Political Science (POSC)

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Department of Political Science Graduate Program Overview website (https://www.marquette.edu/political-science/graduate-program-overview.php)

Degree Offered
Master of Arts, students are admitted under Plan B (non-thesis option) but may request Plan A (thesis option)

Program Description
The Department of Political Science at Marquette University offers a master's program in political science (https://www.marquette.edu/grad/programs-political-science.php), aimed at preparing students for political science doctoral study and careers in related fields. In addition, the department offers several dual degrees and accelerated degrees. The Political Science Department offers: an accelerated 5-year bachelor's and master's degree program in political science; a dual 4-year master of arts-juris doctor (M.A.-J.D.) program in political science in conjunction with the Law School; and dual degree programs in conjunction with the communication and the business administration graduate programs. Furthermore, Law School graduates can pursue an accelerated master of arts degree through awards of transfer credit for work completed as part of the juris doctor degree.

Prerequisites for Admission
An applicant to the master's program in political science should have graduated with, or be about to graduate with, a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in an undergraduate program sufficient in quality and scope to prepare the individual for specialized work in political science.

Application Deadline
No official deadline exists for the political science master's program. However, applications submitted after the Graduate School's official financial aid deadlines will be considered only as space permits, even if the applicant is not requesting financial aid. The deadlines for financial aid consideration are Feb. 15 for the following fall term and Nov. 15 for the following spring term.

Application Requirements
Applicants must submit, directly to the Graduate School:

1. A completed application form and fee online (http://marquette.edu/grad/future_apply.shtml/).
2. Copies of all college/university transcripts except Marquette.
3. Two letters of recommendation. A third recommendation letter is encouraged.
4. GRE scores (General Test only). Not required for accelerated B.A.-M.A. degree program applicants; M.A.-J.D. applicants may substitute LSAT scores for GRE scores; M.A.-M.B.A. applicants may substitute GMAT scores for GRE scores. Note: Although normally required, the GRE is optional for all other applicants who wish to begin the program fall 2021.
5. A statement of purpose.
6. (For international applicants only) an overall minimum TOEFL score of 100 or other acceptable proof of English proficiency.

Upon admission, final official transcripts from all previously attended colleges/universities, with certified English translations if original language is not English, must be submitted to the Graduate School within the first five weeks of the term of admission or a hold preventing registration for future terms will be placed on the student’s record.

Dual Programs of Study
M.A.-J.D. Degree
The Department of Political Science, in conjunction with the Law School, offers a program of dual study leading to a master of arts degree in political science and a juris doctor degree.

Students seeking admission to the dual program must apply to both the Graduate School and the Law School and must meet the admission requirements for each, but their application to the Graduate School may include LSAT scores in lieu of GRE scores. Students start this dual program as a law student. Upon completion of the law program, students will be officially admitted to the political science program for completion of the remainder of the dual program.

Dual program students complete 81 credit hours in the Law School, 21 credit hours in political science, and 9 credit hours in dual program courses. In addition, applicants for the political science master of arts program who already hold a J.D. degree may request that a maximum of 9 credits from their previous law studies be counted toward the fulfillment of their master of arts degree requirements.
In general, dual program students will pay tuition at the full-time (flat tuition) Law School rate while a full-time law student, regardless of whether or not they are taking additional graduate courses. Upon receiving the juris doctor degree, dual program students will pay Graduate School tuition at the per credit rate for graduate courses. Part-time law students will pay the per credit Law School rate for all courses.

Additional details about the M.A.-J.D. program are available from the Political Science Department office or from the Law School Admissions office.

M.A.-M.B.A. Degree

The Department of Political Science, in conjunction with the Graduate School of Management, offers a program of dual study leading to a master of arts degree in political science and a master of business administration degree. The program is designed for students whose interests overlap business and politics. Dual degree students are able to complete both degree programs in less time than if both degrees were pursued separately.

Students seeking admission into the dual degree program must submit separate applications for admission to both the Graduate School and the Graduate School of Management, and must meet the admission requirements of each program. However, applicants may submit GMAT scores in lieu of GRE scores. Acceptance into one program does not guarantee acceptance into the other. If a student is accepted into one program and not the other, the student can still choose to accept the admission offer from the first program but would not be considered a dual degree student. Because students are officially admitted into only one Marquette University graduate program at a time, applicants must indicate which program they intend to pursue and complete first, although once accepted for admission to both programs, students may take courses from both schools. Upon completion of the first program, the student will be officially admitted to the second program for completion of the remainder of the dual program.

Dual degree students count 9 credits of course work in each program toward the required course work credits of the other program. Thus, 9 of the 40 credits required for the master of business administration degree beyond foundations, if required, will come from POSC courses, and 9 of the 30 credits required for the master of arts degree in political science will come from GSM courses.

