

Politics & Human Rights FALL 2017 Course listing

PS 106 Introduction to US Politics

Professor Rosemary Nossiff

MW 10:00-11:21am

This introductory course provides an overview of politics in the US. Topics include the development of the system of government, civil liberties and civil rights, the interrelations of the branches of the federal government and the states, and the roles of elections, parties, and interest groups in national politics.

PS 107 Introduction to Criminal Justice

Professor Amol Sinha

TH 7:20-10:01pm

This course surveys and analyzes the origin, development, and classification of criminal law. The topics covered are: crime as a legal concept, the objectives of punishment, the American criminal justice system, the trial, the role of the attorneys, judges, and the jury, sentencing, jails, prisons, and parole.

IS/PHR 109 Introduction to International Relations

Professor Jennifer Mueller

MW 8:30-9:51am (section 1)

MW 10-11:21am (section 2)

International relations is the study of international systems and the interaction of states, groups, organizations, and individuals in the world arena. It introduces theoretical concepts and approaches, applies these models to current events, enabling students to understand the world today.

IS/PHR 150 Economy, Society and the State

Professor Hernandez

T 7:20-10:01pm

This course examines the role of the market economy as a means of both achieving economic development and satisfying individual needs. It explores issues including poverty, the distribution of income, global inequality, the limits of the market and the role of the government in a market economy.

SOC 213 Women, Society, and Culture

T/TH 8:30-9:51am

This course will consider the condition of contemporary women in our own and other societies. Issues such as male/female relations, economic and political inequality, the role of motherhood, sexuality, and forms of resistance and protest will be discussed.

IS/PHR 231 Comparative Politics

T/TH 2:30-3:51pm

This course introduces students to recent and contemporary political dynamics in different world regions. Particular attention will be paid to development in Britain, China, Germany, Iran, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria and Russia. The course will emphasize the distinctive role that state structures, production systems, democratic processes, and social identities will play within and across these countries.

HIST/PHR 255 Women in American History

Professor Lauren Brown

MW 11:30-12:51pm

This course will examine the changing roles, status, images, and self-consciousness of women in America from colonial times to the present. Emphasis will be placed on the impact of industrialization on women's lives.

PS 263 Power and Politics in the City

T/TH 10:00-11:21am

Cities highlight the dramatic interplay of wealth, poverty, racial and ethnic hierarchy, diverse cultures, work and space in American politics and society. This course examines the politics of class, racial and gender inequality, of community development and community organizing from historical and contemporary perspectives.

SOC 330 Great Social Thinkers

T/TH 5:50-7:11pm

In this course, a selected number of classical and contemporary social thinkers who have made major contributions to social thought will be examined. Among those to be considered are Comte, de Tocqueville, Adam Smith, Karl Marx, Max Weber, Veblen, Keyes, and Freud.

PS 333 Mock Trial

M 7:20-10:01pm

This course consists of preparation for American Mock Trial Association competitions. Preparation includes: the development of cases for presentation, opening arguments, introduction of testimonial, and evidence, direct and cross examination of witnesses, and closing arguments.

AIP 336 Politics of Abortion

Professor Rosemary Nossiff

TH 2:30-5:21pm

With the exception of race, no issue has remained on the political agenda as long or has split the country as fractiously as abortion policy. This course seeks to understand why by analyzing the historical, political, religious and cultural dimension of abortion within the broader context of US government and public policy.

HIST/IS 346 The Middle East in the Twentieth Century

**See your advisor about a substitution*

MW 1:00-2:21pm

This course examines contemporary international and regional politics of the Middle East. The political and social history of the region will be explored in terms of its effect on current political dynamics.

PS 355 Green Political Thought

Professor Kent Worcester

TH 2:30-5:21pm

This course applies the ecological paradigm to the traditional concerns of political theory, such as the sources of power and authority, the struggle for justice, individual rights and communal obligations, and the search for normative foundations for human action.

PS 360 The American Presidency and the Electorate

Professor Rosemary Nossiff

**Social Science Majors and Minors only*

MW 11:30-21:51pm

This course explores the nature of presidential power. It examines the historical, political and economic factors that transformed the office of the presidency in the nineteenth century into the most powerful branch of government in contemporary America.

SOC 361 Cultural and Social Change

W 2:30-5:21pm

Course will examine major historical and contemporary theories of social change. A variety of examples of social change will be studied in order to understand the factors effecting change in individuals, in organizations and social movements, and in society as a whole; and the ways in which these changes are interrelated.

IS/PS/PHR 371 Research Methods in Social Sciences

Professor Erin O'Connor

**Juniors should consider taking this; all first-semester seniors who have not yet done so, must.*

T 10:00-12:51pm

This course introduces students to the practice of social research - a broad set of theories, methods and ethics that the social sciences use to guide systematic and rigorous pursuit and production of knowledge about politics, society, and human rights. The course rests on the assumption that the collection and analysis of data about people is a craft that requires creativity, curiosity, and reflexivity.

PHR 398.01 America's Founding

Professor Jessica Blatt

TH 11:30-2:21pm

This course uses an immersive, game-based approach (RTTP or "Playing Politics") to understanding the issues and political forces that shaped our political system, and gaining an in-depth understanding of the meaning and workings of the U.S. Constitution. After a brief period of introduction, students will assume a role at the Constitutional Convention of 1787. Your goal? Craft a political system that protects your interests and conforms to your sense of justice.

PHR 398.02 Populism

**See your advisor about a substitution for governance or culture cluster*

TH 11:30-12:21pm

This course focuses on contemporary populist movements, both domestically and abroad. After the 2008 financial crisis, revolutions and protests erupted worldwide: the Tea Party and Occupy Wall Street in the US, the Arab Spring, ISIS in the Muslim world, and right-wing radicalization in Europe and Latin America.

IS 398.01 The Ethics of War

Professor Jennifer Mueller

**See your advisor about a substitution for the governance cluster*

TH 10:00-12:51pm

This course explores the normative, moral, and ethical issues that arise concerning warfare and other forms of large-scale violent conflict. The emphasis will be on exposing students to the basics of the moral traditions, with an eye towards applying moral principles to real-world cases of conflict.

IS 398.02 Global Sustainability

Professor Andreas Hernandez

** See your advisor about a substitution for the governance cluster*

M 2:30-5:21pm

It is increasingly evident that the major problems of our time – energy, the environment, climate change, food security, financial security – cannot be understood in isolation. Instead they must be engaged as interconnected systemic issues. This class will use a systems thinking approach to investigate crucial issues facing humanity and the planet.