

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Political Science and Criminal Justice Department (<http://www.csuchico.edu/pols/>)

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Insight

If you are interested in politics, how and why government works the way it does, how society responds to crime, international political issues and systems, political theory, or the law, then join us in the Political Science and Criminal Justice Department. We offer bachelor's degrees in criminal justice, international relations, political science (with options in U.S. politics and legal studies), and public administration. We also offer the paralegal certificate and several minors. At the graduate level, we offer the Master of Arts in Political Science and the Master of Public Administration (with options in Health Administration and Criminal Justice).

Our department's accomplished, committed, and energetic faculty offer a variety of courses on wide-ranging topics and will guide you through a program suited to your interests. Our program advisors are the best on campus.

Experience

The Political Science and Criminal Justice Department supports numerous internships, service learning opportunities, study abroad, and other activities such as the award-winning Model United Nations, the Community Legal Information Clinic, the Moot Court competition, Pi Sigma Alpha (the national political science honor society), the Pre-Law Society, and the Criminal Justice Student Association. Moreover, we are pleased to offer more scholarships and awards than any other department in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences.

Our department has been the proud host of the California State University, Chico Town Hall Meeting since 2009. The Town Hall Meeting provides students in our American government courses with a public arena for sharing their research and their perspectives on public policy. This experience is designed to illustrate the meaningful nature of research in the world beyond the university as it brings students into dialogue with a wide array of participants, including community members with a stake or interest in the policies under discussion. Students consider solutions to real policy problems and discuss how they can become involved in activities to promote the solutions they propose. Several years of assessments indicate that the Town Hall Meeting improves student learning of course content, changes students' self-perception, improves students' civic participation, increases students' self-esteem, and increases student retention rates.

Outlook

The mission of the Political Science and Criminal Justice Department is to provide students with the educational experiences and environment to become familiar with and competent in the attitudes, subjects, and skills of the disciplines of political science, legal studies, international relations, and criminal justice. While each major and program in our department also has its own mission and goals, we strive for all our students to gain

a sense of civic responsibility and to have the capacity to attain career success that allows them to utilize the knowledge, skills, and judgment acquired in our programs.

Our graduates fill staff and management positions in local, state, and federal government, as well as business and industry. Some sit in Congress and in statehouses. A large number work as staff to elected political officials. Many work as lobbyists, journalists, and in government and public relations. Because our department sponsors a legal studies and paralegal certificate program, many excel in careers in law.

Programs

Undergraduate

Bachelor's

- Criminal Justice BA (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/college-behavioral-social-sciences/political-science-criminal-justice/criminal-justice-ba/>)
- International Relations BA (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/college-behavioral-social-sciences/political-science-criminal-justice/international-relations-ba/>)
- Political Science BA (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/college-behavioral-social-sciences/political-science-criminal-justice/political-science-ba/>)
- Public Administration BA (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/college-behavioral-social-sciences/political-science-criminal-justice/public-administration-ba/>)

Minors

- Criminal Justice Minor (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/college-behavioral-social-sciences/political-science-criminal-justice/criminal-justice-minor/>)
- International Relations Minor (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/college-behavioral-social-sciences/political-science-criminal-justice/international-relations-minor/>)
- Political Science Minor (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/college-behavioral-social-sciences/political-science-criminal-justice/political-science-minor/>)
- Public Administration Minor (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/college-behavioral-social-sciences/political-science-criminal-justice/public-administration-minor/>)

Certificates

- Paralegal Certificate (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/college-behavioral-social-sciences/political-science-criminal-justice/paralegal-certificate/>)

Graduate

Master's

- Political Science MA (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/college-behavioral-social-sciences/political-science-criminal-justice/political-science-ma/>)
- Public Administration MPA (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/college-behavioral-social-sciences/political-science-criminal-justice/mpa/>)

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POLS 101 Vital Political Problems 3 Units GE**Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

An examination of major political problems challenging America today. Emphasis on class discussion of controversial topics involving political policy in the context of the study of political science. 3 hours lecture. (007467)

General Education: Social Sciences (D)**Grade Basis:** Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Lower Division**POLS 102 Politics of the Developing World 3 Units GC, GE****Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

The political dynamics of selected developing countries. Major emphasis will be on problems of poverty, colonialism, comparative political structures and behavior, imperialism, and international relations. The course will also focus on tensions in the political culture between traditional and non-traditional values in contemporary developing societies. 3 hours lecture. (007468)

General Education: Social Sciences (D)**Grade Basis:** Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Lower Division; Global Cultures**POLS 112 Law, Politics, and Justice 3 Units GE, USD****Typically Offered:** Fall only

An introduction to the structure, composition, and performance of the judicial process and its role in the resolution of societal conflicts. Following an examination into the nature of law, the course focuses on the essential actors in the process and review the performance of their roles. Issues critical to a free society freedom of speech, rights of the accused, equal protection and their impact on certain populations are studied to illustrate the politics of distributing "justice" by means of the courts. 3 hours lecture. (007470)

General Education: Social Sciences (D)**Grade Basis:** Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Lower Division; U.S. Diversity**POLS 141 Introduction to International Relations 3 Units****Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

Introduces students to concepts and theories in International Relations, with an emphasis on contemporary issues. This is a pre-requisite for upper-division International Relations courses. 3 hours lecture. (021819)

Grade Basis: Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Lower Division**POLS 142 Introduction to Comparative Politics 3 Units****Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

This course introduces students to concepts and theories in Comparative Politics, as well as the politics of the different regions of the world. This course is a pre-requisite for upper-division comparative politics courses. 3 hours lecture. (021810)

Grade Basis: Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Lower Division**POLS 155 American Government: National, State, and Local 3 Units GE****Typically Offered:** Spring, summer, fall

An investigation of Who gets What, When, and How in national, state, and local politics. Also includes principles of American governmental institutions, federal systems, congress, president, and courts. Fulfills California state graduation and credential requirements for the American Constitution. (Satisfies requirement in California Administrative Code, Title 5, Section 40404.) 3 hours lecture. (007475)

General Education: American Government: National, State, Local**Grade Basis:** Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Lower Division**POLS 198 Special Topics 1-3 Units****Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

This course is for special topics offered for 1.0-3.0 units. Typically the topic is offered on a one-time-only basis and may vary from term to term and be different for different sections. See the Class Schedule for the specific topic being offered. 3 hours lecture. (007487)

Grade Basis: Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course more than once**Course Attributes:** Lower Division**POLS 250 Introduction to Criminal Justice 3 Units GE, USD****Typically Offered:** Spring only

