power held by citizens. Readings include excerpts from works by political philosophers, a spy novel, and scholarship related to the Fifth Amendment, torture, and compulsory voting.  

*PLSC 301b / EP&E 459a, Modern Liberty  Bryan Garsten
Commercial society and representative democracy during the age of revolution, as treated by European political theorists including Montesquieu, Adam Smith, Emmanuel Sieyes, Benjamin Constant, François Guizot, Alexis de Tocqueville, G. W. F. Hegel, and Karl Marx.  

*PLSC 304b / EP&E 410b, Business Ethics  Vikram Mansharamani
Current ethical problems facing business leaders. Visible and invisible factors that make ethical decisions complex and difficult to analyze. Anticipating ethical dilemmas; framing decisions and gathering information; the difficulties of taking appropriate, timely action.  

*PLSC 305b / EP&E 359b, Critique of Political Violence  Boris Kapustin
Methods of conceptualizing political violence that are prevalent in contemporary political philosophical discourse. Use of theoretical-analytical tools to examine the modes violence assumes and the functions it performs in modern political life as well as the meanings and possibilities of nonviolence in politics.  

*PLSC 306a / EP&E 255a / PHIL 462a, Sovereignty  Andrew March
The history of the concept of sovereignty, including current debates over its meaning in political philosophy, international relations, and jurisprudence. Discussion of how these debates relate to both historical and contemporary political problems.  

PLSC 307a / PHIL 337a, Rawls, Recognition, and Equality  Thomas Pogge
John Rawls's domestic theory of justice and its appeals to respect and equality. Recent work on the concept of recognition and its relationship to distributive justice. Contemporary variants of liberal egalitarianism, including luck egalitarianism, the capability approach, and democratic equality. Whether equality as a normative ideal is best understood in terms of relationships among persons or of patterns of distribution.  

*PLSC 308a / EP&E 289b, Beyond Representative Government  Hélène Landemore
Institutional innovations that aim to reform or replace the political system of representative government in the twenty-first century. Governments’ efforts to reform their own modes of functioning; grassroots movements for citizens’ self-rule; emerging principles behind these new forms of governance; ways in which these forms differ from both representative government and direct democracy. Attention to empirical and normative perspectives.  

*PLSC 311b, We the People  Alin Fumurescu
The evolving idea of “the people” in American political history from the colonial era to the Civil War. Basic tenets of republicanism and governmental contractarianism, and of liberalism and social contract theory. Different understandings of concepts such as "the people"
and "the state" in both traditions. The combination of republican and liberal language in American political thought and the practical consequences of this mixture. SO

*PLSC 313a / EAST 221a / HUMS 382a, Chinese Political Thought  Loubna Amine
Classical works of Chinese political thought, their historical importance for the Chinese tradition, and their use in current academic and political debates. Readings from Confucianism, Mohism, and Taoism, as well as writings on statecraft and the art of war. Contemporary debates on the compatibility of Confucianism and democracy and on the East Asian challenge to the idea of human rights. HU

*PLSC 315b / AFAM 260b / EP&E 458b / PHIL 461b, Egalitarianism  Christopher Lebron
The concept of equality in normative political theory explored through contemporary philosophical texts. Reasons why oppressed, marginalized, and systematically disadvantaged groups express their claims in terms of equality; racial inequality as a case study. SO

*PLSC 317a / HIST 239Ja / HUMS 313a / PHIL 421a, John Locke in Historical Context  Steven Pincus
Locke’s thinking about political resistance, religious toleration, and political economy examined in light of the writings and activities of his contemporaries. Introduction to methodological questions in the history of political thought. WB, HU

PLSC 318b / HUMS 322b, Lincoln’s Statecraft and Rhetoric  Steven Smith
Close reading of major speeches and letters by Abraham Lincoln, with a focus on his views concerning slavery, equality, and race in American society. The relation of words to deeds in Lincoln’s practice of statecraft; his place in the history and theory of statesmanship. The emergence of Lincoln’s thought from an engagement with views of the American founders; ways in which his vision of American democracy both drew upon and transformed the founders’ vision. SO

