Political Science

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The Department of Political Science offers a broad range of courses organized in six traditional subfields of political science, each with their own designated faculty members: comparative politics, formal theory and methodology, international relations, public policy, political theory, and United States politics. Faculty members employ varied theoretical and methodological approaches but share the pursuit of answers to questions with real-world implications. Political science majors or minors gain a thorough understanding of how power, politics, and people converge. To add depth and context to academic offerings, the department sponsors distinguished speakers—experts in fields such as foreign policy, political theory, and international relations.

Careers

An undergraduate degree in political science provides a strong foundation for any number of career choices. With the analytical and communication skills mastered while earning a political science degree, students may pursue a career in government at the local, state, or federal levels, at nonprofit organizations, nongovernmental organizations, or private industries. Recent surveys indicate that students who combine university studies with either work or internships in local government agencies are more likely than majors without such experience to obtain government employment after graduation.

Political science graduates may also continue on to graduate education, especially in the fields of law, international studies, business administration, or advanced studies in political science.

Faculty

Deborah Baumgold, professor (history of political thought). BA, 1971, Oberlin; MA, 1975, PhD, 1980, Princeton. (1987)

Gerald Berk, professor (American politics, political development, political economy). BA, 1977, Clark; PhD, 1987, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. (1994)

Erin Beck, assistant professor (Latin American politics; micropolitics; women, gender, and development). BA, 2004, Providence College; MA, 2007, PhD, 2012, Brown. (2012)

Anita Chari, assistant professor (political theory). BA, 2001, Georgetown; MA, 2003, PhD, 2008, Chicago. (2010)

Jane K. Cramer, associate professor (international relations, international security, U.S. foreign policy). BA, 1986, Oberlin; PhD, 2002, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. (2000)

Dennis C. Galvan, professor (Africa, development, comparative politics). See **International Studies**.

Alison Gash, associate professor (public law). BA, 1995, Vassar College; MPA-URP, 2000, Princeton; MA, 2004, PhD, 2010, California, Berkeley. (2010)

Burke Hendrix, associate professor (normative political theory, indigenous politics, global justice). BA, 1992, Linfield College; MA, 2000, PhD, 2002, Colorado, Boulder. (2012)

Daniel HoSang, associate professor (racial and ethnic politics, U.S. politics). See **Ethnic Studies**.

Craig Kauffman, assistant professor (environmental politics, global governance, democratization). BA, 1992, College of Wooster; MS, 1996, George Mason; PhD, 2012, George Washington. (2012)

Karrie Koesel, associate professor (comparative politics, Chinese and Russian politics). BA, 1997, Drake; MA, 2001, Notre Dame; PhD, 2009, Cornell. (2009)

Joseph E. Lowndes, associate professor (U.S. politics). BA, 1990, Antioch College; MA, 1996, New School for Social Research; PhD, 2004, New School University. (2003)

Ronald B. Mitchell, professor (environmental politics, international relations). BA, 1981, Stanford; MPP, 1985, PhD, 1992, Harvard. (1993)

Mikhail Myagkov, professor (comparative politics, formal political theory). BS, 1990, Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology; MS, 1994, PhD, 1996, California Institute of Technology. (1996)

Craig Parsons, professor (comparative politics, European politics). BA, 1992, Stanford; CEP, 1993 Institut d'Etudes Politiques; MA, 1994, PhD, 1999, California, Berkeley. (2004)

Lars Skalnes, associate professor (international political economy, international relations). CandMag, 1984, Bergen; MA, 1989, PhD, 1993, California, Los Angeles. (1992)

Priscilla Southwell, professor (political behavior, U.S. and European politics). BA, 1974, MA, 1977, Colorado; PhD, 1983, North Carolina, Chapel Hill. (1981)

William Terry, assistant professor (U.S. politics, statistical analysis, formal political theory). BA, 2002, Washington (St. Louis); MS, 2004, California Institute of Technology; PhD, 2010, California, San Diego. (2012)

Daniel Tichenor, Philip H. Knight Professor (American presidency, interest groups and social movements, U.S. political institutions). BA, 1988, Earlham College; PhD, 1996, Brandeis. (2008)

Tuong Vu, professor (comparative politics, political economy of Southeast Asia). BA, 1987, Vietnam National, Ho Chi Minh City; BA, 1994, Minnesota, Twin Cities; MPA, 1997, Princeton; PhD, 2004, California, Berkeley. (2007)