The history and philosophy of criminal justice in America; recapitulation of the system and how it disproportionately impacts different groups in America; identifying the various sub-systems, role expectations, and their interrelationships; theories of crime, punishment, and rehabilitation; ethics, education, and training for professionalism in the criminal justice system. 3 hours lecture. (001563)

General Education: Social Sciences (D)**Grade Basis:** Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Lower Division; U.S. Diversity**POLS 251 Introduction to Legal Studies 3 Units****Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

Social science-based analysis of the interaction of law and its social contexts. Course elements include fundamentals of legal systems, their institutional structures, and critical issues. Case studies and interpretive themes will provide analytical focus. 3 hours lecture. (022301)

Grade Basis: Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Lower Division**POLS 257 Juvenile Justice Process 3 Units****Typically Offered:** Inquire at department

This course provides an introduction to the juvenile justice system in the United States. Juvenile justice is a key component of the overall criminal justice system. The course highlights the activity in the main institutions of juvenile justice (the police, the courts, and corrections), examines past practice as well as concentrating on current policies, explores some of the reasons for treating juveniles differently from adults, and investigates future policy in juvenile justice. 3 hours lecture. (007478)

Grade Basis: Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Lower Division

- POLS 258 Criminal Law** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 Examines current and developing programs and issues in the field of criminal justice. 3 hours seminar. (001603)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Lower Division
- POLS 259 Chico Police Service Learning Practicum** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course examines criminal investigation techniques and includes a survey of a wide variety of topics in criminal investigation. Emphasis is placed on the practical application of education toward gaining employment and enhancing law enforcement careers. During the semester, students participate in a Chico community service learning project. 3 hours lecture. (007479)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Lower Division
- POLS 260 Introduction to Public Administration** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 Executive function in government; survey of the principles of administrative organization, personnel management, financial administration, administrative law, administrative policies. Problems and trends in government as a career. 3 hours lecture. (022246)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Lower Division
- POLS 301 Vital Political Problems** **3 Units**
Prerequisite: Upper-division standing.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 An examination of major political problems challenging America today. Emphasis on class discussion of controversial topics involving political policy in the context of the study of political science. 3 hours lecture. (015555)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 312 Issues in Criminal Justice** **3 Units**
Prerequisite: POLS 250 or concurrent enrollment.
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course is a seminar on selected topics in criminal justice. 3 hours lecture. (020601)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 9 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 324W Women and Politics (W)** **3 Units GE, W**
Prerequisite: GE Oral Communication (A1); GE Written Communication (A2); GE Critical Thinking (A3); GE Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4) requirements, or consent of the instructor.
Typically Offered: Fall only
 Analysis of the roles of women in politics; volunteer, candidate, elected official. Considers politics of the women's movement and women's issues. 3 hours lecture. (007491)
General Education: Upper-Division Social Sciences (UDD); Gender and Sexuality Pathway
Cross listing(s): WMST 324W
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Writing Course
- POLS 327 The Politics of Race and Ethnicity in the United States** **3 Units USD**
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 Analysis of the role of race and ethnicity in the American political process, including a critique of their role in local, state, and national elections. Factors accounting for participation and non-participation will be analyzed. 3 hours lecture. (000137)
Cross listing(s): MCGS 327
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; U.S. Diversity
- POLS 328 Latino Politics** **3 Units GE**
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course offers a survey regarding Latinos in US politics. It explores both the political history of Latino subgroups and contemporary analyses of Latino political behavior and socialization. 3 hours lecture. (022100)
General Education: Ethnic Studies (F)
Cross listing(s): CHLX 328
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 331W Introduction to Research Methods (W)** **4 Units W, GW**
Prerequisite: GE Written Communication (A2) requirement.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 An introduction to research methods that includes framing research questions, evaluating and using scholarly resources, and developing an appreciation for multi-disciplinary and ethics in research. Emphasizes the critique of theory and paradigms of conducting research. 1 hour discussion, 3 hours lecture. (007495)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Writing Course; Graduation Writing Assessment
- POLS 332 Criminal Justice Ethics** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 An investigation of contemporary moral issues involved in police work and corrections, such as deadly force, entrapment, undercover work, corruption, and prisoners' rights. 3 hours seminar. (007269)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 340A Model United Nations** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Fall only
 Introduction to the United Nations, its procedures and current issues on its agenda to prepare delegates to participate in the a Model United Nations Conference held during the fall semester. 3 hours lecture. (007498)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

- POLS 340B Model United Nations** **3 Units**
Prerequisite: POLS 340A.
Typically Offered: Spring only
 Individual and group research on an assigned country and its U.N. policy positions plus mock session activities to prepare delegates to represent that country at the National Model United Nations Conference held in New York City during the spring semester. Either attendance at the New York City conference or a 15-page research paper on a U.N. agenda topic is required. 3 hours lecture. (007499)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 340C Model United Nations Leadership** **1-12 Units**
Prerequisite: POLS 340A, POLS 340B.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course directs students through the process of being an officer in the Model United Nations (MUN) program. As an officer, students have the opportunity to take on significant responsibilities in the management and mentoring process of the MUN program. Must have successfully completed at least two semesters of Model United Nations courses previously and have received both the recommendation of peers within the program and the faculty advisor's permission. Enrollment in this course is required for both the fall and spring semesters. In addition, each officer will have responsibilities over winter break intersession. Must participate in MUN conferences in both the fall and spring semester. 1 hour seminar. (021165)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 12 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 344 U.S. Foreign Policy** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 Course analyzes post-World War II American foreign policy. It examines the origins and development of the cold war, with attention to nuclear capabilities, the growth of national security bureaucracy, and the impact on American society. Special attention is given to the decision-making process as well as to theories of personality, organizational behavior, and the political process as these affect the cold war basis of American foreign policy. 3 hours lecture. (007503)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 345 War, Conflict, and Security** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Fall only
 The objective of this course is to further the student's understanding of the causes and nature of both international war and within state conflicts. The course covers the different typologies war and strategies of waging war, as well as, the evolution of arms/weapons. The final part of the course focuses on the causes and consequence of the civil conflict and the nature of intrastate organized violence. We also discuss the rationale for international bodies and individual nation's attempts to intervene and prevent wars. 3 hours lecture. (021830)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 346 International Organizations and NGO's** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Spring only
 This course explores modern political phenomenon of how states and groups use international organizations (IOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to address pressing international problems. After reviewing the theoretical basis for cooperation, the course examines IOs and NGOs in their any forms (e.g. the United Nations, OPEC, Common Markets, the IMF, the World Bank, multinational corporations, Amnesty International and Greenpeace). Students learn the details of these different IOs and NGOs function as the basis for a discussion of two fundamental questions of international relations: Whether or not countries and/or groups can cooperate to solve international problems? And, if so, how? 3 hours lecture. (007561)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 347 Comparative Political Behavior** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Fall only
 This course introduces students to the study of mass political behavior. The course examines how well theories of voting, partisanship, protest, and public opinion travel to other parts of the world. Students are also introduced to the forms of political participation in contexts dissimilar from our own, such as authoritarian regimes. 3 hours lecture. (021813)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 352 Policing in America** **3 Units**
Prerequisite: POLS 250.
Typically Offered: Fall only
 This course examines the history, philosophy, evolution, and legal obligations of the police and the roles, functions, and policy issues associated with policing in a democratic society. 3 hours lecture. (007505)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 353 Corrections** **3 Units**
Prerequisite: POLS 250.
Typically Offered: Spring only
 This course surveys corrections in the United States, including the history, philosophy, and evolution of correctional systems; correctional institutions, community-based corrections, and correctional policy issues. 3 hours lecture. (007506)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 354 Community Corrections** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course considers the historical development of probation and parole, addresses questions regarding how and why probation and parole have changed over time, and outlines how community corrections are influenced by the constraints of the criminal justice system and how it is affected by public perceptions of crime and criminals. Students assess the success and feasibility of community corrections given current resources and public sentiment. Finally, the course addresses the population of offenders that are on probation and parole, their likely backgrounds and futures. 3 hours lecture. (007507)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