M.A.-M.A. Degree

The Department of Political Science, in conjunction with the J. William and Mary Diederich College of Communication, offers a program of dual study leading to a master of arts degree in political science and a master of arts degree in communication. Dual degree students are able to complete both degree programs in less time than if both degrees were pursued separately.

Students seeking admission into the dual degree program must submit separate applications for admission to both programs to the Graduate School, and must meet the admission requirements of each program. Acceptance into one program does not guarantee acceptance into the other. If a student is accepted into one program and not the other, the student can still choose to accept the admission offer from the first program but would not be considered a dual degree student. Because students are officially admitted into only one Marquette University graduate program at a time, applicants must indicate which program they intend to pursue and complete first, although once accepted for admission to both programs, students may take courses from both departments. Upon completion of the first program, the student will be officially admitted to the second program for completion of the remainder of the dual program.

Dual degree students count 9 credits of course work in each program toward the required course work credits of the other program. Thus, 9 of the 36 credits required for the master of arts degree in communication will come from POSC courses, and 9 of the 30 credits required for the master of arts degree in political science will come from COMM courses.

Political Science Master’s Requirements

A student in political science is admitted to a non-thesis program (Plan B), which requires 30 credit hours of course and seminar work. The Plan B student must pass written and oral comprehensive examinations to complete the program.

Students are presumed to be in Plan B unless a formal request to transfer to a thesis program (Plan A) is approved by the department director of graduate studies and the Graduate School. Plan A requires 24 credit hours of course and seminar work and six credit hours of thesis work. The Plan A student must pass written and oral comprehensive examinations and submit an approved thesis to complete the program.

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Students in the political science program must complete:

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At least 18 credits of the 30 credit hour requirement for Plan B students (15 credits of the 24 credit hour requirement for Plan A students) must be fulfilled in strictly graduate level course work (courses numbered 6000 or above). Up to 12 credit hours of 5000-level courses may be approved for graduate credit for Plan B students (9 credit hours for Plan A students).

Elective Course Options
The remaining 18 credit hours of course work (12 credits for Plan A) are selected from graduate-level POSC courses or a combination of graduate-level POSC courses and graduate-level cognate courses. With the approval of the department director of graduate studies, a student may receive up to 9 credit hours toward the master of arts degree in graduate-level cognate courses taken outside the Political Science Department. Examples of cognate courses include, but are not limited to, graduate courses in Communication (COMM), Communication Studies (CMST), Economics (ECON), History (HIST), Non-profit Sector (NPSE), Philosophy (PHIL) and Public Service (PUBS).

Research Papers
Students must complete at least two conference-quality research papers. These papers must deal with significant questions and demonstrate rigorous analytical and, as appropriate, methodological skills. The instructors in whose courses the papers are written must certify that the student has fulfilled this requirement. Specific details and certification forms are available from the department office.

Comprehensive Examinations
A candidate for the master of arts degree in political science must pass written and oral comprehensive examinations covering two of the following fields: political philosophy, American politics, comparative politics, international politics. Students are encouraged to work with their adviser to select appropriate elective courses based on which of the fields they plan to select for the comprehensive exams.

The written examination is based on comprehensive reading lists for each subfield, the student’s course work and sample questions provided in advance. The oral examination supplements the written examination and is based on the comprehensive reading lists and the student’s course work. The examining committee is normally composed of three faculty members chosen by the department director of graduate studies in consultation with the student and their adviser. Details on the examinations, the reading lists and the sample questions are available from the department office.

Accelerated Bachelor's-Master's Degree Programs
The political science master's program has two accelerated (bachelor's-master's) degree options.

Option 1: This option is for undergraduate students majoring in political science or international affairs. This option allows Marquette University students to earn both a bachelor of arts degree with a major in political science or in international affairs and a master of arts degree in political science in five years.

Students complete 9-12 hours of graduate credit in political science (POSC) courses during their undergraduate senior year. These graduate courses count for both the undergraduate and graduate degrees. Should a student be denied admission to the master's program, the courses are counted toward the undergraduate degree. Upon completion of the first term as a master's candidate, the student must petition the Graduate School to transfer the courses taken as an undergraduate to the master's degree. All remaining master's degree requirements may be completed during the subsequent summer, fall and spring terms.

Candidates for admission should have undergraduate junior status, have completed at least three upper-division political science (POSC) courses and should have a political science (POSC) course GPA of at least 3.500. Candidates for admission should submit transcripts and three letters of recommendation, but need not submit GRE scores. Candidates for admission to this program should notify the department director of graduate studies of their intentions.

Option 2: This option is for undergraduate students who are not majoring in political science or international affairs. This option allows Marquette University students to earn both a bachelor of arts degree (with any undergraduate major) and a master of arts degree in political science in five years.