Priscilla Yamin, associate professor (U.S. politics and history, gender studies, feminist theory). BA, 1990, Wisconsin, Madison; MA, 1996, PhD, 2005, New School for Social Research. (2007)

Emeriti

William H. Baugh, associate professor emeritus. SB, 1963, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; MS, 1965, Rochester; MA, 1971, PhD, 1973, Indiana. (1978)

Daniel Goldrich, professor emeritus. BA, 1955, Antioch; MA, 1957, PhD, 1959, North Carolina, Chapel Hill. (1963)

Arthur M. Hanhardt Jr., professor emeritus . BA, 1953, Rochester; M.A, 1958, Colgate; Ph.D, 1963, Northwestern. (1963)

Richard Kraus, professor emeritus. BA, 1966, Grinnell; certificate (East Asian Institute), 1969, MA, 1969, PhD, 1974, Columbia. (1983)

Jerry F. Medler, associate professor emeritus. BA, 1963, Northwestern; MA, 1965, PhD, 1966, Oregon. (1968)

John M. Orbell, professor emeritus. BA, 1957, MA, 1960, New Zealand; PhD, 1965, North Carolina, Chapel Hill. (1967)

Richard P. Suttmeier, professor emeritus. AB, 1963, Dartmouth; PhD, 1969, Indiana. (1990)

M. George Zaninovich, professor emeritus. BA, 1953, MA, 1959, PhD, 1964, Stanford. (1966)

The date in parentheses at the end of each entry is the first year on the University of Oregon faculty.

Participating

Stuart Chinn, law

Gordon Lafer, Labor Education and Research Center

- **Bachelor of Arts**
- **Bachelor of Science**
- **Minor**

Undergraduate Studies

The Department of Political Science offers a program leading to a bachelor of science (BS) or a bachelor of arts (BA) degree. This program is designed to

1. provide a systematic understanding of the political process
2. provide a basic background for students preparing for careers in local, state, and national government as well as in law, journalism, and teaching
3. prepare students for graduate work leading to professional careers in political science

Bachelor's Degree

Courses at the 100 and 200 levels are introductory, basic to building a major in political science. Courses at the 300 level introduce the chief areas and concerns of political science. Advanced and specialized courses are at the 400 level. A minimum of 32 credits must be upper division.

At the discretion of the instructor, certain 300- and 400-level courses may have prerequisites. Students are advised to have at least 8 credits in political science before taking 400-level courses.

Undergraduate majors focus their study in four subfields: comparative politics, international relations, political theory, and United States politics.

Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Lower division course in comparative politics		4
Lower division course in international relations		4
Lower division course in United States politics		4
Course in political theory (any level)		4
Upper division course in one subfield [1]		4
Upper division course in a second subfield [1]		4
Upper division course in a third subfield [1]		4
Upper division writing-intensive course [2]		4
Additional upper-division courses		16
Total Credits		**48**

1. A minimum of two 400-level courses are required. A complete list of courses and their assigned subfields is available on the department website. Course subfields are also indicated by notes in the class schedule.
2. A list of courses designated as "writing-intensive" is available on the department website and indicated by a note in the class schedule.

Additional Requirements

The 48 credits that satisfy major requirements must be taken for letter grades and passed with C– or better with the exception that one course (as many as 4 credits) may be taken pass/no pass (P/N). Courses such as Thesis (PS 403) and Honors Thesis Prospectus (PS 411) are offered pass/no pass only and may be applied to the 48 credits. Credits earned in Practicum: [Topic] (PS 409) may not be applied to the major.

No more than a total of 16 credits in Research: [Topic] (PS 401), Thesis (PS 403), Reading and Conference: [Topic] (PS 405), Field Studies: [Topic] (PS 406), Workshop: [Topic] (PS 408), Honors Thesis Prospectus (PS 411), and Overseas Study: Internships (OINT 488) may be applied toward the 48-credit requirement. These courses do not fulfill a subfield requirement. Overseas Study: Internships (OINT 488) is subject to preapproval by the political science department.

No more than 10 credits of Field Studies: [Topic] (PS 406) or Overseas Study: Internships (OINT 488) may be applied toward the 48 credits. This work must be done under the direction of a faculty member who, prior to registration, must approve and set up academic criteria to evaluate the work. Credit for these courses must be earned at the University of Oregon.

Work completed in Special Studies: [Topic] (PS 199) or Special Studies: [Topic] (PS 399), Seminar: [Topic] (PS 407), or Experimental Course: [Topic] (PS 410) may be included in the 48-credit requirement and counted toward a subfield requirement.

