POLITICAL SCIENCE (3700)

3700:100. Government & Politics in the United States. (3 Credits)
Examination of American political system with emphasis on fundamental principles, ideas, institutions and processes of modern government. Lecture and discussion sections (day classes only).

3700:150. World Politics & Government. (3 Credits)
Introduction to international politics and an examination of the governments and foreign policies of selected states from a comparative perspective.

3700:210. State & Local Government & Politics. (3 Credits)
Examination of institutions, processes and intergovernmental relations at state and local levels.

3700:300. Comparative Politics. (3 Credits)
Introduction to comparative political analysis; description of political systems of Great Britain, France, Germany and Soviet Union; contrast between democracy and totalitarianism.

3700:301. Introduction to Political Research. (3 Credits)
Introduction to the research process in political science through an introduction to the logic of social science inquiry and contemporary techniques of analysis.

3700:302. American Political Ideas. (3 Credits)
Study of major thinkers and writers of American political thought.

3700:303. Introduction to Political Thought. (3 Credits)
Survey of major ideas and concepts of Western political theory from pre-Socrates through period of Enlightenment.

3700:304. Modern Political Thought. (3 Credits)
Examination of central concepts of political thought from 19th Century to present. Modern liberalism, communism, fascism and totalitarianism emphasized.

3700:310. International Politics & Institutions. (3 Credits)
Relations among nations examined in political context.

3700:311. Developing States in World Politics. (3 Credits)
Examines how developing states are conditioned by the global system and how they attempt to modify it.

3700:313. International Law. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3700:150 or 3700:310. This course explores law at the international level and will focus on diplomacy, treaties, covenants, laws of war, and the legal role of international organizations.

3700:321. European Politics. (3 Credits)
Description and analysis of government and politics of France, Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom, and Russia, with appropriate references to the European Union.

3700:326. Politics of Developing Nations. (3 Credits)
General introduction to concepts and theories of political development and political institutions, elite-recruitment and political processes of selected emerging nations.

3700:328. American Foreign Policy Process. (3 Credits)
Examination of American foreign policy-making process; public opinion and other limitations on policy; specific contemporary problems in selected foreign policy areas.

3700:333. Social Entrepreneurship. (3 Credits)
Scholarly analysis of successful social and political entrepreneur’s efforts to address real world problems and an interdisciplinary analysis of the strategies and skills they deploy.

3700:334. Law, Mediation, and Violence. (3 Credits)
A critical analysis of the practical challenges central to learning to better prevent, resolve, or reduce the harms associated with conflict.

3700:335. Law & Society. (3 Credits)
This course will examine how law constructs and constrains political conflict, and how legal institutions mediate, reinforce, and challenge existing power relationships.

The course will focus on the topic of homeland security, an area that has received a great deal of attention following the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

3700:337. Terrorism: Perpetrators, Politics and Response. (3 Credits)
Survey of terrorist organizations, political implications of terrorism, and governmental response to terrorism.

3700:339. Terrorism and the Constitution. (3 Credits)
Primary goals include learning about the balance courts try to strike in safeguarding public safety and respect for personal freedom in a constitutional republic.

3700:341. The American Congress. (3 Credits)
Examination of structure and function of Congress, with comparative materials on legislative process on all levels. Presidential and congressional conflict examined.

3700:345. World Politics in Film. (3 Credits)
This course examines the political meaning and content of films. Themes investigated include war, the nuclear age and its consequences, postindustrial society, the future, and unemployment.

3700:346. American Politics in Film. (3 Credits)
Examines the portrayal and representation of American politics through cinema. Emphasis on the positive and negative roles that movies play in educating the public.

3700:350. The American Presidency. (3 Credits)
The presidency as focal point of politics, policy and leadership in American political system.

3700:351. Inside the White House. (3 Credits)
The course looks behind the curtain at the inner-workings of the White House. Topics include: physical structure of the White House, travel, protection, and staff.

3700:352. Weapons of Mass Destruction. (3 Credits)
An exploration of the various weapons of mass destruction available to terrorists and other potential enemies with an emphasis on the challenge America faces in responding to such threats.

3700:353. Future International Threats. (3 Credits)
A study of future threats through the use of scenario construction and future projections.