*PLSC 322b / EP&E 469b, Toleration in Theory and Practice  Andrew Sabl
Toleration as a political practice that allows people with fundamentally different beliefs to live together; necessary limits, real or alleged, of that practice. Perspectives from the fields of history and political science and from moral, political, and legal theory. Origins and varieties of toleration; case studies in the United States and abroad, including hate speech, Amish exemptions from general laws, Islam and secularism, and national security as a basis for limits on religious freedom. SO

*PLSC 327a / EP&E 220a, Collective Choice and Political Morality  Thomas Donahue
Social choice theory and its implications for political morality. Challenges involved in creating a collective choice procedure, given diverse individual preferences. Philosophical foundations of social choice theory, including its assumptions about the nature of liberty. The feasibility of democracy and the existence of a public interest. SO

PLSC 329b / MMES 389b / RLST 197b, Islamic Law and Ethics  Andrew March
Introduction to key theoretical and practical dimensions of Islamic jurisprudence. Theological problems in Islamic law; topics in positive Islamic legal doctrine; historical survey of public and constitutional law in Islam; modern debates about the role of Islamic law in independent sovereign states. Case studies include Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Iran, and Pakistan. SO RP

*PLSC 332b / EP&E 473b, Philosophy of Science for the Study of Politics  Ian Shapiro and Hélène Landemore
An examination of the philosophy of science from the perspective of the study of politics. Particular attention to the ways in which assumptions about science influence models of political behavior, the methods adopted to study that behavior, and the relations between science and democracy. Readings include works by both classic and contemporary authors. SO

*PLSC 334b, The Intellectual in Politics: William F. Buckley and His Rivals  Danilo Petranovich
The role of the intellectual in American public discourse from the Progressive era through the 1960s. Focus on the writings and public career of William F. Buckley. The changing nature of the American social contract; the role of religion in the public square; civil rights and nonviolent resistance. Includes a practical introduction to working with archival materials. SO

*PLSC 337b / EP&E 274b / SOCY 318b, Debates over Capitalism  Thomas Donahue
Theories and arguments that explore capitalism’s positive and negative aspects. The role of capitalism in the production of freedom, wealth, stable democracy, efficiency, exploitation, democratic dysfunction, hierarchical business firms, and environmental destruction. Justifications and critiques of capitalism by Smith, Mill, Marx, Hayek, Schumpeter, Friedman, Nozick, and utopian socialists. SO

*PLSC 338a / EP&E 275a, Capitalism and Ethics  Stephen Latham
Historical and contemporary social theories about the effects of capitalist and late-capitalist business practices on human character and ethics. Ways in which the processes used to make and acquire goods shape concepts of morality. SO

*PLSC 339b / EP&E 475b / HUMS 328b / PHIL 458b, Philosophy and Politics in Hannah Arendt’s Thought  Seyla Benhabib
An examination of philosophical themes in Arendt’s political theory. The Life of the Mind and writings on human rights; theories of judgment and the will; action, narrative, and interpretation. Readings from works by Arendt, Heidegger, Ranciere, Balibar, and Butler. SO

Analytical Political Theory

*PLSC 340a / EP&E 238a, Leadership, Coordination, and Focal Points  Andrew Sabl
Analysis of a leadership model in which the leader’s role is both the coordination of mutually beneficial action among multiple parties and the appeal to focal points, understood as natural or obvious meeting points for communication or action. Basic concepts of coordination
and focal points; the ability of leaders to exert power by creating new focal points, choosing among existing ones, or serving as focal or rallying points themselves; constitutionalism as a solution to coordination problems.  

*PLSC 341b / EP&E 282b, Positive Political Theory  Seok-Ju Cho  
Introduction to rational choice theory and game theory in political science. Exploration of game theoretic analysis of political outcomes and citizen welfare under alternative institutions. Topics include campaign strategies and voting behavior in elections, legislative politics, representation and distribution, and international bargaining.  

