

Political Science Department / Spring Term 2022 Courses

NUMBER	TITLE	DAYS	TIME	INSTRUCTOR
Introductory Courses				
100	Political Theory	MWF	8:15-9:05 am	Asil
100	Political Theory	MWF	10:20-11:15 am	Blajer de la Garza
100	Political Theory	MWF	1:40-2:30 pm	Schumacher
100	Political Theory	MWF	2:45- 3:35 pm	Schumacher
100	Political Theory	TuTh	1:00-2:15 pm	Mayer
101	American Politics	MWF	9:20-10:10 am	Blackmond Larnell
101	American Politics	TuTh	8:30-9:45 am	Sensi
101	American Politics	TuTh	10:00-11:15 am	Doherty
101	American Politics	TuTh	1:00-2:15 pm	Sensi
102	International Relations	MWF	10:25-11:15 am	Maxey
102	International Relations	MWF	12:35-1:25 pm	Hasselmann
102	International Relations	MWF	1:40-2:30 pm	Hii
102	International Relations	TuTh	11:30-12:45 pm	Pavel
102	International Relations	TuTh	1:00-2:15 pm	Endless
102	International Relations	Tu	4:15-6:45 pm	Ross Camarena
103	Comparative Politics	TuTh	10:00-11:15 am	Boyle
103	Comparative Politics	TuTh	11:30-12:45 pm	Kao
American Politics				
202	Mock Trial	Tu	7:00-9:30 pm	Walsh
208	Representation in the United States	TuTh	1:00-2:15 pm	Doherty
300A	Minority Politics	MWF	11:30-12:20 pm	Blackmond Larnell
300A	Research Seminar: Representation	TuTh	2:30-3:45 pm	Hansen
320	Constitutional Law: Due Process	Tu	7:00-9:30 pm	Walsh
322	Constitutional Law: Rights & Liberties	MWF	11:30-12:20 pm	Savage
335	Urban Semester Seminar	TuTh	1:40-5:15 pm	Rosenblatt
392	Environmental Politics	MWF	8:15-9:05 am	Condon
Comparative Politics				
300C	The Politics of Energy	W	4:15-6:45 pm	Thompson
300C	Politics in Contemporary China	TuTh	10:00-11:15 am	Kao
342	African Politics	TuTh	8:30-9:45 am	Boyle
347	The European Union	MWF	1:40-2:30 pm	Giurcanu
355C	Women and Politics	MWF	10:25-11:15 am	Avdeyeva
360	Western European Politics	Tu	4:15-6:45 pm	Mahler
368	Politics in the Middle East	TuTh	11:30-12:45 pm	Maboudi
International Relations				
300D	Global Warfare and Technology	MWF	8:15-9:05 am	Claar
300D	LGBTQ Politics in Global Perspective	MWF	2:45-3:35 pm	Hii
325	American Foreign Policy	MWF	2:45-3:35 pm	Thompson
353	International Law	TuTh	2:30-3:45 pm	Endless
354	Global Environmental Politics	TuTh	2:30-3:45 pm	Sensi
356	Intervention in World Politics	MWF	12:35-1:25 pm	Schumacher
367	Model United Nations	Th	4:15-6:45 pm	Endless
Political Theory				
300B	Global Justice	MWF	8:15-9:05 am	Blajer de la Garza
300B	International Relations Philosophy	MWF	9:20-10:10 am	Claar
300B	Islamic Political Thought	MWF	12:35-1:25 pm	Greene
308	Contemporary Political Theory	MWF	10:25-11:15 am	Schumacher
Miscellaneous Courses				
370	Political Science Internship	internship director permission required		
395	Honors Seminar: Albert Camus	Tu	4:15-6:45 pm	Mayer
396	Directed Readings	instructor permission required		

● scroll down for descriptions of these courses ●

PLSC 100 / Political Theory

An introduction to alternative theories of good government and social improvement. This course is a Tier 2 option in the Philosophical Knowledge Area of the Core Curriculum.

MWF	8:15-9:05 am	Asil
MWF	10:20-11:15 am	Blajer de la Garza
MWF	1:40-2:30 pm	Schumacher
MWF	2:45- 3:35 pm	Schumacher
TuTh	1:00-2:15 pm	Mayer

PLSC 101 / American Politics

An introduction to American national government and politics, including institutions, electoral processes, and public policy. This course is a Tier 2 option in the Societal & Cultural Knowledge Area of the Core Curriculum.