- POLS 355 American Government: National, State, and Local** 3 Units
Prerequisite: Upper-division standing.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 An investigation of Who gets What, When, and How in national, state, and local politics. Also includes principles of American governmental institutions, federal system, congress, president, and courts. Fulfills California state graduation and credential requirements for the American Constitution. (Satisfies requirement in California Administrative Code, Title 5, Section 40404.) 3 hours lecture. (015523)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 356 Legal Analysis** 3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall only
 The objective of this course is to teach students legal analysis using Socratic method, briefing cases, and law-school-type examinations. The course will be aimed at students considering law school. 3 hours lecture. (007583)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 363 Crime Prevention** 3 Units
Prerequisite: POLS 250.
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course examines the situational, social, and legislative approaches to the prevention of crime and delinquency. The emphasis is on the theories of victimization and the extent to which victim demographics play a role in crime, and the implementation and consequences of various crime prevention policies and approaches and their differential effects on victims throughout various sectors of society. 3 hours lecture. (021288)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 364 Restorative Justice** 3 Units
Prerequisite: POLS 250 (may be taken concurrently).
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course highlights the responsibilities and roles of all community members in accomplishing justice. In particular, it focuses on harms instead of crimes, the debt owed to victims and communities instead of to the state, and making the situation right through restoration and other methods instead of constructing deviancy. 3 hours lecture. (021289)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 365W Theories, Practices, and Administration of Justice (W)** 3 Units GE, USD, W
Prerequisite: GE Oral Communication (A1); GE Written Communication (A2); GE Critical Thinking (A3); GE Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4) requirements, or consent of the instructor.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course introduces students to the theories and practices of justice, as well as the administration of justice. As a writing intensive course, students examine pertinent justice issues of local, national, or international significance, identify the theory (or theories) of justice relevant to the situation, and investigate how justice was (or was not) administered. 3 hours lecture. (007600)
General Education: Upper-Division Social Sciences (UDD); Equity, Ethics, and Policy Pathway
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; U.S. Diversity; Writing Course
- POLS 384 Criminology** 3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 The study of crime and criminal behavior as a social phenomenon. Adopting a sociological perspective, this course examines crime trends, types of crime, and social and personal factors related to criminal behavior. Special attention is paid to inequality in the criminal justice system, street and white-collar crimes, victimization and other social costs of crime and punishment. 3 hours lecture. (009017)
Cross listing(s): SOCI 384
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 391E Simulation in Political Science: International Relations** 1 Unit
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course is a simulation on selected topics in international relations. 3 hours independent study. (007512)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 396 Research Symposium Experience** 1 Unit
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course will culminate with the presentation of students work at a research conference or symposium, such as the department's fall student research symposium, the BSS spring research symposium, or other professional conferences. Student presentation of work may be accomplished through a variety of formats, such as oral presentations, poster presentations, or panel presentations. 3 hours supervision. (022164)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 397 Tutorial in Political Science** 1 Unit
Prerequisite: Faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Spring only
 Individual consultation with faculty in working on special projects, reading lists, or areas of deficiency. 3 hours independent study. (007519)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 1 unit
Course Attributes: Upper Division