UO bachelor's degree requirements also apply.

Bachelor of Science Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Lower division course in comparative politics		4
Lower division course in international relations		4
Lower division course in United States politics		4
Course in political theory (any level)		4
Upper division course in one subfield [1]		4
Upper division course in a second subfield [1]		4
Upper division course in a third subfield [1]		4
Upper division writing-intensive course [2]		4

Additional upper-division courses	16
Total Credits	**48**

1. A minimum of two 400-level courses are required. A complete list of courses and their assigned subfields is available on the department website. Course subfields are also indicated by notes in the class schedule.
2. A list of courses designated as "writing-intensive" is available on the department website and indicated by a note in the class schedule.

Additional Requirements

The 48 credits that satisfy major requirements must be taken for letter grades and passed with C– or better with the exception that one course (as many as 4 credits) may be taken pass/no pass (P/N). Courses such as Thesis (PS 403) and Honors Thesis Prospectus (PS 411) are offered pass/no pass only and may be applied to the 48 credits. Credits earned in Practicum: [Topic] (PS 409) may not be applied to the major.

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Work completed in Special Studies: [Topic] (PS 199) or Special Studies: [Topic] (PS 399), Seminar: [Topic] (PS 407), or Experimental Course: [Topic] (PS 410) may be included in the 48-credit requirement and counted toward a subfield requirement.

UO bachelor's degree requirements also apply.

Freshmen and Transfer Students

There are no departmental requirements for entering freshmen. Students planning to transfer to the university from two-year colleges should take the basic introductory political science courses offered at those institutions. At least 20 credits in upper-division graded political science courses must be completed in residence at the University of Oregon to qualify for a BA or BS degree in political science. Transfer students must meet the subfield distribution requirement.

Second Bachelor’s Degree or Second Major

Students who want to earn a second bachelor’s degree or a second or double major in political science must complete 48 credits in political science, as outlined under Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements (p. 2) or Bachelor of Science Degree Requirements (p. 2).
Students who are considering a second bachelor's degree and have prior political science credits should consult with the undergraduate advisor, John Davidson. Some of these prior credits may not be applicable to the second bachelor's degree.

Honors in Political Science

Political science majors who have reached junior standing and meet GPA minimums are eligible to graduate with honors. The honors program typically spans the spring term of a student’s junior year to the spring term of the senior year. GPA minimums must be maintained to participate —an overall grade point average for UO and transfer credits of at least 3.50, plus a 3.70 GPA or above in the political science major. Students must successfully complete Honors Thesis Prospectus (PS 411) during fall term of the academic year in which the thesis is completed, then register for 4 credits in Thesis (PS 403) in the following winter term. Honors students select a thesis advisor and reader; the advisor supervises and grades the thesis course. The thesis advisor and reader determines if the thesis is approved for honors distinction after eligibility is determined prior to graduation.

Minor Requirements

Political science courses	8
Upper-division political science courses [1]	16
Total Credits	**24**

1. Only 6 credits may be in Research: [Topic] (PS 401), Reading and Conference: [Topic] (PS 405), and Workshop: [Topic] (PS 408).

All credits must be taken for letter grades and passed with grades of C– or better. As many as 8 credits may be transferred from another institution.

Thesis (PS 403), Field Studies: [Topic] (PS 406), Practicum: [Topic] (PS 409), Honors Thesis Prospectus (PS 411), and Overseas Study: Internships (OINT 488) do not count toward the minor. The minor in political science does not have a subfield requirement.

Kindergarten through Secondary Teaching Careers

Students who complete a degree with a major in political science are eligible to apply to the College of Education’s fifth-year licensure program in middle-secondary teaching or the fifth-year licensure program in elementary teaching. More information is available in the **College of Education** section of this catalog.

- **Master of Arts**
- **Master of Science** (p. 4)
- **Doctor of Philosophy**

Graduate Studies

The Department of Political Science offers a graduate program of studies leading to the master of arts (MA), master of science (MS), and doctor of philosophy (PhD) degrees. The program is designed to prepare students for teaching, research, and government or other public service, and to enable them to understand and participate in public affairs.

Members of the faculty offer advanced courses and seminars across the major fields of political science. Graduate student participation in joint faculty-student research and interdepartmental research projects is common on a wide range of topics.

