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Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Degree Program Hours: 120

The major in Political Science provides students the opportunity to acquire a broad education that will equip them to adapt to a wide variety of careers. The program for majors is designed to encourage the analysis of theories, institutions, and processes of political systems in the context provided by the social sciences; to stimulate a grasp of the broad sweep of political science as a discipline; to develop a continuing and responsible interest in political activity and public affairs; to provide the opportunity to acquire a fundamental understanding of political science as a basis for citizenship, a career in government, or professional study and service; and to stimulate the qualified student's interest in graduate study in political science.

The curriculum is designed to expose students to the various areas of Political Science and to allow for some specialization. Students are encouraged to create a blend of courses that fits their interests. Students should work with the undergraduate advisor in selecting courses.

To qualify for admission to the program, FIU undergraduates must have met all the lower division requirements including the successful completion or waiver of the CLAST, 60 semester hours, and a minimum 2.0 Grade Point Average.

Curriculum for Political Science Majors

Students should obtain and read the "Political Science Advising Guide," available online on the Political Science website. A minimum of 30 credits of upper division work (3000 level and above) is required for a major in Political Science, of which 6 credits must be at the 4000 level (excluding independent study and internship credits).

In addition, two 2000 level courses are required for a student to meet both the department's prerequisite

requirements for majors as well as the state mandated "Common Prerequisites"(see below). These courses should be taken as early as possible in preparation for upper division work in the major. POS 2042-American Government (or its equivalent) is required of all Political Science majors. This course will also meet one of the two state mandated Common Prerequisites. The second Common Prerequisite may be fulfilled by taking either CPO 2002 Introduction to Comparative Politics, **or** INR 2002 Dynamics of World Politics (or their equivalents). These requirements can normally be met through course work at the community college level or taken at FIU. Students should be mindful of the further requirement of the College of Arts and Sciences that a minimum of 48 upper division credits (3000 level and above) is necessary for graduation. Students also need to pass 9 hours in upper division courses outside Political Science and must satisfy the College of Arts and Sciences Foreign Language Requirement.

No specific upper division courses are required. Rather, courses in Political Science must be distributed so that five courses meet the Breadth requirement and five other courses meet the Political Science Electives requirement, of which two (6 credits) must be at the 4000 level (excluding independent study and internship credits).

The student must earn a grade of 'C' or better in all Political Science courses credited toward the major. A grade of 'C-' will not fulfill the requirements of the major. Students choosing to major in Political Science must officially declare their major by completing applicable forms. Forms can be obtained online through the Office of the Registrar, or at the department.

Common Prerequisites

Common Prerequisites are those mandated by the state for Political Science majors. In order to conform with both state and departmental requirements, students must take the following:

POS 2042 American Government (or its equivalent)

and one of the following two courses:

CPO 2002 Introduction to Comparative Politics (or its equivalent)

INR 2002 Dynamics of World Politics (or its equivalent)

These courses do not count toward the 30 credits of upper division work required for the major.

Requirements for a Major

I. Breadth Requirement

This is designed to acquaint all majors with the five general fields of Political Science. One three-semester hour course must be taken in each of the following fields, for a total of 15 semester hours.

American Politics (AP)-This Breadth area can be met **only** by one of the following courses:

POS 3064	Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations	3
POS 3152	Urban Politics	3
POS 3413	The Presidency	3
POS 3424	The Legislative Process	3
POS 3443	Political Parties	3

Judicial Politics (JP)-This Breadth area can be met **only** by one of the following courses:

POS 3283	The Judicial Process	3
POS 3603	Constitutional Law: Powers	3

POS 3604	Constitutional Law: Limits	3
Comparative Politics (CP) —This Breadth area can be met only by one of the following courses:		
CPO 3010	Comparative Politics Theory and Practice	3
CPO 3055	Authoritarian Politics	3
CPO 3103	Politics of Western Europe	3
CPO 3204	African Politics	3
CPO 3304	Politics of Latin America	3
CPO 3403	Politics of the Middle East	3
CPO 3502	Politics of the Far East	3
CPO 3643	Russian Politics	3

International Politics (IP)—This Breadth area can be met **only** by one of the following courses:

INR 3102	American Foreign Policy	3
INR 3203	World Politics	3
INR 3702	Politics of the World Economy	3

Political Theory and Methodology (PT)—This Breadth area can be met **only** by one of the following courses:

POT 3013	Ancient and Medieval Political Theory	3
POT 3054	Modern Political Theory	3
POT 3064	Contemporary Political Theory	3
POT 3204	American Political Thought	3
POT 3302	Political Ideologies	3

II. Political Science Electives Requirement

Five upper division Political Science courses (3000 level and above), of which two (6 credits) must be at the 4000 level are required (not from POS 4905, POS 4941, or POS 4944), for a total of 15 credits. No more than 6 credits in independent study and/or internship work can be applied toward the major, and these may not be counted toward the 4000-level requirement.