Students complete 9-12 hours of graduate credit in political science (POSC) courses during their senior undergraduate year. These graduate courses count for both the undergraduate and graduate degrees. Should a student be denied admission to the master's program, the courses are counted toward the undergraduate degree. Upon completion of the first term as a master's candidate, the student must petition the Graduate School to transfer the courses taken as an undergraduate to the master's degree. All remaining master's degree requirements may be completed during the subsequent summer, fall and spring terms.

Candidates for admission should have undergraduate junior status, have completed two 2000-level and two upper-division political science (POSC) courses by the end of the first term of their junior year, and should have a political science (POSC) course GPA of at least 3.500. Candidates for admission should submit transcripts and three letters of recommendation, but need not submit GRE scores. At least one recommendation letter must be from a faculty member of the Department of Political Science. Candidates for admission to this program should notify the department director of graduate studies of their intentions.
Courses

POSC 5191. The Logic of Social Inquiry: The Kennedy Assassination. 3 cr. hrs.
The question of who killed President John F. Kennedy, and whether there was a conspiracy. The physical evidence; eyewitness testimony; Lee Harvey Oswald, Jack Ruby, and suspected conspirators. The logic of social inquiry, and how we can approach ‘conspiracy’ as a hypothesis to be tested.

POSC 5193. Environmental Politics and Policy. 3 cr. hrs.
Tackles the key political and policy debates surrounding the many dimensions of environmental issues, to include global human security to local pollution controls. Focuses on a core set of debates that frame intellectual and practical approaches to solving environmental challenges.

POSC 5195. Politics of the Internet. 3 cr. hrs.
The origins and growth of the Internet. Legal and regulatory dilemmas posed by the Internet. The impact of the Internet on politics, society and economics.

POSC 5201. The United States Congress. 3 cr. hrs.
Membership, legislative process, and internal distribution of power in the U.S. Congress. Congressional relationships with the presidency, executive bureaucracy, interest groups, and public.

POSC 5211. The American Presidency. 3 cr. hrs.
The evolution and contemporary status of the American presidency. Presidential elections, policy-making, advisory systems, and relationships with Congress, the bureaucracy, and the courts. Problems and techniques of decision-making.

POSC 5212. American Political Parties. 3 cr. hrs.
Examines the nature and development of American political parties. Traces continuity and change in the American party system beginning in the early Republic, assessing the rise and fall of the Whigs, the dynamic between machine politics and progressive reform, and the shifts in party ideas and policy stances that inform contemporary political debates. The question of ideological change in American political parties is further explored by contemporary work on factions, polarization, and culture war. Assesses changes to the parties as organizations in the wake of reforms to the candidate selection process from an institutional perspective. Explores the question of how American political parties compare to their counterparts in other advanced industrial democracies.

POSC 5213. Elections, Parties, and Political Opinion. 3 cr. hrs.
The development, functions, and membership of political parties in the United States. The opinions Americans hold on various issues, and how these opinions are influenced by institutions, including the family, schools, and the media. Why Americans vote as they do, including the effect of political parties and issues. Voter apathy and alienation and their sources.

POSC 5216. American Public Policy. 3 cr. hrs.
U.S. domestic policy with special attention to the politics of national policy in the areas of the economy, social welfare, and the environment. The stages of the policy process: agenda-building, formation, budgeting, implementation, and evaluation.

POSC 5221. Interest Group Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
How groups are organized around particular economic interests and political preferences in order to influence policy-making institutions. The internal incentive structure of political organizations, including business, professional, trade union, and ‘public interest’ groups. Functions of, and biases inherent in, the group process.

POSC 5231. Political Organizations. 3 cr. hrs.
Political parties, social movements, interest groups, and civic associations. How citizens organize themselves to participate in the political process. How democratic institutions resolve the tension between individual citizenship and collective action. Explores theories of mobilization, questions of influence, and explanations of success.

POSC 5241. American Constitutional Law and Development. 3 cr. hrs.
An examination of the historical development of American constitutional law and politics, including the areas of judicial review, separation of powers, federalism, the powers of Congress and the presidency, and the rise and decline of due process property rights. Explores the judiciary’s role in constructing constitutional law and how this role has been contested over time. Considers how political institutions and forces, in addition to the judiciary, have shaped American constitutionalism.

POSC 5251. The Politics of Civil Rights and Liberties. 3 cr. hrs.
An examination of civil rights and liberties policies in the United States, with an emphasis on the development of these policies over the course of American political history. Explores how the Supreme Court’s contribution to this development is connected with the broader historical and political context in which it sits. The Court does not play an exclusive role in this process. Expanding, contracting, or otherwise altering the meaning of a right or a liberty involves a range of political actors in a variety of venues. Coverage includes free speech, religious freedom, political participation, privacy, criminal procedures and the rights of minority groups and women.