Admission

Successful applicants usually meet or exceed the following admission requirements for the master's and doctoral degree programs:

1. Official transcripts showing a grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 or higher for all undergraduate and graduate academic work
2. Official scores on the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) taken within the last five years. Tests taken before August 1, 2011, should have a combined verbal and quantitative score of 1100. Tests taken after August 1, 2011, should have a combined verbal and quantitative score of 300
3. International students from non-English-speaking countries must submit results from one of the following standardized language tests: Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a minimum score of 575 (paper-based) or 88 (Internet-based); International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with a minimum score of 7.0
4. A statement of purpose prepared by the student
5. Recommendations from at least three teachers from whom courses have been taken
6. Other evidence that may be helpful in reaching a decision. Although an undergraduate major in political science is not a prerequisite for admission, the committee takes into consideration previous academic work in political science

Application information and information about the graduate program and graduate teaching fellowships may be obtained by visiting the department's website. The deadline for fall term admission and graduate teaching fellowship applications is February 1.

Master's Degree Program

The master's degree program prepares students for professional careers in teaching and research. Two years is the typical period for completing the program.

Master of Arts Degree Requirements

- Completion of 45 credits of graduate course work
- Completion of required courses as specified by the department
- Demonstrated proficiency in qualitative and quantitative research methods
- Completion of a master's degree thesis

Master of Science Degree Requirements

- Completion of 45 credits of graduate course work
- Completion of required courses as specified by the department
- Demonstrated proficiency in qualitative and quantitative research methods
- Completion of a master's degree thesis

See the **Graduate School** section of this catalog for the distinction between MS and MA degree requirements.

Doctoral Program

This program is designed to allow the well-prepared student to complete course requirements for the PhD in two years of full-time study. Students complete a research paper in their second year and take comprehensive examinations during their third year, followed by preparation of a dissertation. Requirements for the PhD in political science include the following:

1. Completion of 100 credits (18 credits are for dissertation) beyond the bachelor's degree. Research: [Topic] (PS 601) and Reading and Conference: [Topic] (PS 605) may be taken pass/no pass. All other course work must be taken for letter grades
2. Completion of State of the Discipline (PS 620), to be taken the first time it is offered
3. Demonstrated proficiency in quantitative and qualitative research methods
4. Completion of a research paper no later than the sixth term of enrollment (excluding summer)
5. Completion of required seminars in the two area fields in which the student takes comprehensive examinations. Students should take these seminars as early as possible, and prior to examination
6. Passing two comprehensive examinations: one major field and one minor field, selected from the list below. Each field comprises several themes from which the student must choose a subset
    - classical and contemporary political theory
    - comparative politics
    - formal theory and methodology
    - international relations
    - public policy
    - United States politics
7. After passing the comprehensive examinations, completion of 18 credits in Dissertation (PS 603), to be taken while completing the PhD dissertation
8. Defense of the written dissertation in an oral examination

A complete description of graduate requirements, including an explanation of themes and field requirements, is available on the department website (http://polisci.uoregon.edu).

Courses

PS 100. Temporary Group-Satisfying Course. 4 Credits.

PS 101. Modern World Governments. 4 Credits.
Introduction to the political systems, practices, and institutions of leading contemporary nations including Britain, France, Russia, China, and selected nations in Africa and Latin America.

PS 102. Thinking Like a Social Scientist. 4 Credits.
Illustrates how the ways social scientists think—using quantitative, qualitative, and interpretive methods—help to sharpen thinking for many contexts and careers.

PS 104. Problems in United States Politics. 4 Credits.
Current policy issues in American politics (e.g., unemployment, education, crime).

PS 106. Power, Politics, and Inequality. 4 Credits.
Examines power and politics through the lens of inequality, focusing on the constant struggle between the haves and the have-nots.

PS 109. Politics, Science, and the Body. 4 Credits.
An interdisciplinary examination of the scientific and biological explanations of poverty and social inequality in the United States, historically and in the present day.

PS 111. Introduction to Political Science. 4 Credits.
Offers students the tools to think for themselves about politics: multiple ideological and analytical viewpoints on varying political arrangements around the world.

PS 199. Special Studies: [Topic]. 5 Credits.
Topics vary from year to year. Repeatable when topic changes.

PS 201. United States Politics. 4 Credits.
Theoretical introduction to American institutions, political doctrines, and ideology as these affect the course of politics and public policy in the United States.

PS 203. State and Local Government. 4 Credits.
Compares political behavior, governmental institutions, and public policies in American states; special attention given to Oregon.