Minor in Political Science

POS 2042 (or its equivalent) is a prerequisite for a minor in Political Science. Beyond the prerequisite, the minor consists of any five upper division (3000 level and above) courses in Political Science, for a total of 15 upper division credits. All courses must be passed with a 'C' or better grade. A grade of 'C-' will not fulfill the requirements of the minor. Neither independent study nor internships will count toward the minor. Students should select specific courses in consultation with their major advisor and a Political Science advisor. Students must apply for a minor by completing a Request for Minor Form and have it signed by their Major and Minor Advisors.

Pre-Law Students

The Department of Political Science recognizes the interests and needs of the undergraduate Political Science major who plans to attend law school. The basic skills important to such students include:

- (1) how to think logically,
- (2) how to read intelligently, and
- (3) how to express oneself clearly.

These skills are developed in a number of disciplines. Beyond these basic skills, the department encourages interested Political Science majors to acquire a broad background in Political Science rather than to select only courses that deal with public law. The department publishes a pre-law handbook that answers general questions for Political Science majors interested in pre-law, and the department's pre-law advisors will counsel these students on specific concerns.

In selecting electives, Political Science majors should remember that the LSAT and law school require the ability to read with comprehension concepts and logic and to express oneself with clarity and precision. Whether or not a given major will benefit from a particular elective is a question best answered by the student in close consultation with an advisor. Courses in History, Philosophy, Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Math and English will probably all give relevant skills to Political Science majors interested in pre-law. Breadth of preparation is important. Whether a particular course in logic, writing or another area is the best choice can only be answered on an individual basis.

Public Affairs Internships

The Department occasionally is able to provide opportunities for practical work-study experiences in governmental and nongovernmental agencies. Four categories of internships are open to qualified students:

1. Judicial Internships (Prerequisites: POS 3283-Judicial Process or equivalent)
2. Legislative Internships (Prerequisites: POS 3424-Legislative Process or equivalent)
3. Campaign Internships (In election year). (Prerequisites: POS 3443-Political Parties, or POS 4233-Public Opinion and Elections)

4. Washington Center Internships (This program is administered through the Washington Center, an organization providing opportunities for semester length programs of internship and coursework in Washington, D.C. See <http://www.twc.edu> for further information).

Standards for enrollment as an intern student include:

Enrollment is by permission of the instructor only. A student wishing to enroll as a public affairs intern should consult with the appropriate faculty member early in the preceding semester and receive written permission to enroll. A 3.0 GPA is required.

A Political Science major may count a maximum of six credit hours in internships toward his/her major.

All public affairs internships in Political Science will be on a Pass/Fail basis.

For further information on internships, contact the Political Science advisor.

Upper Division Transfer Credit

Students will generally receive transfer credit for junior and senior level courses in Political Science with a grade of 'C' or higher. While a student may transfer up to 30 credits of upper division work, the department will only accept 15 credits towards the Political Science curriculum. All decisions to recognize transfer credit rest with the department advisor or chairperson.

Undergraduate Advising

The Department of Political Science has an Undergraduate Advisor available to answer student questions regarding degree requirements, transfer credit, and graduation. All new majors and minors should make an appointment to meet with the Undergraduate Advisor in advance of their enrollment in the program. Prior to registering for their final semester of courses, graduating seniors should also meet with the Undergraduate Advisor for a graduation check to review their records. Appointments for undergraduate advising are available through the department secretary. In addition, all Political Science faculty are willing to meet with students to discuss

their academic work, the prospects of graduate studies and career planning.

Course Descriptions

Definition of Prefixes

CPO-Comparative Politics; INR-International Relations; POS-Political Science; POT-Political Theory; PUP-Public Policy; URP-Urban Planning.

