

Department of Political Science
Course Schedule and Prerequisites for Fall 2024 - Spring 2028

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Course	Title	Area	F24	S25	F25	S26	F26	S27	F27	S28	Prerequisite(s) or notes
MPA 5010	Public Policy Formation and Implementation	MPA Core		Tan		Kuhn		Staff		Staff	None
MPA 5020	Public Fiscal Administration	MPA Core		Cain		Staff		Staff		Staff	None
MPA 5030	Human Resources in the Public Sector	MPA Core	Sundstrom		Staff		Staff		Staff		None
MPA 5040	Quantitative Research Methods	MPA Core		Cuellar		Cuellar		Cuellar		Cuellar	None
MPA 5050	Qualitative Research Methods	MPA Core	Castro		Staff		Staff		Staff		None
MPA 5080	Public Service Ethics	MPA Core		Streeter		Staff		Staff		Staff	None
MPA 5100	Foundations of Public Administration	MPA Core	Cuellar		Cuellar		Cuellar		Cuellar		None
MPA 6000	Capstone Seminar for Public Administration	MPA Core	Collins		Collins		Collins		Collins		None
MPA 5200	Intergovernmental Relations	MPA Elective									None
MPA 5225	City Management	MPA Elective	Sandoval		Staff		Staff		Staff		None
MPA 5245	Non-Governmental Organizations	MPA Elective				Staff		Staff		Staff	None
MPA 5255	Administrative Law	MPA Elective									None
MPA 5265	Crisis/Emergency Management	MPA Elective				Staff		Staff		Staff	None
MPA 5285	Leadership in Public Organizations	MPA Elective			Staff		Staff		Staff		None
MPA 5500	Public Policy Program Evaluation	MPA Elective									None
MPA 5585	Urban Governance, Politics, and Administration	MPA Elective				Reese		Reese		Reese	None
MPA 5605	Criminal Justice: Politics and Administration	MPA Elective	Reese		Reese		Reese		Reese		None
MPA 5655	Community Sustainability Policy	MPA Elective		Castro		Staff		Staff		Staff	None
MPA 5900	Special Topics in Public Administration	MPA Elective									None
MPA 6950	Project	MPA Core		Reese		Collins		Collins		Collins	None
PLS 1011	Introduction to Political Science (E)	Core	Mend/Men		Mend/Men		Mend/Men		Mend/Men		None
PLS 2010	Introduction to American Government (D2/4B)	GE/Core	Many	Many	Many	Many	Many	Many	Many	Many	None
PLS 2020	Introduction to Comparative Government (D3/4A)	Core	Morcos	Mendoza	Mendoza	Mendoza	Mendoza	Mendoza	Mendoza	Mendoza	None
PLS 2030	Introduction to International Relations (D3/4A)	Core	Scauso	Scauso	Scauso	Scarcelli	Scauso	Scarcelli	Scauso	Scarcelli	None
PLS 2040	Introduction to Political Thought	Core	Rowland	Taylor	Taylor	Hargis	Taylor	Hargis	Taylor	Hargis	None
PLS 2051	Introduction to Research Methods	Core	Crisanti	Crisanti	McReynolds	McReynolds	McReynolds	McReynolds	McReynolds	McReynolds	None
PLS 2060	Introduction to Public Administration	Core	Castro	Castro	Collins	Collins	Collins	Collins	Collins	Collins	None
PLS 2070	Introduction to Public Law	Core	Kuhn	Kuhn	Kuhn	Menounou	Kuhn	Menounou	Kuhn	Menounou	None
PLS 2080	Introduction to Race and Ethnic Politics (F/6)	Core	Cuellar	Cuellar	Cuellar	Cuellar	Cuellar	Cuellar	Cuellar	Cuellar	None
PLS 3055/A	Advanced Research Methods	Core	Guerrero	Guerrero		Nyenhuis	Nyenhuis	Nyenhuis	Nyenhuis	Nyenhuis	PLS 2051
PLS 3250	American Congress	American		Chaturvedi							None
PLS 3260	American Presidency	American		Chaturvedi							None
PLS 3270	American Judiciary	American									None
PLS 3275	Asian American Politics	American			Chaturvedi		Chaturvedi		Chaturvedi		None
PLS 3285	Race and Ethnic Politics in the United States	American					Chaturvedi		Chaturvedi		None
PLS 4205	American Political Institutions and Behavior (D4/4C)	American	Taylor				Taylor		Taylor		None
PLS 4211	Voting and Elections in the United States	American	Cuellar		Cuellar		Cuellar		Cuellar		None
PLS 4245	Public Opinion	American		Cuellar			Cuellar		Cuellar		None
PLS 4250	Women and Politics in America	American			McReynolds		McReynolds		McReynolds		None
PLS 4265	Political Communication and Media	American									None
PLS 4811	California Government (D4/4C)	American	Stoughton	Stoughton	Chaturvedi	Stoughton	Chaturvedi	Chaturvedi	Chaturvedi	Chaturvedi	None
PLS 4815	Environmental Politics (D4/4C)	American	Stoughton	Stoughton							None
PLS 3150	Politics of Public Policy	Public Admin	Schugurensky								None
PLS 3165	Urban Administration, Politics, and Policy	Public Admin	Collins		Collins		Collins		Collins		None
PLS 3175	NGOs and Social Service Outreach	Public Admin	Reese		Reese		Reese		Reese		None
PLS 4160	Public Organizations	Public Admin									None