MWF	9:20-10:10 am	Blackmond Larnell
TuTh	8:30-9:45 am	Sensi
TuTh	10:00-11:15 am	Doherty
TuTh	1:00-2:15 pm	Sensi

PLSC 102 / International Relations

An introduction to international politics and global issues such as human rights, war and peace, trade, and climate change. This course is a Tier 1 option in the Societal & Cultural Knowledge Area of the Core Curriculum

MWF	10:25-11:15 am	Maxey
MWF	12:35-1:25 pm	Hasselmann
MWF	1:40-2:30 pm	Hii
TuTh	11:30-12:45 pm	Pavel
TuTh	1:00-2:15 pm	Endless
Tu	4:15-6:45 pm	Ross Camarena

PLSC 103 / Comparative Politics

An introduction to the cross-national comparison of political institutions and political behavior.

TuTh	10:00-11:15 am	Boyle
TuTh	11:30-12:45 pm	Kao

PLSC 202 / Mock Trial

An engaged-learning course on the trial process, with attention to trial strategy, direct and cross examination, and opening and closing arguments. Instructor permission is required prior to registration.

Tu	7:00-9:30 pm	Walsh
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PLSC 208 / Representation in the United States

An examination of the way a diverse population is represented by political institutions in the United States today.

TuTh	1:00-2:15 pm	Doherty
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PLSC 300A / Minority Politics

An introduction to the politics of traditionally marginalized groups in the United States, with a focus on race, ethnicity, gender, immigration status, and sexuality.

MWF	11:30-12:20 pm	Blackmond Larnell
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PLSC 300A / Who Represents Us? A Research Seminar in Descriptive Representation

An introduction to the way that political scientists conduct research and featuring hands-on experience with a study of elected officials in Illinois.

TuTh	2:30-3:45 pm	Hansen
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PLSC 300B / Global Justice

An exploration of what justice requires when it transcends the nation-state, with attention given to topics such as immigration and open borders, climate change, and the morality of global capitalism.

MWF	8:15-9:05 am	Blajer de la Garza
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PLSC 300B: International Relations Philosophy

A survey of political thought relating to war, peace, and international relations, from the ancient world to the present, with attention devoted to the rules of war, weapons and tactics, terrorism, international organizations and international law.

MWF	9:20-10:10 am	Claar
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PLSC 300B: Islamic Political Thought

An examination of a body of work spanning at least ten centuries, this course explores different strands of political philosophy within the Islamic tradition.

MWF	12:35-1:25 pm	Greene
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PLSC 300C / The Politics of Energy: A Comparative Perspective

An analysis of the redistribution of economic and political power that is occurring at the national and regional levels due to the global transition to a zero-carbon energy future.

W	4:15-6:45 pm	Thompson
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PLSC 300C / Politics in Contemporary China

A survey of the Chinese political system as it has developed over the past century.

TuTh	10:00-11:15 am	Kao
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PLSC 300D / Global Warfare and Technology

An exploration of the way that warfare and technology — from bows to drones — relate to and change each other, from the ancient world to the near future of warfare.

MWF	8:15-9:05 am	Claar
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PLSC 300D / LGBTQ Politics in a Global Perspective

Traces the development of LGBTQ rights across the globe over the past 50 years and examines the barriers to the expansion of these rights.

MWF	2:45-3:35 pm	Hii
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PLSC 308 / Contemporary Political Theory

A study of major political theorists from the nineteenth century to the present.

MWF	10:25-11:15 am	Schumacher
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PLSC 320 / Constitutional Law — Due Process

An examination of the Supreme Court's role in defining substantive and procedural due process issues, such as criminal procedure, individual autonomy, and economic regulation.

Tu	7:00-9:30 pm	Walsh
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PLSC 322 / Constitutional Law — Rights and Liberties

An examination of the Supreme Court's role in defining constitutional guarantees of equal protection and individual freedom.

MWF	11:30-12:20 pm	Savage
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PLSC 325 / American Foreign Policy

A study of the origins, development, and implementation of American foreign policies.

MWF	2:45-3:35 pm	Thompson
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PLSC 335 / Urban Semester Seminar

An exploration of the way cities work and pressing urban problems, through texts, field trips, and guest speakers.

TuTh	1:40-5:15 pm	Rosenblatt
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PLSC 342 / African Politics

A study of the forces shaping political societies south of the Sahara, with attention to the heritage of colonialism, the process of modernization, and the rise of political movements.

TuTh	8:30-9:45 am	Boyle
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PLSC 347 / The European Union

An introduction to the European Union, a regional organization linking the nations of Europe.

MWF	1:40-2:30 pm	Giurcanu
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PLSC 353 / International Law

An introduction to the legal principles and procedures of recognized international law.

