

## Graduate Courses

*(In parentheses are the fields/subfields for which each course is intended and whether the course is part of the 'core' requirement generally taken during a student's first year in the program.)*

**POLS 6301** Math Methods for Political Scientists - Mathematical tools frequently used in political science: set theory, differential calculus and integration, optimization, linear algebra and probability theory. Prerequisite for advanced statistics and formal theory courses.

**POLS 6308** Political Economy (American, Policy and Comparative) - Examines the intersections between economics and politics.

**POLS 6309** Survey of American Political Behavior (American core) - Selected, major segments of the research literature on American political behavior.

**POLS 6311** Seminar in Comparative Political Analysis (Comparative core) - Discusses major works in comparative politics. Logic of comparative analysis for cross-national research.

**POLS 6312** Survey of American Institutions and Policy (Policy core) - Theoretical and empirical issues in American institutions and policy.

**POLS 6313** Seminar in International Relations (International Relations) - Examination of international political systems. Emphasizes changing patterns of international accommodation, competition, and conflict. Examines theories of international politics.

**POLS 6314** Policy Analysis (Policy) - How public policies are decided. Tools for policy decision making. Political, social, and legal determinants of public policy.

**POLS 6315** Seminar in Health Care Policy (Policy) - Politics and economics of health and medical care with emphasis on the delivery of services, their quality, distribution, and financing.

**POLS 6316** Seminar in Social Policy (Policy) - Study of distributive public

policies such as civil rights, income maintenance, and social services at comparative, federal, and state levels.

**POLS 6322** Seminar in Comparative Elections (Comparative) - Examination of problems and issues in the design and function of elections and electoral systems, the behavior of voters, and the role of political parties.

**POLS 6323** Seminar in Comparative Political Parties (Comparative) - A comparison of different frameworks for understanding the impact and development of political parties, including normative critiques of party democracy.

**POLS 6326** Seminar in European Politics (Comparative and IR) - Explores institutional variations among European parliamentary governments and consequences of variations for conflict resolution and democracy.

**POLS 6327** Seminar in Middle Eastern Politics (Comparative and IR) - Cultural and socioeconomic underpinnings of politics structures, and processes of different states and their international relations.

**POLS 6330** Seminar in Foreign Policy (International Relations) - Description and evaluation of competing explanations of American foreign policy.

**POLS 6331** Seminar in Democratization (Comparative) - Explores and evaluates a variety of theoretical approaches to understanding institutional and other developments in newly-democratizing countries.

**POLS 6340** Seminar in Ancient and Medieval Political Thought (Theory) - A selective examination of Greek, Roman, and feudal thinking on recurrent problems in political theory.

**POLS 6341** Seminar in Modern Political Thought (Theory) - A selective examination of thinking, from Machiavelli to the present, concerning recurrent problems in political theory.

**POLS 6342** Liberalism and Its Critics (Theory) - Contemporary arguments for and against the liberal tradition: including libertarian, responsible government, communitarian, conservative, and feminist perspectives.

**POLS 6343** Seminar in Democratic Thought (Theory core) - A critical examination of the theoretical foundations for democracy, and its major texts

and competing theories. Emphasizes normative and analytical approaches.

**POLS 6344** Dissertation Prospectus - Students prepare a plan for dissertation research and complete a working dissertation prospectus.

**POLS 6345** History of Political Theory - A survey of the history of political theory from Plato through John Rawls. May be repeated.

**POLS 6346** Social Criticism and Revolution in Political Thought - A survey of the origins of social criticism and theories of revolution from the 19th century to the present. May be repeated.

**POLS 6348** Contemporary Political Theory (Theory) - Examination of contemporary political theory including post-modernism and the concomitant concerns of the character of modern political theory.

**POLS 6349** Seminar in American Political Thought (Theory) - The colonial experience, the Revolution, the writing of the Constitution, and experience in living under the Constitution-how each has contributed to American political theory.

**POLS 6350** Seminar in Media and Politics (American) - Examines interactive effect of institutional forces and political actors on mediated political communication and information processing.

**POLS 6353** Seminar in Administrative Law (Public law and PA) - Examination of the legal and Constitutional standards that affect and circumscribe the regulatory process and bureaucratic decision making.