Courses that meet the Breadth Requirements for the major are identified by subfield following the course title: (AP) American Politics; (JP) Judicial Politics; (CP) Comparative Politics; (IP) International Politics; and (PT) Political Theory.

CPO 2002 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3).

Analysis of major theories of comparative politics including development, state building, institutions, patterns of political interaction and comparative elites. Focus on Latin America and the Third World.

CPO 3010 Comparative Politics: Theory and Practice (CP) (3).

Examines major theories and methods of comparative politics, focusing on divergent political systems (Democracy, Authoritarianism, Totalitarianism). Countries/regions studied vary with instructor.

CPO 3055 Authoritarian Politics (CP) (3).

The purpose of this course is to identify the conceptual and empirical characteristics of authoritarian regimes. An ideal typical authoritarian regime will be established, followed by case study analyses of modern authoritarian systems, like those of Brazil, Mexico, and Portugal. The course is designed to analyze the circumstances giving rise to non-totalitarian modern dictatorships, their political dynamics, and their survival capability.

CPO 3103 Politics of Western Europe (CP) (3).

Studies of political systems of the major European countries on a comparative basis. Attention is focused on such factors as political party systems, the cabinet form of government, and the politics of the Common Market. Considers the implications of the impact of mass society on these nations. Enables the students to better understand the nations which have supplied many of the theoretical foundations of modern politics.

CPO 3104 Politics of the European Union (3).

Traces the development of the governmental forms and structures in the evolution of the European Union and compares them to governmental structures in other regional and global multinational organizations.

CPO 3204 African Politics (CP) (3).

Compares the politics of Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Republic of South Africa and addresses questions of economic development, the colonial legacy, and the impact of traditional social patterns.

CPO 3304 Politics of Latin America (CP) (3).

This course analyzes the multiple structures, processes, and groups which are relevant to an understanding of Latin American political economy. Of special interest are the political impacts of land and wealth inequality and economic dependency. The dynamics of Latin American politics are considered, with an emphasis on the role of the military and the church. Alternate strategies for modernizing the region are considered.

CPO 3403 Politics of the Middle East (CP) (3).

This course will focus on the social, cultural, and political aspects of the Middle East region. Through an understanding and an interweaving of these complex facets, a student should gain a foundation and background for comprehension of the contemporary conflict which pervades this mercurial region.

CPO 3502 Politics of the Far East (CP) (3).

An intensive examination of the major political institutions of China, Japan, and Korea. A critical analysis of changing aspects of traditional relationships in Far Eastern political culture and major reform movements in contemporary Far Eastern politics. Allows the student to better understand nations whose political development will be an important factor in global development.

CPO 3643 Russian Politics (CP) (3).

Examines the political structure and institutions of Russia. Attention is paid to the historical and cultural aspects of the structure and use of power.

CPO 4034 The Politics of Development and Underdevelopment (3).

This course is an analysis of the causes of development and underdevelopment in Third and Fourth World countries. It includes an analysis of major theoretical approaches to understanding development problems, as well as an analysis of the roles of major national and non-national actors.

CPO 4053 Political Repression and Human Rights (3).

Examination of domestic factors resulting in political repression and violations of human rights. American, European, and South American examples will be used.

CPO 4057 Political Violence and Revolution (3).

An examination of major historical instances and modern expressions of political violence; discussion of revolution from a comparative perspective. Attention will focus on the social origin and political determinants of such events.

CPO 4062 Comparative Judicial Politics (3).

An examination of the various modes of dispute settlement and rule adjudication cross-culturally. Emphasis is on the similarities and differences of judicial behavior, judicial decision-making, judicial recruitment, and judicial powers in cross-national analysis.

CPO 4072 Comparative Electoral Behavior (3).

Public opinion, voting choice, and electoral patterns from a comparative and historical perspective. Attention will focus on West Europe and Latin America. Differences from North American trends and patterns will also be detailed.

CPO 4102 European Union in World Politics (3).

Examines comparatively the foreign policies of the European Union member states and of the EU, with special emphasis on EU-US (transatlantic) relations and the future of the EU in world politics.

CPO 4303 Politics of South America (3).

A cross-national discussion of the political systems and cultures of the Latin American nations, with special emphasis on the larger countries. Attention is given to the role of the military and to the problem of violence. Designed to give the student an overview of the political life of the nations with whom we share this hemisphere.