POSC 5256. Courts and Public Policy. 3 cr. hrs.
An examination of the role and influence of courts in shaping American public policy, particularly from the 1950s to the present. Includes consideration of key institutional characteristics of the judiciary, the influence of law and politics on judicial decisionmaking, the interaction between the courts and other political branches, the reasons for the courts’ emergence as battlegrounds in public policy problems.

POSC 5261. Urban Public Policy. 3 cr. hrs.
Conditions in American cities and the extent to which they can be improved by political activity. Race relations, ethnicity and class and their effects on housing, education and income.
POSC 5291. State and Local Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Examines sub-national governments in the United States, including a comparative study of political institutions, political cultures and public policies across state and local governments. Draws upon examples from Wisconsin and Milwaukee to better understand the role of state and local governments in the American federal system.

POSC 5321. Business and Politics. 3 cr. hrs.

POSC 5331. Politics and Regulation. 3 cr. hrs.
Economic and social regulation in America. Why we have regulations. Who is regulated. Who does the regulating. What the consequences of regulation are. Primary focus on business regulation and related topics.

POSC 5341. Politics of American Capitalism. 3 cr. hrs.
Political economy of U.S. history. Individuals, firms, and business associations and their role in politics. Economic development and conflict as sources of political change.

POSC 5343. The Logic of Social Inquiry: The Kennedy Assassination. 3 cr. hrs.
The question of who killed President John F. Kennedy, and whether there was a conspiracy. The physical evidence; eyewitness testimony; Lee Harvey Oswald, Jack Ruby, and suspected conspirators. The logic of social inquiry, and how we can approach ‘conspiracy’ as an hypothesis to be tested.

POSC 5346. Politics of the American Civil War. 3 cr. hrs.
Examines the American Civil War (1861-1865) as a crisis provoked by unresolved constitutional issues concerning nullification and secession, tariffs and the status of slavery. Readings include primary source material, select documents and speeches composed by leading statesmen from the time of the founding until 1866.

POSC 5351. Environmental Politics and Policy. 3 cr. hrs.
Tackles the key political and policy debates surrounding the many dimensions of environmental issues, to include global human security to local pollution controls. Focuses on a core set of debates that frame intellectual and practical approaches to solving environmental challenges.

POSC 5356. Politics of the Internet. 3 cr. hrs.
The origins and growth of the Internet. Legal and regulatory dilemmas posed by the Internet. The impact of the Internet on politics, society and economics.

POSC 5361. Politics of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender. 3 cr. hrs.
The role of African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Hispanics, white ethnics, American Indians, and women in shaping American politics through elections, political parties, and public office. The nature and impact of political organizations representing these groups.

POSC 5366. Religion and Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Religion and politics in contemporary America. The historic patterns and current interactions of religious movements, denominations, and individuals involved in American politics. Specific attention given to the rationales used for religious involvement in politics, the types of political behavior employed, and the consequences of that behavior.

POSC 5371. Media and Politics in the U.S.. 3 cr. hrs.
Explores role and power of media in American political systems; history and development of national press, including court interpretations of freedom of the press; quality and impact of political reporting, with emphasis on election coverage; and media's relationships with other political actors.

POSC 5376. American National Security Policy. 3 cr. hrs.
Defense policy processes in the United States; issues in defense decision-making, including the roles of the public, interest groups, Congress, the President, and executive agencies, with emphasis on the defense establishment; U.S. strategic doctrines since World War II; budgeting; civil-military relations.

Examines the American health care system, health care policies, and underlying politics. Provides an overview of the organization and financing of health care in the United States. Examines the impact of the political system, political parties and interest groups, and values on the health care system and health policies at national and state levels. Covers health care reform policies, including the Democrats’ 2010 Affordable Care Act and Republican reform alternatives. Also focuses on the social determinants of health and policies for vulnerable populations.

POSC 5406. Public Policy in Industrial Democracies. 3 cr. hrs.
Politics of public policies in democratic political systems, with special attention to North America, Western Europe, and Japan. Alternative theoretical perspectives on the problem of social choice in democracies. Problems and policies in the areas of the economy, education, health, welfare, and the environment.

POSC 5411. Politics, Economics, and Democracy. 3 cr. hrs.
The relationship between capitalism and democracy. The impact of economic factors on politics. The political consequences of the organization and power of private business. The impact of democratic politics and political institutions on economic actors and performance in capitalist democracies.

POSC 5416. Politics of Inequality. 3 cr. hrs.
Examines the growth and cross-national differences in economic inequalities in the contemporary era, the impact of rising inequality on democracy and the socioeconomic and political causes of rising inequality. Special attention to how political forces, such as public opinion, electoral competition and the power of organized interests, shape the distribution of income and wealth and the equality of economic opportunity.
POSC 5421. Democracy, Authoritarianism, and Totalitarianism. 3 cr. hrs.
Three 'ideal types' of political systems, and their manifestations in countries at different points in time. Topics include: power, legitimacy, ruling elites, institution, and economics. Examination of political system change through coup, revolution, and peaceful transition.