**POLS 6354** Seminar in Law and Society (American and Public law) - How the values and behavior of society influence the substance and enforcement of the law and also how the law affects the mores and attitudes of society.

**POLS 6355** Seminar in Judicial Process (American and Public law) - Study of judicial recruitment, socialization, and decision-making process. Also, impact and enforcement of judicial decisions.

**POLS 6356** Seminar in Constitutional Law (American and Public law) - Study of major Supreme Court decisions interpreting the U.S. Constitution.

**POLS 6357 Comparative Judicial Systems** - Surveys the variation of legal systems and courts across the world from a comparative perspective; investigates how constitutions, courts, and other legal actors vary and how these variations affect judicial decisions and law more generally.

**POLS 6359 Bibliographic Essay (Masters)** - A bibliographic essay of approximately 30 pages on a topic agreed to by instructor and student covering a significant topic of the discipline.

**POLS 6360 Seminar in State Politics (American)** - Roles of the legislature and governor; state political parties and elections; state finances and taxation; comparative public policies of the state.

**POLS 6364 Seminar in Legislative Process (American)** - Organization, process, structure, and policy-making functions of Congress.

**POLS 6365 Seminar in Public Opinion (American)** - Examines influences on public opinion; impact of mass media; role of public opinion in democracy.

**POLS 6366 Seminar in Political Parties (American)** - History and organization of political parties in the United States; functions of parties for the political system; electoral base of American political parties.

**POLS 6367 Seminar in Electoral Behavior (American)** - Examines determinants of voting decisions; role of elections in democracy.

**POLS 6368 Psychological Approaches to Politics (American)** - Surveys the major psychological approaches to study of politics, such as clinical/functional theories and information processing theories, in current political science research.

**POLS 6369 Seminar on the Presidency (American)** - Changing concepts of the presidency. The president as chief executive. The president and Congress. The president and public opinion.

**POLS 6370 Public Administration and Policy Implementations (Policy and PA)** - Explores ways in which political and organizational considerations constrain adoption and implementation of alternative public policies.

**POLS 6383 Evaluation Research (Policy, PA)** - Methods for evaluating public

programs and problems. Topics include the practical issues of collection, analysis, and interpretation of data. Problems and limitations of public sector research.

**POLS 6384** Survey Research Methods (Methods) - Practical issues of sampling, questionnaire design, interviewing techniques, and supervision are combined with the analysis of survey results and the presentation of data to academic, governmental, and commercial audiences.

**POLS 6385** Time Series Methods (Methods) - Autoregressive and distributed lag models, stochastic regression, univariate and multivariate ARIMA modeling, impact assessment, forecasting.

**POLS 6386** Measurement Theory for Political Science (Methods) - Unobtrusive measurement, scaling models, reliability and validity, factor analysis, analysis of covariance structures.

**POLS 6387** Political Inquiry (Methods) - Applies relevance issues of the philosophy of science to the study of politics. Political science as a science.

**POLS 6388** Causal Inference Methods and Applications - Applies statistical techniques to the analysis of causes and counterfactuals to the formulation and testing of theoretical arguments.

**POLS 6389** Public Choice (Methods, American, Theory) - Public choice models of political decision making, spatial models of elections, theory of public goods, game theory.

**POLS 6394** Seminar: Selected Topics in Political Theory and Methodology (Theory, Methods)

**POLS 6395** Seminar: Selected Topics in American Politics and Public Policy (American, Policy)

**POLS 6396** Seminar: Selected Topics in Comparative Politics and International Relations (Comparative and IR).

**POLS 6397** Seminar: Selected Topics in Public Administration and Law (Public Law and PA)

**POLS 6480** Research Design and Quantitative Methods I (Methods core) - First semester of a two-semester sequence on research methods commonly

used in political science and public administration. Emphasis on issues of research design, descriptive and inferential statistics, and bivariate regression.

**POLS 6481** Research Design and Quantitative Methods II (Methods core) - Second course in required methods sequence. Focus on the general linear model. Topics include multivariate regression, violations of model assumptions, alternative estimators, computer applications.

**POLS 6482** Advanced Multivariate Statistics (Methods) - Causal modeling, recursive and non-recursive model, identification, alternative estimators, specification, and measurement error.

**POLS 8398** Dissertation Prospectus - Seminar on preparing outline and prospectus for writing doctoral dissertation.