CPO 4323 Politics of the Caribbean (3).

Studies the political system of the major British, French, Dutch, and

Spanish areas in the Caribbean basin. Attention is focused on such factors as political party democracies in a non-industrial setting. The paradoxes between modernity and tradition throughout the developing Caribbean, and the relationship between politics, economics, and culture are discussed. The student is helped to understand the dynamics of change in an important area of the world and to compare those dynamics with change in his own country.

CPO 4333 Politics of Central America (3). This course analyzes the historical and contemporary political dynamics of the five countries of Central America. Special attention is given to problems of development and modernization within the context of the region's economic dependence on the United States. Special attention is given to the problem of political restraints on the modernization process and to those regional arrangements which have been created to solve the area's problems. The student will develop a better understanding of a region which has close ties to the United States.

CPO 4340 Politics of Mexico (3). This course analyzes the structure and process of the Mexican political system from four perspectives: 1) Mexico's revolutionary heritage; 2) its formal governmental structure; 3) formal political relations; and 4) the structure and process of Mexican political economy.

CPO 4360 Cuban Politics (3). Examines the course of twentieth century Cuban politics. The course is sub-divided into five parts covering the three periods of relatively stable politics and the two major revolutions.

CPO 4401 The Arab-Israeli Conflict (3). This course provides the student with an introduction to the political roots of the Middle East conflict, and examines the dilemmas of finding a solution by focusing on the domestic and international constraints imposed upon the major actors.

CPO 4404 Politics of North Africa (3). An examination of the politics of the Arab-Islamic countries of North Africa. Attention is given to pre-colonial politics and subsequent European penetration as bases for understanding contemporary politics.

CPO 4461 Politics of Eastern Europe (3). An examination of the historical and contemporary political dynamics of the countries of Eastern Europe. Special attention is given to the process of "democratization" and the effort to move towards a liberal-democratic, capitalist order.

CPO 4507 Comparative Political Economics of Asia (3). Introduction to the political economy of East and Southeast Asia. Course is segmented into three parts: overview of Asia Pacific; survey of specific countries; and trends and transformations.

CPO 4541 Politics of China (3). This course introduces students to China's political history from 1840 and analyzes politics in the People's Republic of China with special emphasis on political and economic development, socio-economic and political conflict, ideology, and foreign policy.

CPO 4553 Government and Politics of Japan (3). Introduction to Japanese politics. Special attention is given

to the Japanese variant of democracy, the capitalist state, and foreign policy.

CPO 4725 Comparative Genocide (3). A comparative analysis of the pre-conditions and processes associated with major cases of 20th century genocide, including Armenia, Germany, Cambodia, Bosnia, and Rwanda.

CPO 4741 Comparative Political Economy (3). Examines the theoretical approaches used to assess the relationship between political institutions and private economic interests in advanced, industrial countries and the less developed world.

CPO 4930 Topics in Comparative Politics (3). An intensive examination of a topic in comparative politics. Subject matter varies according to the instructor. Topic to be announced in advance.

CPO 4955 Politics of the Czech Republic: Study Abroad (3). Examination of Czech political system, its history and current constitutional structure. Course is taught by FIU and Czech faculty with significant study abroad component.

CPO 4956 Constitutional Politics of the Czech Republic: Study Abroad (3). An examination of the development of individual rights in the Czech Republic in a study abroad setting. Particular attention to issues of liberty and equality.

CPO 4957 Czech Republic in the Global Arena: Study Abroad (3). Examination of the global political environment of the Czech Republic. Special attention to external factors, internal demands and the political, economic and social forces that impact foreign policy decisions.

CPO 5036 Politics of Development (3). This course examines divergent explanations for development and underdevelopment. Of central importance are the concepts and theories which emphasize the political dimensions of development, including theory and concept, processes of development, and actors in the development process.

CPO 5091 Seminar in Comparative Politics (3). A foundation in the development of the field of comparative politics and in the major schools of thought that have molded the perspectives on comparative political analysis.

CPO 5325 Politics of the Caribbean (3). Examines the structural and institutional aspects of the politics of the Caribbean in both domestic and international contexts. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

CPO 5934 Topics in Comparative Politics (3). A rigorous examination of a topic in comparative politics. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic will be announced in advance.

CPO 5936 Seminar in Comparative Political Parties (3). Students read and discuss major works on parties by conservative, liberal, and marxist authors.