TuTh	2:30-3:45 pm	Endless
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PLSC 354 / Global Environmental Politics

An examination of the linkages between the world's natural environment and the global political system.

TuTh	2:30-3:45 pm	Sensi
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PLSC 355C / Women and Politics — A Cross-National Perspective

A cross-national exploration of women's status in the political world, as voters, activists, and officeholders.

MWF	10:25-11:15 am	Avdeyeva
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PLSC 356 / Intervention in World Politics

An examination of the use of political, economic, and military instruments by one country to influence the domestic or foreign policies of another country.

MWF	12:35-1:25 pm	Schumacher
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PLSC 360 / Western European Politics

A comparative study of the structures, processes, and functions of the parties and governments of the western powers, with emphasis on the United Kingdom, France and the German Federal Republic.

Tu	4:15-6:45 pm	Mahler
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PLSC 367 / Model United Nations

An introduction to the operations and practices of the United Nations, including training for student participation in the Model U.N. program. Instructor permission is required prior to registration.

Th	4:15-6:45 pm	Endless
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PLSC 368 / Politics of the Middle East

A comparative study of contemporary politics in the Middle East and North Africa.

TuTh	11:30-12:45 pm	Maboudi
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PLSC 392 / Environmental Politics

A study of the issues, significant actors, and public policies relating to the environment.

MWF	8:15-9:05 am	Condon
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PLSC 395 / PLSC Honors Seminar / Albert Camus — Stranger, Rebel, Artist

An exploration of the novels, plays, and essays of the French Resistance thinker and Nobel Prize-winning existentialist, Albert Camus. Enrollment is limited to students who have been admitted to the Political Science Honors Program.

Tu	4:15-6:45 pm	Mayer
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Political Science Major

To graduate with a major in Political Science, students must complete 33 hours of course work (11 courses) in the department or through transfer or advanced placement credit. All majors are required to take any three of the following four courses: PLSC 100, 101, 102, and 103, plus one upper-division (200- or 300-level) course from each of the discipline's four subfields: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations and Political Theory.

Political Science Minor

To graduate with a minor in Political Science, students must complete 18 hours of course work (6 courses) in the department or through transfer or advanced placement credit. All minors are required to complete any two of the four introductory courses: PLSC 100, PLSC 101, PLSC 102 and PLSC 103. They must also complete four additional courses of their choosing, either introductory or upper-level classes, regardless of the subfield.

Honors in Political Science

Qualified majors may earn Honors in Political Science by completing a twelfth course: the Political Science Honors Seminar (PLSC 395). The seminar explores a different research topic in Political Science each year. Admission into the program requires a 3.5 GPA overall and in Political Science, as well as the completion of seven Political Science classes (21 credit hours). The Honors Seminar does not count toward the 33 credit hours required for a Political Science major. To apply, visit <https://www.luc.edu/politicalscience/honors.shtml> or email the undergraduate program director, Professor Robert Mayer, at rmayer@luc.edu.

Chicago Internship Program

This program allows students to earn course credit while gaining valuable professional experience as an intern in the Chicagoland area. Internship opportunities include positions with U.S. Representatives and Senators, Illinois Legislators, political campaigns, international organizations, policy think-tanks, and city, state, and federal agencies. Interns earn 3 or 6 credit hours by working in an internship position that is jointly agreed upon by the student and the internship coordinator. The intern also takes part in a special seminar that meets four times during the semester and keeps a journal and writes a research paper related to the internship experience. Students need the permission of the internship coordinator to register and must submit an application form. For more information, visit https://www.luc.edu/politicalscience/internships_chicago.shtml or email Professor Meghan Condon at mcondon1@luc.edu.

Washington Internship Program

Spend a semester in the nation's capital studying Political Science and working in an internship placement. LUC in DC is open to all undergraduate majors. Students must be juniors or seniors during the internship semester but may apply to the program during their sophomore year. Student housing in DC is available. For more information, visit <http://www.luc.edu/politicalscience/dc/> or email Professor Susan Dimock at sdimock@luc.edu.

Dual-Degree Program in Political Science

The B.A./M.A. Program allows well-qualified undergraduate Political Science majors to complete a bachelors and a master's degree in just five years. Junior political science majors with an overall GPA of at least 3.30 are eligible to apply. Admitted students will take Political Science graduate courses during their fourth and fifth years at Loyola. For more information, visit https://www.luc.edu/politicalscience/dual_degree.shtml or email Professor Molly Melin, at mmelin@luc.edu.