PS 204. Introduction to Comparative Politics. 4 Credits.
Major concepts and approaches in the study of comparative government and politics.

PS 205. Introduction to International Relations. 4 Credits.
Introduction to theoretical and methodological tools for the analysis of world politics.

PS 208. Introduction to the Tradition of Political Theory. 4 Credits.
Selected issues in political theory such as political obligation, rationality, diversity, and relativism. Covers contemporary and classical theories.

PS 225. Political Ideologies. 4 Credits.
Origins, functions, and political implications of several ideologies such as liberalism, fascism, communism, feminism, environmentalism, and nationalism.

PS 230. Introduction to Urban Politics. 4 Credits.
Conflict in cities; power structures; protest movements and political participation; urban political institutions; critiques of urban politics; black politics.

PS 260. Public Policy and Democracy. 4 Credits.
Explores how American political ideals, interests, institutions, and history shape public policy, focusing on issues such as education, immigration, welfare, and civil liberties.

PS 275. Legal Process. 4 Credits.
Overview of the United States legal system. Covers a range of sociolegal writing and provides a context for the legal system under which the U.S. operates.

PS 297. Introduction to Environmental Politics. 4 Credits.
United States environmental policy and alternative environmental political futures.

PS 301. Art and the State. 4 Credits.
Comparative analysis of issues raised by state intervention in production and distribution of art: censorship, artistic freedom, ideological domination, regulation of artistic marketplace, cultural imperialism.

PS 308. United States Political Thought. 4 Credits.
Development of United States political thought from the Revolution through the 20th century. Includes writings of Jefferson, Paine, Madison, Tocqueville.

PS 321. Introduction to Political Economy. 4 Credits.
Systematic comparison of markets and political processes and their outcomes.

PS 324. European Politics. 4 Credits.
Overview of the formation and current dynamics of national politics in Western Europe.

PS 326. United States Foreign Policy I. 4 Credits.
Basic concepts underlying the formulation and implementation of United States foreign policy; relationships between American society and foreign policy; the relationship of the U.S. to its international environment.

PS 330. Governments and Politics in Latin America. 4 Credits.
Social, political, and economic developments in Latin America; causes and consequences of revolutions, democratization, economic politics; examples from Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Cuba, Guatemala, Venezuela. Offered alternate years.

PS 337. The Politics of Development. 4 Credits.
Presents alternative perspectives on key north-south issues: trade, aid, foreign investment, debt, and the environment. Includes such institutions as the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, and World Trade Organization.

PS 340. International Political Economy. 4 Credits.
Links between economics and politics in the international system. Basic concepts include power, dependence, inequality, imperialism, and development. EC 201, 202, or PS 205 recommended preparation.

PS 342. Politics of China. 4 Credits.
Survey of the politics of the People's Republic of China. Emphasis on political sociology and group conflict: elites, ideology, social change, and organization.

PS 345. Southeast Asian Politics. 4 Credits.
Surveys major themes in contemporary Southeast Asian politics, including nation-state building, economic development, authoritarianism and democracy, and religious and ethnic politics.

PS 346. Terrorism and Weapons Proliferation. 4 Credits.
Examines causes and control of terrorism, especially preventing terrorist use of weapons of mass destruction; theories and policies of nonproliferation and arms control.

PS 347. Political Power, Influence, and Control. 4 Credits.
Survey of the use of the concept of power in the social sciences, stressing diverse theoretical perspectives and empirical studies of political institutions.

PS 348. Women and Politics. 4 Credits.
Examines the political role of women and questions of equality in the U.S. from historical and contemporary perspectives. Topics may include voting, welfare, reproductive rights, and representation.

PS 349. Mass Media and American Politics. 4 Credits.
The role of the mass media in contemporary American politics; the effect of the media on such institutions as political parties, elections, and the presidency.

PS 350. Politics and Film. 4 Credits.
Examines the political relevance of films and their role as a medium for illustrating, defending, and challenging political ideas.

PS 351. Democratic Dilemmas. 4 Credits.
Core course for the Wayne Morse Scholars Program, exploring significant political and policy challenges confronting our representative democracy.

PS 352. Political Parties and Elections. 4 Credits.
Overview of current developments in political parties and interest groups in the United States.

PS 355. Oregon Government and Politics. 4 Credits.
Current political issues in Oregon with particular attention to political races and ballot measures before the Oregon electorate as well as the state's major political institutions.