INR 2002 Dynamics of World Politics (3). An examination of the political forces which shape the actors, institutions, and processes of world politics. Special attention is given to the role of transnational forces.

INR 3102 American Foreign Policy (IP) (3). An examination of the legal, administrative, and political structure by which American foreign policies are formulated and implemented. Includes a discussion of the objectives and consequences of United States foreign policy in selected regional, social-economic, and ideological areas. Enables the student to understand the procedures by which foreign policy is made and implemented in the United States.

INR 3203 World Politics (IP) (3). Overview of competing theories and methods used in the study of world politics. Accompanying focus on the changing world system in the post cold war era.

INR 3702 Politics of World Economy (3). The politics of world economy with emphasis on the role played by transnational political/economic institutions.

INR 4084 Ethnicity in World Politics (3). This course examines the political dimensions of ethnic conflict from a comparative perspective. It evaluates the dynamics of ethnic conflict in Western Europe, Africa, Latin America, and the United States, through a series of case studies.

INR 4204 Comparative Foreign Policy (3). This course is an analysis of the development of the foreign policy-making process in the United States, Britain, France, West Germany, and Italy. Particular attention is directed to the domestic and international factors which affect the making of foreign policy.

INR 4244 Latin America in World Politics (3). This course will be primarily concerned with Latin America's role in the world political system. Of special interest will be the impact of the North-South split on Latin America, and in particular Latin America's relationship to the United States. Key issues of international politics concerning Latin America, including the Panama Canal, will be selected for study.

INR 4350 International Environmental Politics (3). Addresses environmental politics from an international perspective. Ecological problems and issues are becoming international, environmental problems are crossing national borders, and public attitudes. Prerequisites: Introduction to International Relations and Introduction to Environmental Science (recommended).

INR 4501 Multinational Organizations (3). The course examines contemporary international politics through an analysis of inter-governmental and non-governmental actors. It emphasizes the prominent role played by increasing levels of transnational relations, inter-dependence, and global dominance in world politics.

INR 4521 Politics of Regional Integration (3). Examines regional economic blocs - European Union, NAFTA and Pacific Rim. Forces influencing regional integration and effects on global trade are studied.

INR 4926 Model United Nations (3). Students participate in a UN simulation. Attention is given to the workings of the UN, negotiating skills, and critical international issues. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

INR 4933 Topics in International Politics (3). An intensive examination of a topic in international politics. Subject matter varies according to the instructor. Topic to be announced in advance.

INR 5007 Seminar in International Politics (3). An advanced graduate course designed to give students a specialized knowledge of the classics in international politics. The course traces the development of international politics from Thucydides to the present.

INR 5036 Politics of Globalization (3). Intensive examination of state and global institutions that have shaped the process of economic globalization. Topics include impact on sovereignty, human rights, labor and agenda-setting of large and small nation-states.

INR 5087 Ethnicity and the Politics of Development (3). This course examines the conceptual and substantive dimensions of ethnicity in the context of world politics and political development. The course will highlight ethnicity and ethnic groups as critical factors in North-South politics.

INR 5105 American Foreign Policy (3). Compares different perspectives in foreign policy analysis. Provides a comprehensive understanding of major issues in U.S. policy.

INR 5934 Topics in International Politics (3). A rigorous examination in international politics. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic to be announced.

POS 2042 American Government (3). Power distribution and policy-making in U.S. Topics include political change; role of majorities; minorities; media, elections in U.S. politics; national institutions; and Florida state and local government.

POS 2690 Law, Politics and Society (3). Introduction to the role of law in American life. Topics include law as a tool for social control, dispute settlement and social change; the tension between rights and community; and the rule of law.

POS 3064 Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations (AP) (3). An introduction to modern theories of federalism, with an emphasis on how federalism has evolved in the United States. Constitutional structures and intergovernmental relations may also be emphasized.

POS 3152 Urban Politics (AP) (3). An examination of the processes by which social conflicts in American urban areas are represented and regulated. Emphasis is placed on how urban problems are identified; and the way proposed solutions are formulated, legitimized, and administered by urban policy-making processes. Includes a discussion of urban political culture. Enables the student to understand major problems confronting communities in urban areas.