3700:360. The Judicial Process. (3 Credits)
Role of police, lawyers, courts and judges in context of American political process. Structure and process of judicial policy making and limitations on judicial power.

3700:361. Politics of the Criminal Justice System. (3 Credits)
Examines the impact of the political process and political institutions on criminal law and policy.

3700:363. Crime, Punishment, Politics: A Comparative Perspective. (3 Credits)
Comparative study of the structures, practices, power relationships, and politics in various criminal justice systems.
Examines current administrative theories and their application in public bureaucracies. Emphasis is placed on practices to improve the quality of public sector administration.

3700:375. Women in Politics. (3 Credits)
Course examines the past, present, and future role of women in politics.

3700:381. State Politics. (3 Credits)
Analysis of the state political process in terms of its capacity to deal with a wide range of socioeconomic problems. Special emphasis on legislators, administrators, parties and interest groups.

3700:391. Honors in Political Science. (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: at least 17 credits and a 3.25 average in political science and permission of adviser.

3700:392. Selected Topics in Political Science. (1-3 Credits)
(May be repeated, but no more than three credits can be applied to major in political science) Topics of substantial current importance, specialized topics within political science or experimental courses.

3700:395. Internship in Government & Politics. (2-9 Credits)
(May be taken twice for a total of nine hours. No more than four credits may be applied toward major in political science.) Prerequisite: Completion of 3 courses with a 2.20 GPA in political science. Supervised individual placement with political office holders, party groups, governmental agencies, law firms and other organizations providing professional-level work.

3700:397. Independent Study: Political Science. (1-4 Credits)
(May be repeated for a total of four credits) Prerequisites: Minimum academic standing of a Senior and a 3.00 GPA.

3700:400. Political Extremism & Violence. (3 Credits)
This course examines the causes and consequences of political extremism and political violence in democracies and failed democracies.

3700:401. Advanced Topics in Research Methods. (3-6 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3700:301 or 3850:301. Special advanced topics of interest in research methods. This course can be taken twice if topics are different, for six credits total.

3700:402. Politics and the Media. (3 Credits)
Examination of relationships between the press, the news media and political decision makers.

3700:403. Media, Crime and Public Opinion. (3 Credits)
Examines the social construction of crime in mass media and how it impacts public, including fear of crime, beliefs about crime causation, and crime policy.

3700:405. Politics in the Middle East. (3 Credits)
The rise of the state system in the Middle East after World War I; an analysis of the socio-cultural, ideological influencing the political behavior of the people of the Middle East. In-depth study of selected political systems.

3700:406. Comparative Constitutional Law. (3 Credits)
This course will explore the essential principles and theories of law and constitutionalism and then apply them, comparatively, to several different constitutional traditions from various regions of the world.

3700:410. International Security Policy. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3700:310 or 3400:461. Introduction to political uses of military forces. Major focus on methodological, conceptual, and ethical dilemmas confronted in developing and implementing security policy.

3700:413. Global Public Health Threats. (3 Credits)
An introduction to comparative global biological and public health security policy. Topics include: infectious disease outbreaks, bioterrorism, and potential "nano-terrorism.

3700:414. Wealth and Power Among Nations. (3 Credits)
Studies relationship between politics and economy; mesh theoretical perspectives with exploration of key empirical issues. Topics: trade, relations, unions, finance, development, aid, sanctions.

3700:417. Environmental Security: Policy & Politics. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3700:100. Examines the politics, economics, science, security, and policy changes behind global warming/climate change, peak oil (looming energy shortages), and related governmental and resource security.

3700:422. Understanding Racial and Gender Conflicts. (3 Credits)
This is the core course the Certificates in Racial and Gender Conflict, providing students with an opportunity to intensively examine racial and gender conflict.

3700:428. Ohio Politics. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3700:100. This course focuses on factors that make Ohio economically competitive. Material focuses on recent election results, public opinion polling and influence of socioeconomic factors.

3700:437. Government Versus Organized Crime. (3 Credits)
The course gives a history of organized crime and the government's responses to fight it. Newly emerging international crime groups are also discussed.

3700:440. Survey Research Methods. (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: 3700:100. Study of survey research methods as applied to the analysis of public opinion, political behavior, and public policy formation.