PS 367. Science and Politics of Climate Change. 4 Credits.
Understanding the causes, impacts, policies, and politics of global climate change from natural and social science perspectives.

PS 368. Gendering the Law. 4 Credits.
Examines the role courts have played in framing and shaping policies where gender is a central feature with a focus on reproductive rights, pregnancy and abortion, domestic violence, rape, family issues, prostitution, and sexual harassment. Offered alternate years.

PS 369. Southern Politics. 4 Credits.
Explores the economic, social, and political aspects of life in the 20th-century US South.

PS 374. Politics of the Middle East. 4 Credits.
Provides an overview of current political developments in the Middle East.

PS 375. Race, Politics, and the Law. 4 Credits.
Examines the development and transformation of race-based domination and resistance in the United States by examining the intersection of policy and law.

PS 377. Gods and Governments. 4 Credits.
Examines the politics of religion in a contemporary global context.

PS 378. Games in Politics. 4 Credits.
Politics viewed as strategic interactions among politicians, voters, and countries; focuses on how to model these interactions using tools of game theory.

PS 380. Gender and Politics in Developing Countries. 4 Credits.
Examines gender politics in the developing world and efforts to help women. Topics include female genital cutting, violence against women, economic development, microfinance, migration, trafficking. Offered alternate years.

PS 386. United States Social Movements and Political Change. 4 Credits.
Causes and consequences of American social movements. Considers theoretical perspectives. Topics may include agrarian populism, labor movement, civil rights movement, the women's movement, and identity politics.

PS 390. American Indian Politics. 4 Credits.
Examination of the political and constitutional status of American Indian tribes in the United States, with some comparison to Canada. Focus on history, current policy, and potential futures.

PS 399. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Topics vary from year to year. Repeatable when topic changes.

PS 401. Research: [Topic]. 1-15 Credits.
Repeatable.

PS 403. Thesis. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

PS 405. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-15 Credits.
Repeatable.

PS 406. Field Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable for maximum of 10 credits.

PS 407. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-4 Credits.
Offerings vary from year to year, depending on student need and faculty interests. Repeatable when topic changes.

PS 408. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.
Repeatable.

PS 409. Practicum: [Topic]. 1-3 Credits.
Repeatable.

PS 410. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-4 Credits.
Offerings vary from year to year, depending on student need and faculty interests. Repeatable when topic changes.

PS 411. Honors Thesis Prospectus. 1 Credit.
Prepares students for writing the senior honors thesis in political science. Provides guidance in framing a suitable topic, conducting preliminary research, and writing a prospectus.
Prereq: majors with honors standing.

PS 420. International Organization. 4 Credits.
Studies efforts by states to cooperate in an effort to avoid or resolve conflict in the realms of security, trade, human rights, and the environment.

PS 430. Political Theory: Ancient and Medieval. 4 Credits.
Greek, Roman, and medieval political thought covering Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, Augustine, and Aquinas.

PS 431. Political Theory: Renaissance, Reformation, and Early Modern. 4 Credits.
Development of political theory. Primary figures are Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau.

PS 432. Political Theory: Modern and Contemporary. 4 Credits.
Political theory during the 19th and 20th centuries including utilitarianism and radical, revolutionary, and liberal democratic traditions.

PS 433. Marxism and Radical Thought. 4 Credits.
Surveys utopian socialist thought, anarchism, Marxism, and Leninism. Central themes include the nature of radical theory, the role of the state, human nature and the new society.

PS 440. Causes and Prevention of War. 4 Credits.
Surveys theories of causes of war; focuses on major theories of prevention; case studies from World War I, World War II, and other wars.

PS 445. Methods for Politics and Policy Analysis I. 4 Credits.
Introduction to quantitative analysis, concepts and methods of empirical research, applied statistical data analysis in political science. Methods include descriptive statistics, bivariate correlation, and regression techniques.

PS 446. Methods for Politics and Policy Analysis II. 4 Credits.
Survey of multivariate model building for political analysis. Multiple regression, discrete-variable techniques, recursive systems, and cross-level analysis. Application of these techniques to concrete political problems.
Prereq: PS 445/545.

PS 449. Racial Politics in the United States. 4 Credits.
Considers how race has interacted with political development in the U.S. from the New Deal to the present.

PS 455. Theories of International Politics. 4 Credits.
Competing theories of international relations and strategies for testing the theories.

PS 458. Feminist Political Theories. 4 Credits.
Examines the relationship between feminism, gender, and the state. Offered alternate years.