POS 3283 The Judicial Process (JP) (3). An introduction to the study of public law. Examines the relationship between politics and judicial structure and process. Emphasizes the judicial system as a particular kind of policy-making system, and evaluates its strengths and weaknesses from a policy-making perspective.

POS 3413 The Presidency (AP) (3). An examination of the various interpretations of the Presidency. Attention is directed to the role of the President in a technocratic society. Enables the student to understand one of the most visible political institutions.

POS 3424 The Legislative Process (AP) (3). Examines the context and process of legislative decision-making,

including the impact of elections, groups, bureaucracies, and the norms of legislative behavior. Evaluates legislatures in light of various theories of representation and conflict-management.

POS 3443 Political Parties (AP) (3). Studies the internal structure, political functions, and behavior of modern political parties. Attention is given to the relationships between political parties and various economic, ethnic, and regional interest. Enables the student to understand the problems of expressing and structuring political demands to facilitate or obstruct governmental decision making.

POS 3603 Constitutional Law: Powers (JP) (3). An examination of the basic principles of American government, as defined through constitutional law. Focus will be on the nature of the union, federalism, national government powers, separation of powers, state government powers, and powers of the respective branches of government.

POS 3604 Constitutional Law: Limitations (JP) (3). An examination of the limitations on government as defined by the Supreme Court through constitutional law. Focus will be on the limitations of government with respect to the rights of the individual, of groups, and of the states. Particular attention will be paid to civil rights, civil liberties, the rights of the accused, political rights, and economic liberties.

POS 3703 Methods of Political Analysis (3). An introduction to the principal concepts and techniques of data collection and organization in political science. Includes practical exercise in data collection and organization. Highly recommended for those planning graduate study.

POS 4034 Political Change in America (3). Analysis of theories of political change in America and their application to major political movements from the 1960's to the present.

POS 4071 Corporate Power and American Politics (3). An examination of the formal and informal linkages between the private and public sectors and the sets of relationships which govern each. Particular attention is devoted to the exploration of the political role of business and the close but uneasy relationship between private enterprise and democracy.

POS 4073 The Military and the Citizen (3). Examines the U.S. military as a basic governmental institution, its relationship to civilians/citizens, and its post World War II history.

POS 4074 Latino Politics (3). Presents an overview of the role of Hispanics in the U.S. political system. It explores the historical and socio-economic dimensions of Latino politics.

POS 4122 State Government and Politics (3). A study of the political processes, structure, and development of state systems. This course attempts to provide the student with an understanding of the basic structure of state government and political processes.

POS 4152 Conflict and Change in American Cities (3). A study of social conflict in American cities. Emphasis is on how urban problems are identified and proposed

solutions are formulated, legitimized and administered by policy-making processes.

POS 4154 Topics in Urban Politics and Policy (3). An intensive examination of a topic in urban politics and policy. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic will be announced in advance.

POS 4173 Politics in the American South (3). An examination of the politics of the American South with particular attention to the role of political parties, the Civil Rights movement, and the impact of Reconstruction.

POS 4188 Miami Politics (3). Examines the politics of Miami-Dade County. Topics include functioning of Metro government, theories of political power, politics of ethnicity and class, growth politics, and political corruption.

POS 4205 American Political Culture (3). Examines American political culture and the forces that shape it. Specific focus on competing theories, and the role of political socialization, ideology, the economy, media, and schooling.

POS 4233 Public Opinion and Electoral Behavior (3). An examination of the social and psychological factors shaping public opinion and voting choice. Particular attention will be directed to the nature of trends and patterns in electoral results and systemic elements influencing such patterns.

POS 4284 Judicial Behavior (3). An examination of various approaches, theories, and findings on the behavior of judicial actors, particularly as it relates to judicial decision-making. The focus of the course will be on judges, lawyers, prosecutors, and other relevant actors in the judicial process.

POS 4314 American Ethnic Politics (3). This course examines American ethnic politics from conceptual and substantive perspectives. Special attention is devoted to the theoretical dynamics of ethnicity as well as an intensive investigation of Irish, Italian, Jewish, and Black ethnic politics.

POS 4463 Interest Group Politics (3). An examination of the various types of voluntary associations which seek to influence the political process. Special attention is given to the role of private power in a pluralist system. Enables the student to understand the ambivalent American attitude towards pressure groups and lobbying activities in the legislative and administrative arenas.