3700:441. The Policy Process. (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: eight credits in political science. Intensive study of policy-making process, emphasizing roles of various participants in executive and legislative branches as well as private individuals and groups.

3700:442. Methods of Policy Analysis. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3700:201. Examines variety of methods available for analyzing public policies. Techniques of cost benefit analysis, evaluation research quasi-experimentation are covered as well as consideration of ethical questions in policy analysis, the practical problems facing policy analysts.

3700:443. Political Scandals & Corruption. (3 Credits)
This course will provide information on major political scandals, including media coverage, public opinion, the role of special prosecutors, and the impacts of scandals.

3700:445. Al Qaeda and ISIS. (3 Credits)
This course explores the causes and consequences of Al Qaeda and ISIS ideologies and tactics around the world.

3700:446. National Security Intelligence. (3 Credits)
The aim of this course is to familiarize students with the politics and policy of national security intelligence in the US.

3700:447. Counterterrorism. (3 Credits)
The course introduces students to the federal national security agencies, polices, politics, and methods of containing and defeating terrorism abroad and within the United States.

3700:450. Administering Prisons, Probation, and Parole. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3700:100. Analysis of the administrative, electoral, and community conflicts central to understanding, resolving, and preventing these conflicts in a correctional environment.
3700:461. The Supreme Court & Constitutional Law. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3700:100. Interpretation of the Constitution by the Supreme Court with emphasis on federal judicial, legislative and executive power; separation of powers; and federalism.

3700:462. The Supreme Court & Civil Liberties. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3700:100. Interpretation of the Constitution by the Supreme Court with emphasis on freedom of speech and press, freedom of religion, criminal rights and right to privacy.

3700:463. Human Rights in World Politics. (3 Credits)
An introduction to human rights from a comparative perspective; topics include: definition and development of human rights with attention paid to government interaction and wartime.

3700:470. Campaign Management I. (3 Credits)
Reading, research and practice in campaign management decision making.

3700:471. Campaign Management II. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3700:470. The second course in campaign management. The focus is on timing, coalition building, candidate positioning, event planning, internal organization, and other elements of campaign strategy.

3700:472. Campaign Finance. (3 Credits)
Reading and research in financial decision making in political campaigns.

3700:473. Voter Contact & Elections. (3 Credits)
Theoretical and practical approaches to communication in all types of campaigns.

3700:474. Political Opinion, Behavior & Electoral Politics. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3700:100 or 3700:301. Advanced analysis of psychological, cultural, and group processes of opinion formation and change. Attention given to the effect of opinion change on electoral outcomes.

3700:475. American Interest Groups. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Completion of six or more political science credits. Reading and research on the development, structure and function of interest groups in the United States.

3700:476. American Political Parties. (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: Completion of six or more political science credits. Reading and research on the development, structure and function of parties in the United States.

3700:477. Lobbying. (3 Credits)
Examines the lobbying profession in the political process. Topics include theories of lobbying, tools of lobbying, the lobbying process, and types of lobbying.

3700:480. Policy Problems in Political Science. (3 Credits)
(May be repeated for a total of six credits) Intensive study of selected problems in public policy.

3700:481. The Challenges of Police Work. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3700:100. Analysis of the neighborhood, bureaucratic, electoral, and operational conflicts central to police work, with a focus on efforts and obstacles to improving police work.

3700:482. Criminal Justice Topic: Current Issues. (3 Credits)
(May be repeated for a maximum of six credits) Prerequisite: 3700:100. Critical analysis of current issues relating to political science and criminal justice. No more than three credits can be applied to the major.

3700:483. Constitutional Problems in Criminal Justice. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3700:100. Analyzes Supreme Court policy-making regarding problems of criminal justice, including search and seizure, self-incrimination, right to counsel, jury selection, and post-appeal prisoner rights.

3700:492. Selected Topics in Political Science. (3 Credits)
Topics of substantial current importance or specialized topics within political science.

3700:497. Senior Honors Project in Political Science. (1-3 Credits)
(May be repeated for a total of six credits) Prerequisites: senior standing in Honors Program and permission. Open only to a political science major in Honors Program. Independent study leading to completion of senior honors thesis or other original work.