- POLS 398 Special Topics** **1-3 Units**
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course is for special topics offered for 1.0-3.0 units. Typically the topic is offered on a one-time-only basis and may vary from term to term and be different for different sections. See the Class Schedule for the specific topic being offered. 3 hours lecture. (007522)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course more than once
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 399 Independent Study** **1-3 Units**
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course is an independent study of special problems. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. 0 hours independent study. (007523)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 401W Sexual Minorities Law/Politics (W)** **3 Units GE, USD, W**
Prerequisite: GE Oral Communication (A1); GE Written Communication (A2); GE Critical Thinking (A3); GE Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4) requirements, or consent of the instructor.
Typically Offered: Spring only
 Students examine how the law (made by judges, legislators, and voters) has influenced and continues to influence the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender individuals. Students critically analyze how the rights of sexual minorities have developed or failed to develop. The class includes discussion of gay movements' politics, accomplishments, and opponents. Finally, contemporary issues surrounding legal and political issues that impact sexual minorities are addressed. 3 hours lecture. (020186)
General Education: Upper-Division Social Sciences (UDD); Gender and Sexuality Pathway
Cross listing(s): MCGS 401W
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; U.S. Diversity; Writing Course
- POLS 402 State and Local Government** **3 Units GE**
Prerequisite: GE Oral Communication (A1); GE Written Communication (A2); GE Critical Thinking (A3); GE Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4) requirements, or consent of the instructor.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 Analysis of the history and development of the American federal system and the role of state and local governments, with special emphasis directed to the government and politics of California. Among the major topics considered: the state and local political systems; the political environment; party, interest group, citizen, and media inputs; and current problems and changing functions affecting state and local governments. 3 hours lecture. (007524)
General Education: Upper-Division Social Sciences (UDD); California Studies Pathway
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 404 Interest Groups and Lobbying** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 Course focuses on the lobbying process at the state and national level and considers the role interest groups play within the American-state governmental milieu. 3 hours lecture. (007526)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 405 Health Care Policy and Politics** **3 Units**
Prerequisite: PHHA 331.
Typically Offered: Spring only
 An analysis of the political forces, both private and public, which have an impact upon the health industry in the United States. Focusing on problems related to the delivery of health care, the course will cover such issues as availability, accessibility, appropriateness, acceptance, accounting, and alternatives. 3 hours seminar. (001587)
Cross listing(s): PHHA 435
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 410 International Law** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course explores the international laws that govern the behavior of nation-states. Students in this course learn a variety of skills, including how to brief cases, analyze the strengths and weaknesses of the international legal system, and conduct original research on an international legal topic of their choosing. Though this course covers the broad system of how international laws are made as well as the normative content of those laws, special attention is given to how the United States engages with the international law. 3 hours lecture. (021827)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 411 Political Economy** **3 Units**
Prerequisite: POLS 141.
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 Examines the intersection of the market and the polis, including the emergence of capitalism and international trade. The first part of the course focuses on the evolution of market-oriented societies by surveying classical readings in political economy including Hegel, Kojeve, Locke, Ricardo, Marx, and Polanyi. The second part examines the complex dynamics between the state and the economy with an emphasis on contemporary challenges (e.g., the politics of fiscal and monetary policy, economic integration, international trade and finance, human rights and labor issues, poverty, and inequality). 3 hours lecture. (021828)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

- POLS 412 Comparative Political Institutions** 3 Units
Typically Offered: Spring only
 This course introduces students to the variety of institutional arrangements found outside of the United States. The course covers both authoritarian and democratic institutions, but focuses primarily on the latter. Specifically, the course covers executive and electoral arrangements, as well as federal v. unitary systems. At the culmination of the course, students are able to assess advantages and disadvantages of each institutional arrangement. 3 hours lecture. (021803)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 414 Politics of Terrorism** 3 Units
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 A multi-dimensional and cross-disciplinary study of the historical and contemporary phenomenon of terrorism and counterterrorist policy. Focus is on terrorism as different from war, the sources and practitioners of terrorism, and the multiple rationales for its use. Study will include both domestic and international terrorism, private and state as well as national and international counterterrorist policy. Particular attention on the threat of terrorism to liberal democracy and development of liberal democratic counterterrorist policy. 3 hours lecture. (007575)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 415 Comparative Criminal Justice** 3 Units
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course introduces students to different criminal justice systems around the world. After an introduction about the relevance of comparative research and methodological challenges that can arise when doing such work, students learn about the criminal justice systems of different countries in the world and their wider historical, cultural, political, and economic contexts. 3 hours lecture. (022074)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 416 Pop Culture and Criminal Justice** 3 Units
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course encourages students to analyze the complexities of popular culture in greater focus and depth and to understand the ways in which criminal justice is represented in popular culture and, in some circumstances, may be influenced by popular culture. 3 hours lecture. (022220)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 421 Applied Research Methods** 3 Units
Prerequisite: POLS 331W or faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 Investigation of methodology and the techniques used in the study of political phenomena, with emphasis on the construction of appropriate research designs, data collection, and analysis. 3 hours discussion. (007542)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 424 Public Opinion and Propaganda** 3 Units
Prerequisite: CMST 131, CMST 330, CMST 331W, CMST 350 with a grade of C- or higher for CMST majors only.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 Analysis of major factors in group and individual opinion formation, with emphasis on politics, opinion measurement, and the role of mass media in the political process. 3 hours lecture. (002029)
Cross listing(s): CMST 424, JOUR 424
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 427 U.S. Campaigns and Elections** 3 Units
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 An exploration of campaigns and elections in the United States with emphasis on the activities and strategies of candidates for office, the behavior of voters, the role of political parties, interest groups, and the media, and the financing of campaigns. 3 hours lecture. (007549)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 428 Politics and the Media** 3 Units
Prerequisite: CMST 131, CMST 330, CMST 331W, and CMST 350 with a grade of C- or higher for CMST majors only.
Typically Offered: Fall only
 An examination of the relationships of politics and the mass media. Topics may include politics, visual rhetoric, the public sphere studies, media analysis, public policy decisions, political media campaigns, and social movements. 3 hours seminar. (002246)
Cross listing(s): CMST 428, JOUR 428
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 429W Senior Seminar in U.S. Politics (W)** 3 Units W
Typically Offered: Spring only
 This is a seminar on selected topics in U.S. politics, including American political theory, institutions, and processes. This seminar assesses the substantive knowledge, critical analysis, writing, speaking, and computer skills of senior-level students. 3 hours seminar. (007550)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Writing Course
- POLS 432 American Political Thought** 3 Units
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 Considers competing democratic and republican claims in the context of social Darwinism, Populism, Progressivism, New Deal, and Post-World War II. Uses primary sources and novels. 3 hours lecture. (007554)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 434 Origins of Western Political Thought** 3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 The classical roots of western political philosophy and their relationship to contemporary political theory. 3 hours seminar. (007279)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