POS 4605 Gender Justice (3). The development of gender law in the U.S. and legal strategies by which courts both initiate and respond to demands for social change. Emphasis on various legal definitions of justice and equality.

POS 4606 The U.S. Supreme Court (3). Intensive study of U.S. Supreme Court, its internal processes, decision-making, personalities, and the impact of its decisions. Relationships with other federal branches and participants are also examined.

POS 4622 Race and Law in the U.S. (3). Examines U.S. legal development of racial issues by focusing on political, economic and social rights from founding to contemporary times. Underlying theme asks whether courts are appropriate agents of social change.

POS 4627 Equality and the Constitution (3). An examination of the Supreme Court's interpretations of the Constitution in relation to social and political equality. Questions of equal justice pertaining to race, alienage, gender, sexual orientation, political representation, and economic status are explored.

POS 4905 Independent Study (3). Designed for advanced students who wish to pursue specialized topics in political science. Arrangements must be made with instructor during the prior semester.

POS 4930 Topics in Public Law (3). An intensive examination of a topic dealing with public law. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic will be announced in advance.

POS 4931 Topics in Politics (3). An intensive examination of a topic in politics. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic will be announced in advance.

POS 4935 Honors Seminar (3). A rigorous examination of a political topic designed for advanced political science majors. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic to be announced in advance.

POS 4941 Legislative Internship (1-20). An opportunity for the student to participate in a selected policy area within one of the communities of South Florida. The nature of the work to be accomplished in connection with the internship will be worked out between the student and advisor.

POS 4944 Judicial Internship (1-20). An opportunity for the student to participate in a selected policy area within one of the communities of South Florida. The nature of the work to be accomplished in connection with the internship will be worked out between the student and advisor.

POS 4945 Executive Internship (1-12). An opportunity for students to engage in policy or constituent work in a chief executive's setting. Assignment will be individually tailored to the student's interest and background. Prerequisites: POS 3152, POS 3413, or POS 3443 or equivalent.

POS 4XXX Analytic Writing in Political Science (3). Develops and refines skills necessary for effective written communication. Focus on inductive research and analysis process. For professions where analytic and writing skills are expected and valued.

POS 4XXX Florida Politics (3). Provides analysis of the state and county politics of Florida. Special emphasis is placed on the regionalism inherent to politics in the state.

POS 4XXX Politics of Voting Rights (3). Analyzes the development of the right to vote in the United States. Major emphasis is on Supreme Court decisions and federal laws.

POS 5045 Seminar in American Politics (3). The advanced study of U.S. politics. Students read and discuss the major works and theories concerning American politics and government.

POS 5146 Seminar in Urban Politics (3). Examination of processes by which urban areas are governed. Emphasis is on conflicts over structures, power, policy and the politics of ethnicity and class.

POS 5158 Topics in Politics (3). Subject matter varies according to instructor.

POS 5208 Seminar in Political Behavior (3). Analyzes the literature in political behavior. Special emphasis is on voting, socialization, attitudes, partisanship, campaigning, the media, and political participation in the developed democracies. Prerequisite: Seminar in Political Science Methodology.

POS 5326 Seminar in Class Analysis (3). The theoretical and empirical issues associated with class divisions in contemporary societies. Theoretical debates regarding definitional problems of class identity and empirical case studies highlighting class conflict and stratification.

POS 5447 Seminar in U.S. Political Parties (3). Students read and discuss the major works and theories on U.S. Political Parties.

POS 5638 Topics in Public Law (3). A rigorous examination of a topic in public law. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic will be announced in advance.

POS 5702 Teaching Political Science (1). Introduces graduate students to the pedagogical and practical aspects of teaching political science. Topics will include selecting books, writing a syllabus, lecturing, running discussion groups, and testing and grading. Covers professional ethics, and student rights and responsibilities.

POS 5706 Methodology (3). This course is an introduction to the principal concepts and techniques of quantitative and non-quantitative methodology in the Social Sciences. It is designed to familiarize the student with the language and format of quantitative and non-quantitative applications in order to permit students to deal effectively with the literature of their field.

POS 5716 Foundations of Political Science (3). Prepares students for the advanced study of politics. Areas of study include history of Political Science as a discipline, comparison of classical and modern sciences of politics and realpolitik, epistemological foundations.

POS 5909 Independent Study (3). Designed for advanced students who wish to pursue specialized topics in political science. Arrangements must be made with instructor during prior semester.