*PLSC 343b / ECON 473b / EP&E 227b, Equality  John Roemer  
Egalitarian theories of justice and their critics. Readings in philosophy are paired with analytic methods from economics. Topics include Rawlsian justice, utilitarianism, the veil of ignorance, Dworkin’s resource egalitarianism, Roemer’s equality of opportunity, Marxist exploitation, and Nozickian procedural justice. Some discussion of American economic inequality, Nordic social democracy, and the politics of inequality. Recommended preparation: intermediate microeconomics.  

PLSC 344aG, Game Theory and Political Science  Deborah Beim  
Introduction to game theory—a method by which strategic interactions among individuals and groups in society are mathematically modeled—and its applications to political science. Concepts employed by game theorists, such as Nash equilibrium, subgame perfect equilibrium, and perfect Bayesian equilibrium. Problems of cooperation, time-consistency, signaling, and reputation formation. Political applications include candidate competition, policy making, political bargaining, and international conflict. No prerequisites other than high school algebra. Political Science majors who take this course may not count ECON 159 toward the major.  

*PLSC 345b / EP&E 234b, States, Markets, and Rational Individuals  Edwin Camp  
Critical evaluation of rational choice theory, with applications to issues in economics and politics. Success and failure of cooperation among individuals; conditions under which markets fail; state facilitation or stifling of market activity; the ability of individuals to make collective decisions.  

*PLSC 346a / EP&E 239a, Game Theory and International Relations  Alexandre Debs  
Introduction to game theory and its applications in political science and economics, with a focus on international conflict. Static and dynamic games of complete and incomplete information; applications in the field of international relations, including war, nuclear deterrence, and interstate crises. Students consider the strategic incentives of actors in a given situation, express those incentives in a formal game, and characterize the outcome of the game. Prerequisite: introductory microeconomics or permission of instructor.  

### Comparative Government  
PLSC 347a / AFST 347a / GLBL 243a / LAST 348a, Post-Conflict Politics  David Simon  
Consideration of a range of issues and challenges faced by countries emerging from domestic conflict. Focus on elements of peace-building—demilitarization, post-conflict elections, institution-building, and reconstruction—as well as modes of transitional justice and mechanisms for truth and reconciliation.  

*PLSC 348b / SAST 343b, Indian Elections and the Media  Divya Devasher  
Introduction to the dynamics of elections in India, including the foundations of democratic politics, the role of political elites, the sources of political differences, and the role of the media to inform and influence outcomes. How voters and politicians make decisions; the role of identity in elections; sources of news that different audiences receive.  

*PLSC 353b, The Global Economic Crisis in Comparative and International Perspective  Mircea Popa  
Political aspects of the ongoing global economic crisis. Analysis of its causes, including the roles of real estate bubbles, central banks, global capital flows, and the Euro; policy responses of governments, with attention to the debate over austerity vs. stimulus; possible future consequences for political life, financial regulation, and economic stability.  

*PLSC 354aG / EP&E 250a, The European Union  David Cameron  
Origins and development of the European Community and Union over the past fifty years; ways in which the often-conflicting ambitions of its member states have shaped the EU; relations between member states and the EU’s supranational institutions and politics; and economic, political, and geopolitical challenges.  

PLSC 359a / GLBL 269a, Violence and Civil Strife  Stathis Kalyvas  
An examination of political violence with an emphasis on civil wars, presently the dominant form of war.  

*PLSC 368a, Global Politics  Stathis Kalyvas  
Major issues in current international politics, from political economy to international security, with a broad geographic focus. Emphasis on analytic and synthetic skills. Themes include the politics of economic crisis, global governance, state failure, and political and economic development.  