- POLS 435 Black Political Thought** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course is designed to expose students to an area of black political thought. Drawing on the works of black scholars from several disparate yet inter-related backgrounds and disciplines - political science, philosophy, sociology, history, feminist studies, and law - this course is structured around issues such as slavery, Reconstruction, Black Nationalism, race and racism, and feminism that are central to black political thought and African American politics. 3 hours lecture. (022162)
Cross listing(s): AFAM 435
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 437 Contemporary Political Thought** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 An extended discussion of the nature of anarchy, corporatism, oligarchy, classical liberalism, radical liberalism, democratic socialism, communism, and fascism, with a continued focus on these political cultures and their ideological expressions in contemporary politics. 3 hours seminar. (007281)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 438 Jurisprudence: Philosophy of Law** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 The philosophical nature and origins of law. Topics to be examined include theories of law, justice, the relationship of law to morality, natural law, responsibility, punishment, and other basic concepts. Approach is both theoretical and via case studies. 3 hours lecture. (007282)
Cross listing(s): PHIL 438
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 439W Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice (W)** **3 Units W**
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course involves an integrated analysis and critical examination of all of the subfields of criminal justice, including criminology, policing, adjudication, corrections, and criminal justice process and policy. This seminar assess the substantive knowledge, critical analysis, writing, speaking, and computer skills of senior-level students. 3 hours seminar. (007591)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Writing Course
- POLS 441W Capstone in Comparative Politics and International Relations (W)** **3 Units W**
Prerequisite: POLS 141, POLS 142.
Typically Offered: Spring only
 This course is a culminating experience in the International Relations Program. Students use the skills and knowledge acquired in previous IR courses to conduct a semester long research project relating to either sub-field. 3 hours lecture. (007559)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Writing Course
- POLS 443 Politics of Europe** **3 Units**
Prerequisite: Recommended: POLS 141, POLS 142.
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course introduces students to the Politics of European countries, as well as the Politics of the European union. Covers both comparative politics and international relations. 3 hours lecture. (007539)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 444 Politics of Asia** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This is a comparative politics course, introducing students to the Politics of Asia. The course covers seminal topics in comparative politics, such as regime type, democratization, models of development, political institutions, and political behavior, using selected Asian cases to illustrate the concepts. The course draws upon cases from across Asia, including the People's Republic of China, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, India, and Pakistan. 3 hours lecture. (021812)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 446 Politics of the Middle East** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 Analyzes the foreign policies of the Middle Eastern nations. Emphasizes Arab-Israeli and inter-Arab dynamics, the impacts of Muslim culture, sectarian strife, and the roles of external forces, including the superpowers. 3 hours lecture. (007565)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 447 Politics of Africa** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This is a comparative politics course, introducing students to the history and politics of Africa. Specifically, the course examines historical foundations, political and economic development, regime type and transition, ethnicity, and violence, using African cases as illustrations. 3 hours lecture. (021829)
Cross listing(s): AFRI 447, HIST 447
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 449 Issues in Comparative Politics and International Relations** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course focuses on selected issues in comparative politics and international relations. The topics rotate, depending upon student demand and instructor interests. 3 hours seminar. (007576)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

- POLS 450 Criminal Procedure** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Fall only
 The machinery of criminal justice in theory and practice; the significance of the rule of law and its exceptions in the actual administration of justice. This course will concentrate on the application of the fourth, fifth, and sixth amendments to the U.S. Constitution in the administration of justice and the application of modern behavioral research as it applies to police and court administration. 3 hours lecture. (007588)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 451A Constitutional Law: Powers and Restraints** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Fall only
 Analysis of judicial cases and related materials illustrating historical and current interpretations of constitutional problems such as the powers of the courts, congress, and President; and the balance of federal-state power in such areas as commerce and taxation. 3 hours lecture. (007577)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 451B Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 Analysis of judicial cases and related materials illustrating historical and current interpretations of constitutional problems such as racial discrimination, criminal procedures, and freedom of speech and religion. 3 hours lecture. (005645)
Cross listing(s): MCGS 451B
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 452 Alternative Dispute Resolution** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Spring only
 Focus on the various methods of negotiation and dispute resolution including mediation and arbitration with primary emphasis on the legal rights and principles involved in alternative dispute resolution especially in the process of arbitration. Major social and scientific theories of conflict will be explored as well as conventional disciplines and new approaches of conflict avoidance and resolution. Ethical issues involved in negotiation, mediation, and arbitration will be covered. 3 hours lecture. (007579)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 454W Legal Research and Writing (W)** **3 Units W**
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 Learn techniques of legal research and writing. Write briefs, memoranda, and other legal documents based on library research with cases, treatises, law reviews, statutes, regulations, etc. 3 hours lecture. (007581)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Writing Course
- POLS 455 Civil Litigation** **3 Units**
Prerequisite: POLS 454W (may be taken concurrently).
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 In this course, students learn court system and jurisdictional issues, as well as follow a civil case from the first client interview through preparation for trial. The course focuses on the legal ethics and professional responsibility of paralegals and legal professionals in the civil litigation process, including topics such as calendaring, pleadings, court forms, discovery methods, motion practice, and other legal documents and tasks encountered by professionals in the legal field. 3 hours lecture. (007582)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 459 Senior Seminar in Legal Studies** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course is a senior seminar on selected topics in legal studies. 3 hours seminar. (007587)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 461 Environmental Politics and Policy** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Spring only
 Investigation and analysis of the political nature of the environmental crisis in the United States and the development of legal and administrative mechanisms for handling environmental problems. 3 hours lecture. (007596)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Sustainable Course
- POLS 462 Organizational Theory** **3 Units**
Prerequisite: POLS 260 or concurrent enrollment.
Typically Offered: Spring only
 An intensive examination of the theory and research on organizational design, with an emphasis on applications of the theories. Focus is on how organizations develop structures to meet various internal (e.g., size, technology) and external (e.g., stakeholders, uncertainty) demands. 3 hours lecture. (007597)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 464 Administrative Law** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Spring only
 Study of the role of administrative law in American government. Scope and implications of discretionary decision-making. 3 hours lecture. (007599)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 468 Planning Law** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 Review and analysis of the present and changing nature of planning and land-use control law, particularly as the law is applied in California. 3 hours seminar. (007605)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Sustainable Course