POSC 5431. Modern Revolutions. 3 cr. hrs.
Types and causes of revolutions. Modern case studies. The American, French, Russian, German and selected 'Third World' revolutions, with attention to ideas, institutions, socio-economic conditions, and the nature of actual changes.

POSC 5441. Designing Liberal Democracy. 3 cr. hrs.
Exploring liberal democracy in theory practice, especially as concerns emerging democracies in the developing world. Includes consideration of the impact of economic development, ethnicity, language, legacies of colonialism and/or indigenous political organization, internal democracy, corruption, strategic location and institutional design.

POSC 5451. Comparative Judicial Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Examines the effects of international organizations in world politics, including the role of international courts, the creation and interpretation of international law, and the relationship between international law and domestic law. Explores several specialized areas of international law, such as human rights, environment, international criminal justice, trade, and the use of force.

POSC 5451. Comparative Judicial Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Provides a detailed introduction to the empirical and normative debates surrounding judicial power including origins of judicial review, courts as strategic actors and the development of stronger courts over time in American and comparative context. Focuses on the development of rule of law, and in particular, how the court as a governing institution interacts with legislative and executive powers. POSC 4241 or equiv. recommended.

POSC 5461. Comparative Health Politics and Policy. 3 cr. hrs.
Explores through comparative analysis the ways in which different nations address the goals of equitable access, affordability and quality in health care. Considers the similarities and differences in health policy challenges facing rich and developing nations. Employs comparative analysis of different models of health care provisions and financing, and examines the underlying politics of health care systems and policies in different countries.

POSC 5481. Comparative Urban Political Economy. 3 cr. hrs.
Explores, from an interdisciplinary perspective, issues facing cities in the developing world. Provides overall context and concepts useful to understand the economic, political, and social conditions in the contemporary Global South. Applies these tools to understand specific urban challenges, such as housing, segregation, informality and public goods provision.

POSC 5501. European Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Nationalism and European identity; evolution of executive and legislative institutions, political parties; ongoing changes in the welfare state and state socialism; transformation of class structure; the challenge of post-industrial society. Includes both Eastern and Western Europe.

POSC 5511. Russian and Post-Soviet Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Developments in Russia and the other countries which emerge from the collapse of the Soviet Union. Brief coverage of tsarist and Soviet politics, with a particular emphasis on reasons for the USSR's collapse and Soviet legacies, followed by an overview of domestic and international politics in the region.

POSC 5521. Chinese Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
 Origins of the Chinese Revolution, political change and conflict in post-1949 China, and the contemporary political system and political developments.

POSC 5541. Latin American Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Government and politics in major Latin American countries. The politics of social change and development, seizures of power and rule by the military, and the role of external factors.

POSC 5551. Politics of the Indian Subcontinent. 3 cr. hrs.
The British in India; the Indian nationalist movement and the Hindu-Muslim struggle; political systems in India and Pakistan; the creation of Bangladesh; linguistic, economic, and social issues in South Asia.

POSC 5561. Politics of the Developing World. 3 cr. hrs.
Politics of agricultural development, industrialization, military intervention, and social and cultural conflict in Third World countries.

POSC 5601. International Law. 3 cr. hrs.
Introduces students to the theoretical frameworks, empirical cases, and cutting-edge debates in the field of international law. Focuses on different theoretical perspectives for understanding international law. Examines the general principles of international law, including actors of international law, the creation and interpretation of international law, and the relationship between international law and domestic law. Explores several specialized areas of international law, such as human rights, environment, international criminal justice, trade, and the use of force.

POSC 5611. International Organizations. 3 cr. hrs.
Introduces students to the theoretical frameworks, empirical cases, and cutting-edge debates in the field of international organizations. Focuses on different theoretical perspectives for understanding international organizations. Examines the effects of international organizations in world politics, such as the role of international organizations in fostering interstate cooperation, the power of international organizations in shaping state interests and identities, the pathologies of international organizations as global bureaucracies, and the interactions between international organizations and other non-state actors like nongovernmental organizations.

POSC 5621. Politics of the World Economy. 3 cr. hrs.
Political and economic dynamics of the world economy; historical and theoretical roots; international trade and monetary relations and the impact of hegemony, interdependence, regimes, and domestic politics; trade, debt, multinational corporations, and the dynamics of dependency and development; communism, capitalism, and change.

POSC 5631. World Conflict and Security. 3 cr. hrs.
Classical and contemporary theories of war and peace; just and unjust wars; principles of strategic analysis, arms control, and security policy-making; the proliferation of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons. The international trade in arms; nationalism, ethnic conflict, and wars of secession.
POSC 5635. Cyber Security. 3 cr. hrs.
Studies the impact of cyber security on international relations. Considers the history of and potential for using computer networks to conduct espionage, attack digital and physical infrastructure, undermine information integrity and commit other crimes. Considers how cyber threats redistribute power in the international system and change the rules by which the international system operates. Considers policy issues such as balancing security concerns with rights such as freedom of speech and privacy.