PLSC 369a / EAST 212a, Politics in South and North Korea  Seok-Ju Cho  
Introduction to the politics and political economies of South and North Korea. Investigation of different pathways taken by the two Koreas in attempts to achieve political and economic development. Application to Korean politics of theories in comparative politics, political processes, and international relations. Political institutions in the two Koreas, democratization and economic development in South Korea, and peacekeeping strategies on the Korean peninsula.
*PLSC 371b / ECON 373b, Political Economy of Mass Media  Ruben Durante
Introduction to the growing body of literature on the political economy of traditional and new media, with a focus on empirical work. Topics include the effects of mass media on electoral competition, on policy, and on nonpolitical outcomes; the definition, measure, and determinants of media bias; and the influence of online social media on news consumption and political behavior.  SO

*PLSC 372b / EP&E 242b, Politics and Markets  Peter Swenson
Examination of the interplay between market and political processes in different substantive realms, time periods, and countries. Inquiry into the developmental relationship between capitalism and democracy, including the developmental and functional relationships between the two. Investigation of the politics of regulation in areas such as property rights, social security, international finance, and product, labor, and service markets. Topics include the economic motives of interest groups and coalitions in the political process.  SO

*PLSC 374b / MMES 480a, Comparative Politics of the Middle East  Ellen Lust
Overview of current scholarship on Middle East politics, with attention to ways in which it differs from scholarship based on other regions and to its place in the broader discipline of comparative politics. The relationship between religion and politics; participation in elections, civil society, and political activism; the role of the military; labor and other actors.  SO

PLSC 378b / LAST 214b / SOCY 170b, Contesting Injustice  Elisabeth Wood
Exploration of why, when, and how people organize collectively to challenge political, social, and economic injustice. Cross-national comparison of the extent, causes, and consequences of inequality. Analysis of mobilizations for social justice in both U.S. and international settings. Intended primarily for freshmen and sophomores.  SO

*PLSC 380a / AFST 389a / GLBL 186a / MMES 181a, Middle East Exceptionalism  Adria Lawrence
The Middle East and North Africa in comparative perspective. Evaluation of claims that the region’s states are exceptionally violent, authoritarian, or religious. Themes include gender, Islam, nation and state formation, oil wealth, terrorism, and war.  SO

*PLSC 390a / EAST 357a, State and Society in Post-Mao China  Jessica Weiss
State-society relations in the People’s Republic of China. Popular protest and social mobilization, media commercialization and the Internet, and prospects for political reform and democratization.  SO

PLSC 394b / MMES 481b, Introduction to Middle East Politics  Ellen Lust
An overview of politics in the Middle East and North Africa, with particular attention to state formation, Islam, oil, and the Arab-Israeli conflict as these influence regime type, political stability, and economic development.  SO

*PLSC 396b / GLBL 367b, Elections in Strong Societies, Weak States  Ellen Lust
The politics of electoral processes outside the Western context. The domestic politics of elections; the challenges of elections in post-conflict environments and regime transitions; the influence of international actors.  SO

*PLSC 406b / AFST 406b / GLBL 363a, Sexual Violence and War  Elisabeth Wood
Analysis of patterns of sexual violence in war. Assessment of how well scholars in various disciplines and policy analysts account for these patterns.  SO

*PLSC 407a, The Politics of Nationalism and Ethnicity  Matthew Kocher
Ethnicity and nationalism studied in the context of alternative social bases of political and social mobilization. Focus on the null hypothesis, that ethnicity and nationalism should not be treated as distinctive social forms. Discussion of what is distinctive about ethnicity and nationalism, and how it might be beneficial to separate nationalism and ethnicity from the study of other identity types.  SO

*PLSC 412b / EP&E 447b, Global Journalism, National Identities  James Sleeper
Changes in the relationship between journalism and nationalism as new technologies, capital flows, and human migrations alter public understandings of political legitimacy. The consequences of these shifts for national identity and liberal public spheres in the United States, Europe, and selected Middle Eastern and Asian nations. Implications for a global public sphere.  SO

PLSC 415b / SOCY 172b, Religion and Politics  Sigrun Kahl
Challenges to the view of religion as an archaic force destined to dwindle away in a secularized society. A historical and comparative investigation of the relationship between religion and politics in Europe and the United States, with comparisons to the Muslim world.  SO

