

POLITICAL SCIENCE: SUMMER 2018

SESSION	NUM	TITLE	DAYS	TIME	INSTRUCTOR
5/21-6/29	101	American Politics	M/W	6:00-9:15pm	Sensi
5/21-6/29	102	International Relations	online course		Grigorescu
5/21-6/29	337	Terrorism	T/Th	6:00-9:15pm	Schumacher
7/2-8/10	358	War, Peace and Politics	online course		Melin
7/2-8/10	392	Environmental Politics	T/Th	6:00-9:15pm	Selden

PLSC 101: AMERICAN POLITICS (Sensi) M/W 6:00-9:15pm

FIRST SUMMER SESSION / LSC

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

FIRST SUMMER SESSION / 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.

PLSC 337: TERRORISM (Schumacher) T/Th 6:00-9:15pm

FIRST SUMMER SESSION / LSC

Whether perpetrated by state or nonstate actors, terrorism always deliberately targets noncombatants. It attacks not soldiers but civilians in order to induce some collection of people to behave differently. The aim of this course is to determine when and why groups of various sorts turn to terror as a political tactic and how this tactic can be countered effectively. Case studies from across the globe will be analyzed. This is a Comparative Politics course.

PLSC 358: WAR PEACE AND POLITICS (Melin)

SECOND SUMMER SESSION / 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.

PLSC 392: ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS (Selden) T/Th 6:00-9:15pm

SECOND SUMMER SESSION / LSC

This course discusses the issues, significant actors, and public policies relating to the environment. We will analyze and assess the role of various actors in the formulation, adoption and implementation of environmental public policies, and their impact on the everyday lives of citizens.