POSC 5636. Terrorism. 3 cr. hrs.
Why do militant groups employ terrorist methods? What forces or pressures drive militant leaders to employ such controversial forms of violence in pursuit of their aims? Study what terrorists do, and why they do it, and formulate answers to these questions. Develop and apply alternative theories or lenses through which militant groups can be analyzed. Examine case studies of diverse domestic and foreign militant groups.

POSC 5641. Politics of the Illicit Global Economy. 3 cr. hrs.
Political and economic dynamics of the illicit dimension of the global economy; historical and theoretical roots; state efforts to control illicit flows of goods and services including drug trafficking, arms smuggling, illegal migration, traffic in women and children, money laundering; exploration of transnational organized crime as a challenge to state power.

POSC 5643. Human Trafficking. 3 cr. hrs.
Patterns of human trafficking, and local, national, international and global responses. Traces the historical, political, economic and social drivers of human trafficking and anti-trafficking efforts. Explores the transatlantic slave trade, white slave trade, comfort women and modern-day challenges of sex, labor and organ trafficking.

POSC 5646. Politics of Migration. 3 cr. hrs.
Juxtaposes transnational life-worlds of migrants against a state-centered perspective of international boundaries and citizenship. Examines the lived experience of migrant journeys within their larger political context and explores what these narratives of mobility can teach us about the politics of migration around the globe. Topics include explanations of the resilience of unauthorized migration; impact of securitization of migration on the lives of migrants and citizens; and decisions on who belongs on which side of the border, how and why.

POSC 5651. The Politics of Human Rights. 3 cr. hrs.
Introduces students to the theoretical frameworks, empirical cases, policy instruments and cutting-edge debates in the field of human rights. Examines different theoretical perspectives for understanding human rights, the philosophical foundations and historical origins of human rights, various mechanisms and actors for promoting and protecting human rights, the trajectory and effectiveness of humanitarian intervention and various forms of transitional justice.

POSC 5661. The Political Economy of Development. 3 cr. hrs.
Introduces interaction between politics and economics in developing countries by examining political and economic development (and underdevelopment) through the lenses of the principal theoretical debates and substantive issues. Areas of inquiry include the general theories that underpin the study of the processes of economic and political reform, the roles of international and domestic institutions, and the influence of private interests including business, labor and civil society organizations. Substantive issues include poverty, conflict, human rights, foreign aid, investment and the environment.

POSC 5701. United States Foreign Policy. 3 cr. hrs.
Objectives of American foreign policy. Problems facing the United States in its relations with other countries. Trade, aid, propaganda and alliances as instruments of foreign policy.

POSC 5711. International Politics of Europe. 3 cr. hrs.
Evolution of the post-war settlement in Europe. Western European and Eastern European integration, relations between Western and Eastern Europe, Europe and the superpowers, French-German and intra-German relations, Europe and the Third World, European security issues.

POSC 5721. International Politics of the Middle East. 3 cr. hrs.
Historical and religious background of Middle East politics; comparative ideologies and political systems in the Middle East; Arab-Israeli relations; Persian Gulf politics; politics in the Maghreb; great power interests in the region.

POSC 5731. International Politics of Asia. 3 cr. hrs.
Principal patterns and problems of international politics in Asia, including international political economy, development and security issues, and the impact of global trends. Regional focus varies.

POSC 5741. United States-Latin American Relations. 3 cr. hrs.
United States response to reform and revolutionary movements and governments in Latin America. The politics of trade, foreign investment, foreign assistance, and human rights.

POSC 5801. Citizens, Beasts, or Gods?. 3 cr. hrs.
Evaluates the comparative congeniality to mankind of pre-political 'states of nature,' political citizenship, and the life of philosophy; selections from the works of Rousseau, Nietzsche, Chesterton and Aristotle are read.

POSC 5811. The Best Constitution. 3 cr. hrs.
Examines the relationship between constitutional design and human flourishing; selections from the works of Plato and others are read.
POSC 5812. Ethics and Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Examines whether the good life we seek by forming and abiding in political communities is to be found chiefly in enjoying pleasure, in winning honor, or in contemplating truth. Is moral virtue a necessary condition of living well, or can standards of justice sometimes be compromised for citizens to partake more fully in the good life? Just what is virtue and how might it be fostered? Readings include Aristotle’s Nicomachean Ethics, as well as Machiavelli’s Prince and Plato’s Meno.