- POLS 471 Public Policy Formation** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Fall only
 Critical examination of the process of policy formation in American governments. Relationship of executive, legislative, and judicial branches in policy formation. A significant policy area will be examined, with emphasis on both statutory and constitutional bases and the social/political factors influencing policy development. 3 hours lecture. (007607)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 472 The Presidency** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 A comparative analysis of the executive component of government. Emphasis on the national executive, selected state executives, and selected executives in other nations. 3 hours lecture. (007609)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 473 Congress** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 Analysis of the structure, processes, and behavior in legislative bodies. Emphasis on a comparison of selected legislative bodies. 3 hours lecture. (007610)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 474 Public Personnel Administration** **3 Units**
Prerequisite: POLS 260 or concurrent enrollment.
Typically Offered: Spring only
 A survey of the processes of recruiting and managing personnel in the public service. The philosophy of public personnel administration, organization for personnel administration, history and evolution of the career system, comparative modern structures, and general processes of personnel. Both traditional and behavioral literature. 3 hours lecture. (007593)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 475 Administration of Public Financial Resources** **3 Units**
Prerequisite: POLS 260 or concurrent enrollment.
Typically Offered: Fall only
 A comprehensive survey of the theory and practice of public financial administration in the United States. The budget as an instrument of fiscal policy; budget preparation and classification, with special emphasis on program and performance budgeting. Problems in budget authorization, execution, and control. 3 hours lecture. (007594)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 476 Police Administration and Management** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course introduces students to the organization of police departments and explores the history of policing and organizational theory. It further examines the role of the police executive as a public manager and as a leadership position. Topics for the course include departmental management, police operations, budgeting, discipline, promotion, external political factors, and public planning and research. By the end of the course, students should have a general knowledge of public organizations and specific knowledge about the operation and management of police departments. 3 hours lecture. (007595)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 477W Policy Analysis Capstone Seminar (W)** **3 Units W**
Typically Offered: Spring only
 An examination of the approaches, models, methods, and concepts of public policy analysis, with special emphasis on program evaluation, research methodologies, implementation problems, and policy evaluation models. Recommended for political science and public administration majors and minors. 3 hours lecture. (007608)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Writing Course
- POLS 481 Law and Disadvantaged Persons** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 Explores legal issues facing the poor, older adults, disabled, and minorities, and how to advance the legal rights of the disadvantaged. Family law, consumerism, small claims court, Social Security, welfare law, and landlord/tenant rights are addressed from theoretical and practical perspectives, with an emphasis on advocating those rights. 3 hours lecture. (009431)
Cross listing(s): SWRK 481
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 489A Internship in Public Administration** **1-15 Units**
Prerequisite: 3.0 cumulative GPA and faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Spring, summer, fall
 Work experience in selected governmental agencies supervised by faculty members and the staff of the cooperating agencies. 0 hours independent study. (007614)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 489B Internship in International Relations** **1-3 Units**
Prerequisite: POLS 141 (may be taken concurrently).
Typically Offered: Spring, summer, fall
 This course involves an internship in selected government agencies or with an elected official, political party organization, interest group, or media outlet that is concerned with international organizations, non-governmental organizations, or domestic agencies concerned with international issues, foreign policy, or governmental action. No more than 3 units may be counted toward the major or minor. 0 hours independent study. (021293)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

- POLS 489C Internship in Political Science** **1-3 Units**
Prerequisite: Faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Spring, summer, fall
 Work experience with an elected official, political party organization, interest group, or media outlet. 0 hours independent study. (007616)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 489E Internship in Criminal Justice** **1-3 Units**
Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.
Typically Offered: Spring, summer, fall
 Field work with criminal justice agencies in the areas of policing, courts, and corrections. Work supervised by the faculty internship coordinator and the staff of the internship office. Directed readings and writings may be assigned. 0 hours independent study. (007618)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 489G Internship in Sustainability** **1-3 Units**
Typically Offered: Spring, summer, fall
 Field work with legal, political, or governmental agencies or with an elected official, political party organization, or interest group in the areas of sustainability, environmental issues, and/or the management of scarce resources. Work is supervised by faculty and the staff of cooperating agencies organizations. 0 hours independent study. (020622)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Sustainable Course
- POLS 489K Internship in Legal Studies** **3 Units**
Prerequisite: Faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Spring, summer, fall
 Field work in a public or private law office. Work supervised by attorneys in cooperating legal organizations. POLS 454W Legal Research and Writing is highly recommended for placement in private or public law offices. 9 hours independent study. (007621)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 489P Work or Community Experience in Selected Governmental or Community Agencies** **1-15 Units**
Prerequisite: Senior standing, faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Spring, summer, fall
 Credit for previously acquired work or community experience. Such credit determined by the Internship Coordinator, dependent upon length of service and experience. 0 hours independent study. (007623)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 490 Legal Clinic Practicum** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Spring, summer, fall
 Students engage in practical work at the on-campus Community Legal Information Clinic under the supervision of a faculty member and also participate in seminar and training workshops that focus on the substantive law, doctrine, theory, skills, and ethical questions that arise in the legal practice area. 3 hours clinical. (021759)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 491 Trial and Appellate Advocacy** **3 Units**
Prerequisite: Upper-division standing.
Typically Offered: Spring only
 Participation in mock trials and other law activities. Oral argument, legal research, and brief-writing. Must participate in the moot court competition. 3 hours lecture. (007632)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 493 Community Research** **1-15 Units**
Prerequisite: Approval of the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course is a special topic offered for 1.0-15.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. Organized research and development of a problem in community administration. Students may enroll for 1 to 15 units, and will engage for a part or the whole of their time in the community. A seminar focusing on analysis of the project and the experience will be held weekly or at other appropriate times. Only a total of 6 units of POLS 489 and POLS 493 may be counted toward the requirements of the major or the Paralegal Certificate. 0 hours supervision. (007655)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 495 Community Legal Information Clinic Directorship** **1-15 Units**
Prerequisite: Approval of the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course directs students through the process of being a director at the Community Legal Information Clinic (CLIC). As a director of CLIC, the students have the opportunity to take on significant administrative responsibilities for the day-to-day operations of the on-campus law clinic. Registration for this course is attained through an application process in the spring semester. Enrollment in this course is required in both the fall and spring semesters. In addition, each director will have CLIC responsibilities during the summer and intersession. Only a total of 3.0 units of this course may be counted towards the requirements of the major or the Paralegal Certificate. 3 hours supervision. (020651)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- POLS 498 Special Topics** **1-3 Units**
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 Study in political science related to specialized subjects of topical and current interest. Intensive reading. Topics may be offered in American Government, Comparative Government, Political Behavior, Political Theory, International Relations, Public Law, or Public Administration. 1 hour seminar. (007665)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course more than once
Course Attributes: Upper Division