*PLSC 417a / ECON 487a / EP&E 365a / GLBL 313a, The Political Economy of AIDS in Africa  Nicoli Nattrass
The impact of and responses to the AIDS pandemic in Africa examined from a comparative perspective. Focus on South and southern Africa. Some background in social science and economics desirable.  SO

*PLSC 420a / ANTH 406a / EVST 424a, Rivers: Nature and Politics  James Scott
The natural history of rivers and river systems and the politics surrounding the efforts of states to manage and engineer them.  SO

*PLSC 422a / AFST 398a / ER&M 398a / SOCY 398a, Race and Class in Comparative Perspective  Jeremy Seekings
The evolution and character of class stratification and racial inequalities in South Africa, Brazil, and the United States. Twentieth-century analyses of the three societies, including studies of caste and their critiques by Marxist theory. Contemporary issues such as urban inequalities, middle classes and underclasses, identity, and political mobilization.  SO
*PLSC 426a / LAST 308a, Brazil: Land of the Future  
Brian Fried  
Analysis of political, social, and economic development in Brazil. Focus on the country’s recent progress in democratic representation, social justice, prosperity, and equality. Explanations for this progress, as well as its potential for sustainability. The rise of identity politics and affirmative action; the role of civil society in addressing political and social ills; Brazil’s growing presence on the world stage.  

*PLSC 428a / EP&E 240a, Comparative Welfare Policy in Developing Countries  
Jeremy Seekings  
Examination of public and private welfare systems in the developing world. Analysis of the evolving relationships between kin or community and states and market. Particular attention to the politics of contemporary reforms.  

*PLSC 420b / GLBL 380b, Political Violence  
Statthys Kalyvas  
A survey of research on the phenomenon of political violence, including riots, political assassinations, military coups, terrorism, civil wars, and certain types of organized crime. Connections between different forms of political violence; ways in which the rise and decline of each form shape the presence or absence of others.  

*PLSC 430a / AFST 420a / EP&E 246a / LAST 406a, The Politics of Development Assistance  
David Simon  
Study of development assistance, a dominant feature of the political economies of some of the world’s poorest countries. The motivations and politics of aid from donors’ perspectives; the political and economic impact of aid on developing countries. Proposals to make aid a more effective instrument of development.  

*PLSC 433a, Contemporary Nondemocratic Regimes  
Jeremy Wallace  
The politics of nondemocratic regimes and of regime transitions, with an emphasis on empirical analysis. Measurement of regime type, autocratic regimes, development and democracy, regime survival, control and violence, redistribution, elections in nondemocratic states, and information politics.  

*PLSC 434a, Economic Policy in Comparative Perspective  
Alejandro Bonvecchi  
Introduction to theoretical and practical problems of making economic policy decisions in democratic countries. Discussion of technical options, institutional constraints, and political dynamics of decision-making on taxation and on budgetary, monetary, and stabilization policies.  

*PLSC 436a / GLBL 361a, Violence: State and Society  
Matthew Kocher  
Examination of large-scale violence, generally within sovereign states. Why violence happens, why it takes place in some locations and not others, why it takes specific forms (insurgency, terrorism, civilian victimization), what explains its magnitude (the number of victims), and what explains targeting (the type or identity of victims).  

*PLSC 440b / EAST 421b, Politics of China  
Jeremy Wallace  
Introduction to Chinese political history of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, with emphasis on the past thirty years. Factionalism and elite politics, economic reforms, contemporary social movements, development, international relations, and inequality. Methods and approaches used by scholars to explore Chinese politics.  

*PLSC 446a / EP&E 258a / SOCY 369a, Welfare States across Nations  
Sigrun Kahl  
How different societies counterbalance capitalism and deal with social risks. Welfare state regimes and their approaches to inequality, unemployment, poverty, illness, disability, child rearing, and old age. Why the United States has an exceptionally small welfare state.  

