

REVISED

Political Science Summer 2020 Classes

ALL CLASSES NOW ONLINE

SUMMER SESSION A

PLSC 102: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN AN AGE OF GLOBALIZATION (Grigorescu) ONLINE

PLSC 102 is a required course for Political Science majors and Global and International Studies majors. The course introduces students to the major concepts in the study of international relations. It offers examples from different areas of the world and from different moments in history to illustrate key theories and concepts of international relations. The course covers multiple issues that are of interest to the study of international politics such as military conflict, the global economy, the environment, terrorism, and human rights. The course is taught entirely online and is intended to give as much scheduling flexibility as possible. The course is entirely asynchronous to allow for greater flexibility in student's schedules.

PLSC 358: WAR PEACE AND POLITICS (Melin) ONLINE

This course focuses on the historical evolution of war. It discusses the nature of wars in the 20th century and into the 21st century, the nature of threats, sources of conflict, and procedures for peaceful resolution of disputes. We will discuss the principal causes of wars, the means and ends of warfare, and the process and prospects of reestablishing peace. The course is taught entirely online and is delivered through the Sakai platform.

SUMMER SESSION B

PLSC 101: AMERICAN POLITICS (Bryan) ONLINE

PLSC 101 is a required course for Political Science majors. This course will give an overview of the workings and non-workings of American government and politics. It is designed for PLSC majors/minors as well as students majoring in the humanities, education and other fields in the social sciences. There are no prerequisite political science courses required for taking this class. Topics covered will include the role of political parties and interest groups; Congress, the presidency and the courts; campaigning, campaign financing, polling, political action committees, the media, and other institutions as they have an impact on the governing process, elections and campaigns.

PLSC 300A: INEQUALITY & AMERICAN DEMOCRACY (Condon) ONLINE

Economic inequality is at a record high in the US. This course explores the political causes and consequences of this phenomenon. Why has the gap between the rich and the rest grown so much? What, if anything, do Americans want government to do about it? How do people develop opinions about the rich, the poor, and inequality itself? Students will explore cutting edge research and data on economic divides, public opinion trends, and policy solutions. This course will also pay particular attention to the social experience of inequality, investigating how much we interact with and think about others whose life circumstances differ from our own, and why that matters in a democracy.

PLSC 354: GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS (Sensi) (SWITCHED TO ONLINE)

This course examines the linkages between the world's natural environment and the global political system. It comprises four sections. First, we discuss Global Environmental Politics as the arena where environmental issues and their social, economic, political and ethical implications are debated and confronted. Recognizing that the environment is the ultimate common good, we shall analyze the challenges of, and opportunities for global cooperation to protect and preserve our common good. This course is taught entirely online.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

PLSC 370: FIELDWORK IN PLSC-INTERNSHIP (Grigorescu)

Students will gain practical experience in political and governmental agencies and organizations in Chicago. Some of the internship opportunities for this summer involve remote (online) work and meetings. Class meetings will be held online.

PLSC 396: DIRECTED READINGS (Schraeder)

Students will hone research and writing skills on a special research topic in close collaboration with a faculty sponsor.