POS 5932 Topics in Urban Politics (3). An extensive examination of the processes by which social conflicts in American urban areas are represented and regulated. Emphasis is on the ways in which urban problems are identified and proposed solutions formulated, legitimized, and administered by urban policy-making processes, includes a discussion of urban political culture. Enables the student to understand the major problems confronting communities in urban areas.

POS 5XXX Writing Professionally (3). Focus on inductive research process. Refines technical skills for effective written communication. Best practice examples for preparing briefing papers, articles, books, and grant applications.

POT 2002 Introduction to Political Theory (3). Introduction to various ways of thinking about the political. Includes an examination of explanations offered for political phenomena and an analysis of political

prescriptions. Special attention given to assumptions underlying political beliefs.

POT 3013 Ancient and Medieval Political Theory (PT) (3). A study of the major political philosophers of the ancient and medieval periods. Primary emphasis is given to the Greek experience. The nature of political theory as a tradition of discourse is examined. Written work meets state composition requirement of 6,000 written words.

POT 3054 Modern Political Theory (PT) (3). An analysis of the thought of the great political thinkers since Machiavelli, culminating with the nineteenth century theorists. Basic themes and ideas common to all these political theorists will be discussed in detail. The problem of 'modernity' will receive special attention.

POT 3064 Contemporary Political Theory (PT) (3). An overview of the major conceptual frameworks used by political theorists to describe, explain, and evaluate political behavior and processes. Stress is placed on political theory, not only as a basis for inquiry, but also as a base for political action. This course enables the student to develop analytical abilities with which to interpret the political events of his or her time.

POT 3204 American Political Thought (PT) (3). An examination of American political thought from its 17th century origins to the contemporary period. The continuities and discontinuities in the development of American political ideas since colonial times will receive special attention.

POT 3302 Political Ideologies (PT) (3). An analysis of modern political ideologies since the French Revolution, including liberalism, conservatism, and socialism. Particular emphasis will be given to Marxism. The contemporary link between ideology and totalitarianism will be examined.

POT 3304 Feminist Political Theory (3). Provides a fundamental understanding of feminist political theory since 1950 with an emphasis on U.S. thought. Concepts explored include equality, equity, and representation.

POT 4309 Sex, Power and Politics (3). Theories are examined that explain differences between women's and men's power in the political arena. Their internal consistency and "fit" with reality are also explored.

POT 4311 Problems of Democracy (3). Examines various theories and critiques of democracy in modern political thought with an emphasis on contemporary problems in democratic theory and practice. Prerequisite: POS 2042.

POT 4344 Class, Race and Sports (3). Examines the political structure of organized sports with a concentration on issues of class and race. Theories explore the relationship between owners, players and fans in modern sports.

POT 4930 Topics in Political Theory (3). An intensive examination of a topic in political theory. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic will be announced in advance.

POT 4621 Theories of Justice (3). An analysis of major theories of justice from Plato to the present. Emphasis on the implications of theory for U.S. constitutional law, the role of judges, and the nature of the good society.

POT 5007 Seminar in Political Theory (3). An examination of writings from a diverse list of some of the major political theorists in the western tradition from antiquity to the present.

POT 5307 Feminist Political Theory (3). Examines feminist political theory in the second half of the twentieth century with the focus on the work of U.S. scholars.

POT 5934 Topics in Political Theory (3). An intensive examination of selected topics dealing with political theory. Subjects will vary, depending upon the desires of students and faculty. Allows the student to choose topics of particular interest to him or her.

PUP 4004 Public Policy: U.S. (3). An intensive examination of the theory and practice of formulating, legitimatizing, administering, and evaluating public policy. Includes a discussion of the role of administrators, legislators, courts, interest groups and political parties in their processes. Gives the student an analytical basis for understanding and participating in the making of public policy in a variety of policy areas. Prerequisite: Prior work in American institutions: The Congress, Presidency, or Judicial.

PUP 4203 Environmental Politics (3). Examines US environmental politics in terms of political institutions.

PUP 4323 Women in Politics (3). Examines the role of women in the political system as they act within, and are affected by, politics. Special attention to current and enduring political issues which particularly affect women.

PUP 5934 Topics in Public Policy (3). A rigorous examination of a topic in public policy. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic will be announced in advance.