Politics, American Courses (POL AMER)

Courses

POL AMER 1014 (942:014). Introduction to American Politics — 3 hrs.
Examination of the structure, organization, and powers of the institutions of American government and how citizens are linked to government through such things as political parties, interest groups, and elections. (Fall and Spring)

POL AMER 1048 (942:048). Introduction to Public Administration — 3 hrs.
Role of bureaucracy in policy making and implementation in a representative government. Theories, concepts, and selected case studies in public administration. (Fall and Spring)

Analysis of organization, functions, and operation of state and local governments. (Fall)

POL AMER 2147. Law and the Courts — 3 hrs.
Examination of federal and state trial courts, both civil and criminal. Exploration of normative and empirical theories about the nature of the legal system and the roles of judges, lawyers, and litigants. Addresses political issues related to the civil and criminal justice systems. (Even Falls)

Systematic examination of structure and functions of modern electoral campaigns for national, state, and local offices. (Even Falls)

Introduction to structure, functions, and policies of American local government in context of economic, social, and intergovernmental forces. Prerequisite(s): sophomore standing or consent of instructor. (Variable)

POL AMER 3134 (942:134). Legislative Politics — 3 hrs.
Introduction to the legislative process emphasizing the United States Congress. Focus on how Congress makes policy, and legislators' relations with constituents, parties, interest groups, and the executive and judicial branches. Prerequisite(s): POL AMER 1014 (942:014). (Odd Falls)

Analysis of U.S. Supreme Court decisions and changes in doctrine over time and the political forces affecting these changes. Emphasis on the powers and constraints of the federal government, separation of powers, and federalism. Prerequisite(s): POL AMER 1014 (942:014) or POL AMER 2147 or POL AMER 3146 (942:146). (Fall)

POL AMER 3144 (942:144). Civil Rights and Liberties — 3 hrs.
Examines the Supreme Court's role in establishing and protecting individual rights and liberties from government intrusion. Emphasis on the 14th Amendment of the Constitution. Includes issues of free speech, freedom of religion, discrimination, and privacy. (Spring)

POL AMER 3146 (942:146). Law and Politics — 3 hrs.
Theoretical and empirical examination of the role of appellate courts, especially the U.S. Supreme Court, within the American political system. Examination of theories of judicial decision making, the influence of politics on law and judges, and the impact of court decisions on public policy. (Spring)

Theoretical and empirical analyses of public opinion, political attitudes, political socialization, as well as voting behavior and political participation. (Spring)

Examination of constitutional, electoral, administrative, and political aspects of the modern American presidency as they have evolved from FDR to the present. Prerequisite(s): POL AMER 1014 (942:014). (Spring)

POL AMER 3166 (942:166). Political Parties and Interest Groups — 3 hrs.
Rise of interest groups and decline of parties in American political system; role of interest groups in policy process; organization and maintenance of political parties and interest groups. Prerequisite(s): POL AMER 1014 (942:014). (Variable)

Historical development of current budgeting practices; politics of budgetary process at federal, state, and local levels; current methods of budgeting for public agencies, focusing on integration of budgeting into program planning. Prerequisite(s): POL AMER 1014 (942:014); POL AMER 1048 (942:048). (Spring)

Development of current government personnel practices; contemporary issues in personnel administration; techniques of job analysis; recruitment and selection of employees; and problems of supervision and evaluation. Prerequisite(s): POL AMER 1014 (942:014); POL AMER 1048 (942:048). (Variable)

POL AMER 4130/5130 (942:130). Iowa Politics — 3 hrs.
Emphasis placed on the origins of Iowa's governmental structure, the three branches of government, and its unique role in presidential politics. Will examine some of the perennial issues facing the state. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Variable)

POL AMER 4142/5142 (942:142g). Problems in Juvenile and Family Law — 3 hrs.
Aspects of juvenile and family law; how legislature and courts have developed juvenile and family law, including marriage and divorce, adoption, and competency of minors. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Fall and Spring)

POL AMER 4143/5143 (942:143g). Citizen Participation and Civic Engagement — 3 hrs.
Introduces the key issues and problems affecting citizen participation and engagement at the community and national levels. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Variable)

POL AMER 4153/5153 (942:153g). Public Organizations — 3 hrs.
Theories and models of internal dynamics of public organizations and their role in the political milieu; characteristics and operation of American public organizations. Prerequisite(s): POL AMER 1014 (942:014); POL AMER 1048 (942:048); junior standing. (Fall)

POL AMER 4160/5160. Political Communication — 3 hrs.
Study of the elements of national and/or local political communication, including the rhetoric of political campaigns, and/or the rhetoric of
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elected officials. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Same as COMM 4216/5216 (48C:160g)) (Fall)

POL AMER 4173/5173 (942:173g). The Public Policy Process — 3 hrs.
Theories and models of policy process in the United States, including agenda setting, formulation, adoption, implementation, and evaluation. Application of theories and models to case studies of major policy issues. Prerequisite(s): POL AMER 1014 (942:014); POL AMER 1048 (942:048); junior standing. (Fall)

POL AMER 4176/5176 (942:176g). Topics in Public Policy — 3 hrs.
Explores the latest developments in the field of public policy research. Ongoing policy issues may be used as examples to illustrate theoretical developments or to introduce applications of course material. The main topic explored may vary each time it is offered. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Variable)

POL AMER 4177/5177 (942:177g). Political Psychology — 3 hrs.
Explores the connections between psychology and political phenomena, including leadership, decision making, intergroup relations, and persuasion. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Variable)

POL AMER 4188/5188 (942:188g). Seminar in Public Administration — 3 hrs.
Advanced topics in public administration, such as essential and nonessential service delivery, fiscal administration, and community development. Introduces students to issues not covered in other public administration courses. Prerequisite(s): POL AMER 1048 (942:048); junior standing. (Spring)