

Political Science Department / Summer 2023 Courses

NUMBER	TITLE	MODE	INSTRUCTOR
First Session [May 22 – June 30]			
100	Political Theory	online	Schumacher
101	American Politics	online	Blackmond-Larnell
358	War, Peace and Politics	online	Melin
Second Session [July 3 – August 11]			
102	International Relations in the Age of Globalization	online	Grigorescu
300A	Politics and Hollywood	online	Savage

PLSC 100 / Political Theory / Professor Michael Schumacher



A requirement for PLSC majors that also satisfies the Tier 2 Philosophical Knowledge component of the Core Curriculum, this course takes a thematic approach to introduce students to the subfield of political theory. The theme for this course is “violence.” Are humans violent by nature? Is politics necessarily violent? We will address questions like these from a philosophical perspective by engaging with historic debates from preeminent thinkers about morality, values, and justice. This course will be online and completely asynchronous with no scheduled class or exam times.

PLSC 101 / American Politics / Professor Twyla Blackmond-Larnell



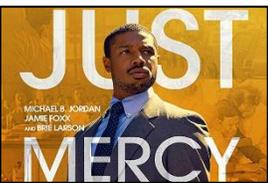
We will examine various aspects of American national government, politics, and policy-making, including public opinion and political participation, elections, news media, as well as the various elected/appointed offices. Students will review online lectures and complete four online exams. In this course, students will learn the introductory information they need to be engaged citizens while fulfilling the Tier 2 option in the Societal & Cultural Knowledge Area of the Core Curriculum.

PLSC 102 / International Relations in the Age of Globalization / Professor Alexandru Grigorescu



This course introduces students to the major concepts and approaches in international relations. In the first part we cover the basic theories in the field. In the second part, we focus on issues of interest to the study of international relations such as military conflict, the global economy, the environment, international law, terrorism, and human rights. The course is an option in the Tier I “Societal and Cultural Knowledge” area of the core curriculum, a requirement for Political Science, as well as for Global Studies majors. It involves ten postings in response to readings, a mid-term and final exam. It is taught online, asynchronously, to allow for a flexible summer schedule.

PLSC 300A / Politics and Hollywood / Professor Amanda Savage



Politics has always been a major theme for the American film industry. In this course you will watch and analyze some of the most iconic political films from the last several decades to see what they teach us about politics, political culture, and the place of the movie industry in American politics. Each week will focus on films about a different major political event in the past century, including: the Cold War, Watergate, Civil Rights and the War on Terror. Most of this class will be asynchronous but we will meet online for about an hour each week to discuss the films.

PLSC 358 / War, Peace and Politics / Professor Molly Melin



This course examines the role of domestic politics in civil war and peace. Civil war is currently the most violent and deadly forms of violence in the international system. Why do countries break out in conflict? This online class provides an introduction to, and overview of, the concepts and approaches related to the causes of civil conflict and cooperation. Students will gain an understanding of academic research and current ongoing civil wars. To participate in this course, you will need access to a computer and internet. Course requirements include forum posts, two short papers and a final paper.