PS 460. Political Economy of East Asia. 4 Credits.
Examines the political economy of East Asia, with a focus on states, markets, and social classes during economic transformation. Offered alternate years.

PS 465. LGBT Rights in the Courts. 4 Credits.
Analyzes the role of legal advocates and the courts in advancing and curtailing lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender rights with a focus on relationship recognition, parenting, employment, housing, military, education, and health care. Offered alternate years.

PS 466. Civil Rights in Post-Warren Era. 4 Credits.
Analyzes development in civil rights advocacy in the United States since the heyday of the Warren Court. Focuses primarily on developments in race, gender, disability, and sexuality. Offered alternate years.

PS 467. The United States Presidency. 4 Credits.
An ambivalent view of the presidency as the key institution in the United States political system: source of great good but also of great harm.

PS 468. Congress. 4 Credits.
Study of Congress as an institution: congressional elections, the committee system, and the internal distribution of influence; relations with the President and the Supreme Court.

PS 470. Constitutional Law. 4 Credits.
Surveys how the U.S. Constitution works as a structure for government. Addresses how the federal courts interact within the U.S. system of government.

PS 471. Intergenerational Justice. 4 Credits.
Examines the ethical and legal obligations that exist between earlier and later generations within a political society.

PS 472. Matters of Life and Death. 4 Credits.
Examines the right to life from political, legal, and philosophical perspectives. Considers abortion, capital punishment, assisted suicide, just-war theory, and animal rights.

PS 475. Politics of the European Union. 4 Credits.
Surveys the historical development and current workings of the European Union’s major institutions and policies. Offered alternate years.

PS 477. International Environmental Politics. 4 Credits.
How nations solve international environmental problems. Explores major problems, processes, and current debates. Evaluates existing treaties through case studies.

PS 479. U.S. Interventions in Developing Nations. 4 Credits.
Examines theories of intervention: security, economic imperialism, humanitarian intervention, spreading democracy, domestic politics; over thirty-seven U.S. interventions since 1898 are surveyed.

PS 480. Introduction to Rational Choice. 4 Credits.
Introduces the paradigm of rational choice and game theory that is of special significance to politics.

PS 484. United States Supreme Court. 4 Credits.
The Supreme Court as a political body; the judicial role in the context of the economic, political, social, and psychological factors that influence the court's decisions.

PS 485. Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. 4 Credits.
Overview of the role of rights in the United States legal system. Particular emphasis on the role of freedom and equality in a federal system.

PS 491. Politics of Everyday Life. 4 Credits.
Examines how we try to influence each other's behaviors in the course of everyday life. Readings from several disciplines.

PS 495. United States Political Economy. 4 Credits.
Examines United States political-economic institutions from a comparative and historical perspective. Topics include rise and fall of mass production, labor and the law, and regional development.

PS 503. Thesis. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

PS 507. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-4 Credits.
Repeatable. Offerings vary from year to year, depending on student needs and faculty interests.

PS 508. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.
Repeatable.

PS 510. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-4 Credits.
Offerings vary from year to year, depending on student needs and faculty interests. Repeatable when topic changes.

PS 520. International Organization. 4 Credits.
Studies efforts by states to cooperate in an effort to avoid or resolve conflict in the realms of security, trade, human rights, and the environment.

PS 530. Political Theory: Ancient and Medieval. 4 Credits.
Greek, Roman, and medieval political thought covering Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, Augustine, and Aquinas.

PS 531. Political Theory: Renaissance, Reformation, and Early Modern. 4 Credits.
Development of political theory. Primary figures are Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau.

PS 532. Political Theory: Modern and Contemporary. 4 Credits.
Political theory during the 19th and 20th centuries including utilitarianism and radical, revolutionary, and liberal democratic traditions.

PS 533. Marxism and Radical Thought. 4 Credits.
Surveys utopian socialist thought, anarchism, Marxism, and Leninism. Central themes include the nature of radical theory, the role of the state, human nature and the new society.

PS 540. Causes and Prevention of War. 4 Credits.
Surveys theories of causes of war; focuses on major theories of prevention; case studies from World War I, World War II, and other wars.

PS 545. Methods for Politics and Policy Analysis I. 4 Credits.
Introduction to quantitative analysis, concepts and methods of empirical research, applied statistical data analysis in political science. Methods include descriptive statistics, bivariate correlation, and regression techniques.

PS 546. Methods for Politics and Policy Analysis II. 4 Credits.
Survey of multivariate model building for political analysis. Multiple regression, discrete-variable techniques, recursive systems, and cross-level analysis. Application of these techniques to concrete political problems.