POSC 5813. Nietzsche and Christianity. 3 cr. hrs.
Examines Friedrich Nietzsche’s penetrating analysis of the contemporary crisis of Western Civilization, as well as his more dubious first principles of the “will to Power” and the “eternal return,” in juxtaposition with G.K. Chesterton’s and Josef Pieper’s celebration of Christian orthodoxy. Readings include Nietzsche’s Beyond Good and Evil, Chesterton’s Orthodoxy and Pieper’s In Tune with the World.

POSC 5821. Democracy and Its Problems. 3 cr. hrs.
Diagnoses the instability of popular governments in antiquity and considers the remedy provided by the American constitutional republic; selections from the works of Thucydides, Publius, Tocqueville and others.

POSC 5841. Enlightenment Political Thought. 3 cr. hrs.
The Enlightenment’s contribution to modern doctrines of individual rights, representative government, popular sovereignty, free enterprise, religious toleration, and freedom of speech. Authors such as Locke, Voltaire, Hume, Publius, Rousseau and Burke.

POSC 5851. Karl Marx. 3 cr. hrs.
Primary works on freedom and alienation, history, capitalism, revolution, and socialism that have inspired Marxist movements.

POSC 5861. The Political Philosophy of Capitalism. 3 cr. hrs.
Is capitalist society just or unjust? Does capitalism promote or inhibit the realization of freedom? Does capitalism promote or inhibit the pursuit of human excellence? Authors such as Rousseau, Adam Smith, Marx, Weber.

POSC 5871. Politics and Literature. 3 cr. hrs.
Study of the central questions of political philosophy through the lens of literature, with special focus on how literature approaches the questions of the best regime and the best type of human life.

POSC 5881. Postmodern Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Nietzsche and his successors on the insufficiency of modern ethics and modern politics since the Enlightenment. Focuses on the postmodern critique of modernity’s contributions to consumerism, globalization and technology.

POSC 5931. Topics in Political Science. 2-3 cr. hrs.
Lectures and discussion in a broad area which, because of its topicality, is not the subject of a regular course. May be taken a maximum of three times.

POSC 6101. Contemporary Political Research. 3 cr. hrs.
Approaches to the scientific study of politics; data-collection techniques; case studies, the comparative method, statistical analysis. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6201. American Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
The development of the field of American politics. Currently used concepts and approaches. Extensive reading, short papers, and discussion. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6211. Congress and the Presidency. 3 cr. hrs.
Examination of major literature, theories and concepts used to understand the relationship between the Congress and the presidency. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6221. Interest Groups. 3 cr. hrs.
How various kinds of organizations attempt to exercise political influence, including the use of incentives to attract members, lobbying, attempts to influence public opinion, involvement in electoral politics, and litigation. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6231. Elections and Voters. 3 cr. hrs.
Why voters vote the way they do, including policy preferences, partisanship, and retrospective assessments. The dynamics of elections including the role of media, other elites, money, and interest groups. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6281. Urban Public Policy. 3 cr. hrs.
Introduces the institutions and politics that shape urban public policy. Explores who is involved and influential in urban policy, the power relations in metropolitan America, and how governing coalitions shape and create social change within cities. Examines urban public policy challenges, including racial and income inequalities, housing, education, transportation, law enforcement, economic development and environmental justice.

POSC 6361. Women and Public Policy. 3 cr. hrs.
The development of public policies to advance the status of women throughout U.S. history, with an emphasis on 1961-date. The role of women’s groups and social movements. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6401. Comparative Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
The development of the field of comparative politics. Currently used concepts and approaches. Extensive reading, short papers, and discussion. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.
POSC 6411. Comparative Political Economy of Advanced Industrial Societies. 3 cr. hrs.
The relationships between capitalism and democracy. The impact of economics on the development and operation of democratic institutions, political behavior, and public policy. The impact of politics on economic development, performance and policy. The political economy of the welfare state. The transition to post industrial society. Globalization and the democratic nation state. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6421. Political Economy of East Asia. 3 cr. hrs.
Considers topics in the Political Economy of East Asia such as the rise of Japan and the Four Tigers, the Japanese economy in the 1990s, the East Asian Financial Crisis, the reform of the Chinese economy, economic relations among the East Asian Countries, and the relationship between East Asian economies and the world economy. These topics are considered in light of various theories of political economy, and theories of political economy are evaluated in light of developments in East Asia. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6441. Comparative Nationalism. 3 cr. hrs.
Definitions of nation and nationalism; causes of nationalism; nationalism and democracy; modern nationalism in Europe, Asia and Africa. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6446. Comparative Democratization. 3 cr. hrs.
Definitions of democracy and democratization; causes of regime transition and consolidation; market economics and democracy. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6461. Politics of Development. 3 cr. hrs.
The interplay between economic growth and the development of political institutions and practices, looking at both the historical experiences of advanced industrial societies and those of developing countries currently attempting to expand the capabilities of both their economies and their political institutions. Emphasis on the political factors and conditions on which economic development depends, and on how such growth and expansion in turn affect the political order. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6501. European Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
The evolution of the European nation-state system. The origins, evolution, and transformation of electoral and party systems, modes of interest representation, and national political institutions. The ascent and crisis of the Keynesian welfare state. Variations in national models of capitalism and their impacts on politics. The evolution and contemporary politics of European integration. Globalization and European political economies. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6521. Chinese Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
China’s problems and prospects. Economic and political reforms. International relations. An overview and history of relevant literature. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6601. International Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
The development of the field of international politics. Currently used concepts and approaches. Extensive reading, short papers, and discussion. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6621. International Political Economy. 3 cr. hrs.
The development of the study of international political economy. Currently used concepts and approaches. Extensive reading, short papers, discussion, and a final research paper.