David Simon  
An examination of the 1994 Rwandan genocide: historical sources of the conflict, the motivations of the killers, actions and reactions of outside actors, efforts to reconstruct a post-genocide society, and continuation of the genocidal dynamic within the Great Lakes region. Consideration of other countries in similar situations, as well as other genocides in recent decades.  

*PLSC 455a / MMES 189a, Religion, Empowerment, and the Role of Women in Nationalist Movements  
Sallama Shaker  
Challenges to Western narratives about women’s passive role in Middle Eastern and North African societies. Exploration of women’s engagement in nationalist movements and political processes; women’s responses to war, occupation, and conflicts; the role of religion and culture in influencing gender issues.  

*PLSC 457b / GLBL 338b, Social Welfare and Nongovernmental Organizations  
Katharine Baldwin  
The role of nonstate actors such as religious organizations, community associations, and international NGOs in the delivery of basic goods and services in developing countries. Welfare states in Europe and North America and reasons why states outside these regions have not developed similar institutions; causes of and logic behind various nonstate actors’ involvement in social welfare provision; economic, institutional, and political effects of having nonstate actors provide social services and public goods.  

*PLSC 466b / EP&E 236b, Ethics and the Multinational Business Firm  
Susan Rose-Ackerman  
Ethical challenges facing modern business leaders, with a focus on multinational corporations conducting business in developing countries. Topics include the normative basis of the market and firm, labor rights, environmental harms, corruption and fraud, and obligations of managers to shareholders and to other stakeholders. Priority to junior and senior majors in Ethics, Politics, and Economics.
Statistical and Mathematical Methods

PLSC 452a / EP&E 203a / STAT 102a, Introduction to Statistics: Political Science  Jonathan Reuning-Scherer and Alan Gerber
Statistical analysis of politics, elections, and political psychology. Problems presented with reference to a wide array of examples: public opinion, campaign finance, racially motivated crime, and public policy.  QR

Descriptive and inferential statistics applied to analysis of data from the social sciences. Introduction of concepts and skills for understanding and conducting quantitative research.  QR

Advanced Courses

*PLSC 471a and PLSC 472b, Individual Reading for Majors  David Cameron
Special reading courses may be established with individual members of the department. They must satisfy the following conditions: (1) a prospectus describing the nature of the program and the readings to be covered must be approved by both the instructor and the director of undergraduate studies; (2) the student must meet regularly with the instructor for an average of at least two hours per week; (3) the course must include a term essay, several short essays, or a final examination; (4) the topic and/or content must not be substantially encompassed by an existing undergraduate or graduate course. All coursework must be submitted no later than the last day of reading period.

*PLSC 474b, Directed Reading and Research for Junior Intensive Majors  David Simon
For juniors preparing to write yearlong senior essays as intensive majors. The student acquires the methodological skills necessary in research, identifies a basic reading list pertinent to the research, and prepares a research design for the project. All coursework must be submitted no later than the last day of reading period.

*PLSC 480a or b, One-Term Senior Essay  David Cameron [F] and David Simon [Sp]
For seniors writing the senior essay who do not wish, or are unable, to write the essay in a department seminar. Students must receive the prior agreement of a member of the department who will serve as the senior essay adviser, and must arrange to meet with that adviser on a regular basis throughout the term.

*PLSC 490a, The Senior Colloquium  Peter Swenson
Presentation and discussion of students’ research proposals, with particular attention to choice of topic and research design. Each student frames the structure of the essay, chooses research methods, begins the research, and presents and discusses a draft of the introductory section of the essay. Enrollment limited to Political Science majors writing a yearlong senior essay.

*PLSC 491b, The Senior Essay  David Simon
Each student writing a yearlong senior essay establishes a regular consultation schedule with a department member who, working from the prospectus prepared for PLSC 490, advises the student about preparation of the essay and changes to successive drafts. Enrollment limited to Political Science majors writing a yearlong senior essay.

*PLSC 493b, Senior Essay for Intensive Majors  David Simon
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