<p>POLS 499 Independent Study 1-3 Units Prerequisite: Faculty permission. Typically Offered: Fall and spring This course is an independent study of special problems. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. 3 hours supervision. (007682) Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units Course Attributes: Upper Division</p>	<p>POLS 499H Honors in Political Science 3 Units Typically Offered: Inquire at department Independent study resulting in a piece of scholarly or creative work involving substantial research to be completed and publicly presented. This course is not available to graduate students. 3 hours lecture. (007683) Grade Basis: Graded Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units Course Attributes: Upper Division</p>	<p>POLS 600 American Institutions and Public Organizations 3 Units Typically Offered: Fall only This is a first-semester course. It provides an introduction to the relationship of American political institutions and public organizations. The focus of this graduate course is on developing an understanding of the interdependency of American political institutions (e.g., Congress, parties) and the performance of public organizations. The major objective is to familiarize the new graduate student with the broad field of public administration in preparation for the more direct focus offered by subsequent courses in the Master of Public Administration degree program. A legislative analysis paper is required. 3 hours seminar. (007684) Grade Basis: Graduate Graded Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units Course Attributes: Graduate Division</p>	<p>POLS 601 State and Local Government 3 Units Typically Offered: Fall only Intensive reading and research on topics related to this sub-field of political science. Written and oral presentation of research usually required. 3 hours seminar. (007685) Grade Basis: Graduate Graded Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units Course Attributes: Graduate Division</p>	<p>POLS 602 Public Administration and Democracy 3 Units Typically Offered: Spring only The purpose of this course is to assist students in developing an understanding of the most prevalent theories, issues, problems, institutions, and actors related to American public administration. Students explore literature that investigates the origins of American government. Specifically, the course examines questions of decision making and span of control in public administration. 3 hours seminar. (007686) Grade Basis: Graduate Graded Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units Course Attributes: Graduate Division</p>	<p>POLS 604 Seminar in Political Communication 3 Units Typically Offered: Fall and spring This seminar examines various political communication phenomena both in the United States and the international stage. Aspects of political communication research covered include: media and politics, image politics, visual rhetoric, and public sphere studies. The course emphasizes literature on political communication while simultaneously encouraging students to consider the boundaries of the political as it relates to the study of communication. 3 hours seminar. (002255) Cross listing(s): CMST 604 Grade Basis: Graduate Graded Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units Course Attributes: Graduate Division</p>	<p>POLS 611 Seminar in Comparative Government 3 Units Typically Offered: Inquire at department Intensive reading and research on a topic related to this sub-field of political science. Written and oral presentation of research usually required. 3 hours seminar. (015552) Grade Basis: Graduate Graded Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units Course Attributes: Graduate Division</p>	<p>POLS 621 Seminar in American Politics 3 Units Typically Offered: Fall only Intensive reading and research on a topic related to this sub-field of political science. Written and oral presentation of research usually required. 3 hours seminar. (007687) Grade Basis: Graduate Graded Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units Course Attributes: Graduate Division</p>	<p>POLS 624 Seminar on Public Opinion 3 Units Typically Offered: Inquire at department Intensive readings and research on topics related to the scholarly examination of public opinion in the United States. Topics include the relationship of public opinion to democratic theory, research methodology in public opinion, the major sociological and psychological theories of public opinion, perception and opinion formation, and the historical and contemporary content of public opinion in the United States. 3 hours seminar. (007689) Grade Basis: Graduate Graded Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units Course Attributes: Graduate Division</p>	<p>POLS 626 Interest Groups, Protest Movements, and Political Change 3 Units Typically Offered: Inquire at department This course is a graduate-level seminar on interests and movements in the United States. The objective is to gain an advanced knowledge of the various theories and research findings in the literature dealing with political groups in American politics, especially protest groups, movements and mainstream interest groups. The course also examines the practical effect of these groups and movements, as measured by demonstrable political change. 3 hours seminar. (007690) Grade Basis: Graduate Graded Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units Course Attributes: Graduate Division</p>
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- POLS 627 U.S. Campaigns and Elections** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 Intensive readings and research on topics related to the scholarly examination of U.S. campaigns and elections. Topics include the role of elections in a representative democracy, the history of campaigns and elections in the U.S., the role of parties and interest groups, the behavior of voters, and the activities and strategies of candidates for office, the financing of campaigns, and the role of the media. 3 hours seminar. (007691)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 631 Research Methods** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 Rigorous investigation of methodological techniques, with intensive readings, papers, and oral presentations as appropriate. Applications of research methods to policy problems and to problems in Political Science will be stressed. 3 hours seminar. (007692)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 632 Seminar in Political Theory** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 Rigorous investigation of theoretical techniques, with intensive readings, papers, and oral presentations as appropriate. Applications of theoretical issues to policy problems and to problems in Political Science will be stressed. 3 hours seminar. (007693)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 641 Seminar in International Relations** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 Intensive reading and research on a topic related to this sub-field of political science. Written and oral presentation of research usually required. 3 hours seminar. (015551)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 651 Seminar in Judicial Politics** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 Intensive reading and research on topics related to a scholarly examination of the American judiciary. Topics may include judicial appointments, theories of judicial decision making, judicial impact and social change, the relationship between courts and public opinion, and judicial politics in state courts. 3 hours seminar. (015550)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 652 Legal and Ethical Issues in Health and Human Services** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 A seminar providing an integrative analysis of ethical and legal forces in the environment of health and human services as they relate to health and human services organizations' behavior and management decision making. 3 hours seminar. (004471)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 653 Environmental Policy and the Law** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 Development and implementation of environmental policies by the various levels of government within the U.S. federal system, with a particular focus on the legal context of environmental policy making. 3 hours seminar. (007694)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division; Sustainable Course
- POLS 654 Behavioral Health Policy and Administration** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 Relationship of behavioral and physical health policy in the U.S. and selected other countries. Considers elements essential to administration of community mental health programs and Employee Assistance Programs (EAP). EAP efforts at helping employees deal with personal problems that affect job performance are considered. History, theory, legal and policy issues related to the above are considered. Focuses on behavioral health administrative issues and behavioral health personnel issues. 3 hours seminar. (007704)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 655 Aging Policy** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 Due to demographic trends, public administrators must increasingly consider the needs of older adults in their work. In this course, students gain familiarity with the aging process and the evolving role of older adults in U.S. society. Students also explore a variety of policy issues with particular relevance to older adults, including retirement income, health and long-term care, family caregiver supports, elder abuse, housing, and end of life issues. 3 hours lecture. (022024)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 656 International Public Administration** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 Can common global interest prevail against particular sovereign desires? In this course, students survey selected contemporary issues in global politics such as wars of intervention, ethnic conflict, globalization, global environmental protection, and some of the different ways in which they are understood and explained. 3 hours lecture. (022023)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 657 The Criminal Justice System: Institutions and Public Policy** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Fall only odd years
 This seminar is an exploration of the key institutions in the American Criminal Justice system, including law enforcement, prosecutors, criminal defense, the courts, corrections, and community corrections. The investigation of these institutions is in part based on the assessment of pertinent criminal justice public policies, including policy development, implementation, and evaluation. 3 hours seminar. (022097)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division