PLS 4170	Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation	Public Admin					Collins		Collins		None
PLS 4180S	Politics of Neighborhood Change - Service Learning	Public Admin									None
PLS 4190	Social Capital: Theories and Application	Public Admin									None
PLS 3521	US Foreign Policy	IR		Scauso	Scauso		Scauso		Scauso		None
PLS 3541	International Political Economy	IR		Scauso	Scauso		Scauso		Scauso		None
PLS 3551	International War and Peace	IR	Scarcelli				Scarcelli				None
PLS 3561	International Law	IR		Haghighi							None
PLS 4521	Environmental Security	IR	Scarcelli		Scarcelli				Scarcelli		None
PLS 4531	Terrorism	IR		Scarcelli							None
PLS 4541	Transnational Crime	IR			Scarcelli				Scarcelli		None
PLS 3410	Comparative Democratization	Comparative					Mendoza				None
PLS 3420	Politics of Developing Areas	Comparative	Morcos		Mendoza		Mendoza		Mendoza		None
PLS 3431	Ethnic Conflict	Comparative		Scarcelli		Scarcelli		Scarcelli			None
PLS 4430	European Governments and Politics	Comparative	Dean	Staff			Staff				None
PLS 4440	Latin American Governments and Politics	Comparative	Scauso		Scauso		Scauso		Scauso		None
PLS 4450	Sub-Saharan Africa Governments and Politics	Comparative									None
PLS 4460	Middle Eastern Governments and Politics	Comparative	Tremblay		Staff		Staff		Staff		None
PLS 4470	Government and Politics of the Russian Federation	Comparative				Staff					None
PLS 4480	East Asian Governments and Politics	Comparative		Mendoza			Mendoza				None
PLS 4490	Southeast Asian Governments and Politics	Comparative				Mendoza					None
PLS 3011	Constitutional Law: Governmental Powers	Public Law		Menounou							None
PLS 3021	Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties	Public Law	Kuhn			Kuhn					None
PLS 3031	Constitutional Law: Criminal Justice	Public Law			Kuhn						None
PLS 3041	The Criminal Justice System	Public Law		Reese							None
PLS 4050	Jurisprudence	Public Law		Kuhn							None
PLS 4090	Contemporary Issues in American Law	Public Law			Menounou	Menounou					None
PLS 3311	Ancient and Medieval Political Thought	Theory			Hargis			Hargis or Taylor			None
PLS 3321	Modern Political Thought	Theory		Taylor		Hargis			Hargis		None
PLS 3331	American Political Thought	Theory		Crisanti			Hargis				None
PLS 3345	Feminist Political Theory	Theory			Taylor			Hargis or Taylor			None
PLS 4341	Advanced American Political Thought	Theory	Taylor								None
PLS 4360	Contemporary Political Theory	Theory					Taylor		Taylor		None
PLS 4365	Contemporary Issues in Feminist Political Theory	Theory					Taylor				None
PLS 4381	Coalitional Activism: Women of Color Feminist Interv	Theory				Taylor				Taylor	None
PLS 4381	Environmental Political Theory	Theory		Hargis				Hargis			None
PLS 3080/A	Mock Trial and Activity	Elective	Guerrero	Guerrero	Kuhn	Kuhn					By application only (summer); can take twice
PLS 3821	Politics, Policies, Pop Culture (D4/4C)	Elective	Castillo								None
PLS 4211/A	Political Campaign Management and Activity	Elective									None
PLS 4800	Policies of Need and Greed	Elective									None
PLS 4421/A	Political Science Internship	Elective	Guerrero	Guerrero	Guerrero	Hargis	Hargis	Hargis	Hargis	Hargis	Can take twice
PLS 4990	Special Topics in Political Science - Study abroad	Elective			Reese (2)	Reese (2)	Reese (2)	Reese (2)	Reese (2)	Reese (2)	Can take twice
PLS 4990	Critical Interpretivism	Elective	Scauso			Scauso		Scauso		Scauso	Can take twice
PLS 4990	International Relations Theory	IR				Scauso		Scauso		Scauso	Can take twice
PLS 4990	Nationalism in Comparative Perspective	Comparative				Mendoza				Mendoza	Can take twice
CLS 4100	Model UN (C3/3C or D4/4C)	Elective		Scarcelli	Scarcelli	Scarcelli	Scarcelli	Scarcelli	Scarcelli	Scarcelli	By application only (summer & fall); can take twice
CLS 4410/A	Judicial Internship and Activity	Elective		Menounou		Menounou		Menounou		Menounou	By application only (fall)
CLS 4990	Model OAS	Elective		Mendoza							By application only (fall); can take twice
PLS 4610	Senior Thesis I	Capstone	Many		Many		Many		Many		By permission only (spring)
PLS 4620	Senior Thesis II	Capstone		Many		Many		Many		Many	By permission only (spring)
PLS 4411	Senior Internship I	Capstone	Chaturvedi		Nyenhuis		Nyenhuis		Nyenhuis		By permission only (spring)
PLS 4412	Senior Internship II	Capstone	Chaturvedi		Nyenhuis		Nyenhuis		Nyenhuis		By permission only (spring)