POSC 6631. International Security. 3 cr. hrs.
Covers the theories, concepts, and issues underlying conflict and security in the contemporary world. Includes classical and modern perspectives on war and peace, the sources and causes of civil wars and regional conflict, and the prospects for arms control and world peace-keeping operations. Students will be expected to write a research paper on a selected topic concerning contemporary international security. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6641. Globalism and Crime. 3 cr. hrs.
Theories of globalization, state sovereignty, and transnational organized crime; politics of gray and black markets; spatial dimensions of transshipment, global cities; organized crime and state power; intersection of public and private authority in managing transborder flows; drug trafficking, money laundering, and migrant smuggling and trafficking are among the subjects explored. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6642. Nations, States and Nationalism. 3 cr. hrs.
Explores the origins and nature of nations, states, nationalism and violent secessionist movements. Addresses differing concepts of the ethnic and civic nations, the rationale for nation-states as against multiethnic states, and the sources of violent nationalisms. The core of this research seminar addresses the conflicting principles of the right of national self-determination as demanded by various ethnic groups, as against the territorial integrity and sovereignty of states as invoked by national governments. Requires a research paper on a selected topic that relates to the above issues. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6651. International Human Rights. 3 cr. hrs.
The development of international human rights; measures to promote and protect human rights at the global and regional levels. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6701. United States Foreign Policy. 3 cr. hrs.
Policies of the United States toward other nations; policy formation. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.
POSC 6731. International Politics of Asia. 3 cr. hrs.
Security issues among Asian states. The political economy of Asia. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6801. Political Philosophy. 3 cr. hrs.
Explores the differentiation of justice and power with special reference to the authority of a higher law or principle of right; selections from the works of Thucydides, Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, and others. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6931. Topics in Political Science. 1-3 cr. hrs.
Lectures and discussion in a broad area which, because of its topicality, is not the subject of a regular course.

POSC 6954. Research Seminar in American Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Research in a broad area of American politics. Potential topics include, but are not limited to: Metropolitan Politics, The American Political Economy in Comparative Perspective, Problems in Civil Liberties. May be taken more than once. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6956. Research Seminar in Comparative Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Research in comparative politics. Focuses on traditional comparative politics or contemporary problems. May be taken more than once. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6958. Research Seminar in International Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Research in international politics. Focuses on traditional international topics of international politics or contemporary problems. Topics may include Japanese and German foreign policy. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6960. Research Seminar in Political Philosophy: 3 cr. hrs.
Research in a broad area of political philosophy. Focuses on individual thinkers (e.g., Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Rousseau) or on contemporary problems. May be taken more than once. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6986. Internship in Political Science. 1-3 cr. hrs.
Practical learning experience in politics. Requires appropriate written work relating the experience to appropriately broad academic literature on the subject. Arrangements to be worked out by student, faculty member and agency concerned. Normally may be taken only once. S/U grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dir. of graduate studies; degree status in the POSC or INAF program; and at least one related course.

POSC 6995. Independent Study in Political Science. 1-4 cr. hrs.
Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 6998. Professional Project in Political Science. 1-12 cr. hrs.

POSC 6999. Master’s Thesis. 1-6 cr. hrs.
S/U grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 9970. Graduate Standing Continuation: Less than Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 9974. Graduate Fellowship: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 9975. Graduate Assistant Teaching: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 9976. Graduate Assistant Research: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 9977. Field Placement Continuation: Less than Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 9978. Field Placement Continuation: Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 9979. Field Placement Continuation: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 9984. Master’s Comprehensive Examination Preparation: Less than Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 9985. Master’s Comprehensive Examination Preparation: Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 9986. Master’s Comprehensive Examination Preparation: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 9991. Professional Project Continuation: Less than Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 9992. Professional Project Continuation: Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.
POSC 9993. Professional Project Continuation: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 9994. Master's Thesis Continuation: Less than Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 9995. Master's Thesis Continuation: Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.

POSC 9996. Master's Thesis Continuation: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch., cons. of graduate prog. dir., or cons. of adviser.