- POLS 658 Criminological Theory** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Fall only even years
 This graduate seminar begins with an examination of some of the major theories developed to explain crime and criminal behavior, followed by a discussion of theories of punishment and societal control, and concluded with a debate about the present state and future prospects of criminological theory. 3 hours seminar. (022098)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 659 Collaborative Community Management** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 With increasing frequency, many government programs have moved beyond privatizing to encouraging, or even mandating, collaboration between governmental and nongovernmental organizations in resolving community problems. As an introduction to the theory and practice of collaborative management, this course provides students an opportunity to examine case studies of successful practices of collaboration as well as to critique strategies and methods used in fostering collaborative management. It also provides an opportunity for students to practice collaboration both in the classroom, and in the community through a community project. 3 hours seminar. (020919)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 660A Public Management** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Fall only
 This course will review, analyze, and test strategies of public management. Emphasis will be on areas of decision-making, planning, development, budgeting, and collective bargaining. Purpose is to familiarize students with the various approaches to public sector problem-solving and decision-making, primarily by using the case study format. 3 hours seminar. (007698)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 660B Public Personnel Administration** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Spring only
 A survey of the processes of recruiting and managing personnel in the public service. The philosophy of public personnel administration, organization for personnel administration, history, and evolution of the career system, comparative modern structures, and general processes of personnel. Both traditional and behavioral literature. 3 hours seminar. (007699)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 660C Public Budgeting and Finance** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Spring only
 Survey of budgeting problems, issues, and applications of theories, research, and approaches toward use of cost-benefit analysis in the public sector. Activities are focused on surveying the literature and researching public programs using Program Planning and Budgeting Systems and cost-benefit analysis. 3 hours seminar. (007700)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 661 Seminar in Public Administration** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Spring only
 Intensive reading and research on a topic related to this sub-field of political science and community services. Written and oral presentation of research usually required. Topics vary, dependent upon seminar leader. 3 hours seminar. (007701)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 662 Organizational Theory in the Public Sector** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Fall only
 Conceptual examination of the theory and behavior of large and small bureaucracies. 3 hours seminar. (007702)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 664 Public Policy in Health and Human Services** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 A graduate seminar which focuses on initiation, formulation, implementation, and evaluation of Health and Human Services policies. An exploration of policy development, policy analysis approaches, new policy directions. This course will focus on how to develop a policy issue paper, including how to identify values, develop alternatives, and make policy recommendations. Health and Human Services policy will be explored at the national, state, and local levels, including the public, private, non-profit, and profit-making sectors. Policy of other nations will be examined for their implications for American Health and Human Services policy. 3 hours seminar. (007703)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 665 Issues in Global Public Health** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 An examination of the health care industry in relation to health financing, insurance, grants, contracting, and resource allocation as they relate to management decision making in health and human service organizations. 3 hours seminar. (004475)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 667 Administration and Planning** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 Comprehensive consideration of political, social, and administrative issues related to the rural and town planning process. 3 hours seminar. (007707)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division

- POLS 668 Public Policy Formation** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course examines complex information embedded in the theory and practice of public policy formation and analysis at the professional level. The course includes an examination of the approaches, methods, and concepts used in public policy analysis. Further the course examines the statutory, social, and political factors influencing policy development in a wide range of substantive policy areas including but not limited to the environment, business, labor, health, and criminal justice. A policy evaluation paper and oral presentation are required. 3 hours seminar. (007708)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 669 Public and Non-Profit Program Evaluation** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course applies specific techniques for evaluating both program operations and the outcome of program activities. It applies the research methodologies and techniques employed for policy and program assessment including use of social indicators, quantitative and qualitative methods, and quasi-experimental designs used in applied policy and program research. Finally, students learn about writing grant proposals and managing contracts. 3 hours seminar. (007709)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 671 Topics in American Politics** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 Intensive reading and research on a topic related to American national government. Written and oral presentation of research usually required. 3 hours seminar. (007710)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 672 The U.S. Presidency** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course explores the office of the chief executive through several academic lenses. In addition to an analysis of the constitutional debates regarding this office, presidential power, the modern presidency, presidential war powers, presidential personality and character, presidential decision making, and presidential selection are all possible topics for exploration through reading and research. 3 hours seminar. (007711)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 673 The U.S. Congress** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 Intensive readings and research on topics related to Congress include the constitutional context and debates over the role of Congress, congressional elections, the nature of Congress as an institution, the behavior of its members, and the role Congress plays in shaping public policy. 3 hours seminar. (007712)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 680A Research Plan/Culminating Practicum** **1 Unit**
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 In this course, students develop a research plan with their graduate committee the semester prior to registering for the culminating professional policy analysis paper course, POLS 680B. 3 hours supervision. (021800)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 1 unit
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 680B Culminating Practicum** **3 Units**
Prerequisite: POLS 680A.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This is a culminating activity whereby students demonstrate competence acquired in the MPA program. Each student will complete a professional policy analysis paper that requires the application of both theory and methods. This professional paper will be presented at the end of the course. Prior to taking this course, a majority of the core graduate seminars must be completed. 9 hours supervision. (007713)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 683 Practicum in Teaching Political Science** **1-3 Units**
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 Provides a forum for the exploration and analysis of effective teaching techniques in political science. This course prepares students to become graduate teaching assistants or community college instructors. 3 hours seminar. (007714)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 9 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 689 Intern/Fieldwork Public Admin** **1-3 Units**
Prerequisite: Faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 Internship and directed field work in selected public and quasi-public agencies. 3 hours supervision. (007715)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 689P MPA Professional Internship** **3 Units**
Prerequisite: Faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 Internship and directed field work in selected public and quasi-public agencies. Particularly encouraged for students who lack a significant professional work background. 300 hours of service required. 9 hours supervision. (021069)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- POLS 695 Graduate Student Research Symposium Experience** **1 Unit**
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course culminates with the presentation of graduate student work at a research conference or symposium, such as the department's fall student research symposium, the BSS spring research symposium, or other professional conferences. Student presentation of work may be accomplished through a variety of formats, such as oral presentations, poster presentations, or panel presentations. 3 hours supervision. (022297)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division

POLS 697 Independent Study 1-6 Units**Prerequisite:** Faculty permission.**Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

This course is a graduate-level independent study offered for 1.0-6.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. Open to all MA and MPA candidates. Adequate preparation as determined by the Department of Political Science. 9 hours supervision. (007730)

Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units**Course Attributes:** Graduate Division**POLS 699T Master's Thesis 1-3 Units****Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

This course is offered for 1.0 to 3.0 units respectively. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. 0 hours supervision. (007734)

Grade Basis: Report in Progress: CR/NC**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Graduate Division

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