PS 549. Racial Politics in the United States. 4 Credits.
Considers how race has interacted with political development in the U.S. from the New Deal to the present.

PS 555. Theories of International Politics. 4 Credits.
Competing theories of international relations and strategies for testing the theories.

PS 558. Feminist Political Theories. 4 Credits.
Examines the relationship between feminism, gender, and the state. Offered alternate years.

PS 560. Political Economy of East Asia. 4 Credits.
Examines the political economy of East Asia, with a focus on states, markets, and social classes during economic transformation.

PS 565. LGBT Rights in the Courts. 4 Credits.
Analyzes the role of legal advocates and the courts in advancing and curtailing lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender rights with a focus on relationship recognition, parenting, employment, housing, military, education, and health care. Offered alternate years.

PS 566. Civil Rights in Post-Warren Era. 4 Credits.
Analyzes development in civil rights advocacy in the United States since the heyday of the Warren Court. Focuses primarily on developments in race, gender, disability, and sexuality. Offered alternate years.

PS 567. The United States Presidency. 4 Credits.
An ambivalent view of the presidency as the key institution in the United States political system: source of great good but also of great harm.

PS 568. Congress. 4 Credits.
Study of Congress as an institution: congressional elections, the committee system, and the internal distribution of influence; relations with the President and the Supreme Court.

PS 570. Constitutional Law. 4 Credits.
Surveys how the U.S. Constitution works as a structure for government. Addresses how the federal courts interact within the U.S. system of government.

PS 571. Intergenerational Justice. 4 Credits.
Examines the ethical and legal obligations that exist between earlier and later generations within a political society.

PS 572. Matters of Life and Death. 4 Credits.
Examines the right to life from political, legal, and philosophical perspectives. Considers abortion, capital punishment, assisted suicide, just-war theory, and animal rights.

PS 575. Politics of the European Union. 4 Credits.
Surveys the historical development and current workings of the European Union’s major institutions and policies. Offered alternate years.

PS 577. International Environmental Politics. 4 Credits.
How nations solve international environmental problems. Explores major problems, processes, and current debates. Evaluates existing treaties through case studies.

PS 579. U.S. Interventions in Developing Nations. 4 Credits.
Examines theories of intervention: security, economic imperialism, humanitarian intervention, spreading democracy, domestic politics; over thirty-seven U.S. interventions since 1898 are surveyed.

PS 584. United States Supreme Court. 4 Credits.
The Supreme Court as a political body; the judicial role in the context of the economic, political, social, and psychological factors that influence the court's decisions.

PS 585. Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. 4 Credits.
Overview of the role of rights in the United States legal system. Particular emphasis on the role of freedom and equality in a federal system.

PS 595. United States Political Economy. 4 Credits.
Examines United States political-economic institutions from a comparative and historical perspective. Topics include rise and fall of mass production, labor and the law, and regional development.

PS 601. Research: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

PS 602. Supervised College Teaching. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

PS 603. Dissertation. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

PS 605. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

PS 606. Field Studies: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

PS 607. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

PS 608. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

PS 609. Practicum: [Topic]. 1-4 Credits.
Repeatable.

PS 610. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

PS 612. Qualitative Methods. 5 Credits.
Survey of rationales for qualitative methods in the social sciences and the main conceptual and practical issues raised in qualitative research. Offered alternate years.

PS 617. Political Behavior. 5 Credits.
Provides an overview of the important literature in the subfield of political behavior in U.S. politics.

PS 620. State of the Discipline. 5 Credits.
Introduction to trends in the political science profession and to the faculty at the University of Oregon.

PS 622. Political Theory. 5 Credits.
Survey of major works in the field of classical and contemporary political theory.

PS 624. International Relations. 5 Credits.
Survey of major works in the field of international relations.

PS 625. Public Policy. 5 Credits.
Survey of major works in the field of public policy.

PS 627. Formal Theory and Methodology. 5 Credits.
Reviews basic formal theory as developed in political science since 1957.

PS 628. States and State-Society Relations. 5 Credits.
Examines how scholars have studied the state and its relationship to society. Students develop a comparative perspective of contentious politics ranging from peasant rebellions to revolutions to transnational social movements.

PS 630. States and Regimes. 5 Credits.
Introduction to the major issues, theories, concepts, and arguments about states and regimes in comparative politics. Offered alternate years.