POLITICAL SCIENCE BULLETIN

For Fall Quarter 2013

Major advising for Political Science majors is

ONE WEEK ONLY: May 8-16

You may make an advising appointment by contacting your advisor.

Please review your online program evaluation (Academic Evaluation) at least once every quarter. This document displays progress toward your BA Degree, including requirements, major requirements, and general electives.

The Political Science major requires 65 credits:	
ECON 271 (Macro-Econ)	5 credits
Four Foundation courses (PLSC 200, 230, 250, 260)	20 credits
One upper-division course in each field: American Politics, Comparative Politics, Theory and Law, International Relations	20 credits
Four major elective courses; your choice of courses not used to	
meet field distribution requirements	20 credits

For complete information on the Political Science degrees, including Departmental Honors and Legal Studies Specialization, go to the catalog: http://catalog.seattleu.edu/content.php?catoid=4&navoid=207#Departments_Programs

FALL QUARTER COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

PLSC 200-01 INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN POLITICS

10:15-12:20 TTh Rose Ernst

Foundation

This course examines the historical and contemporary structure and distribution of power in the American Political system. We will explore formal governing channels and political participation. The course will have a special emphasis on the notion of political agency by citizens both inside and outside formal systems of government in the form of social movements, interest groups, political parties and elections. The role of the media in framing these political interactions will also be scrutinized both as an independent entity and as a vehicle in the struggle for power. Class sessions will be designed to elicit your active participation in both the course material and the real-world politics; therefore, we will apply the course material to current political issues as frequently as possible. By the end of the quarter, students should understand the structure of American government and should have an increased ability to reflect critically on the degree to which American democracy lives up to its promises.

PLSC 230-01 COMPARING NATIONS

8:00-10:05 TTh Yitan Li

Foundation

This introduction course will introduce students to some fundamental concepts and "vocabulary" used in contemporary comparative politics. We will examine issues such as state and society, political culture, political ideology, political institutions, democracy, authoritarian regimes, and political economy. Through this course, you are expected to develop a familiarity with the politics of several countries and/or political systems, understand important topics in comparative

politics, and utilize comparative methods to analyze some of the current political issues in the world.

PLSC 250-01 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY

2:05-3:30 MWF Erik Olsen

Foundation

Exploration of theoretical and philosophical issues pertaining to justice, freedom, and political authority. Western traditions of political theory are examined from feminist and multicultural perspectives.

PLSC 260-01 INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

10:15-12:20 TTH Connie Anthony

Foundation

The contemporary debate on where global politics is headed concerns whether globalization will eclipse war, whether established national interest in wealth will Address global economic inequities, and whether today's society will become so truly global as to become more interested in human rights than in national interest. While we can imagine how we might like these debates to be resolved in the world, to understand what the opportunities are for such a resolution, we will consider: a) major theoretical perspectives in the study of international politics; b) the security dilemma in a world of anarchy; c)economic justice in a rule-based world of the global market; d)human rights issues associated with the economic borderlands and immigration.

PLSC 301-01 THE EVOLVING PRESIDENCY

9:20-10:45 MWF Neil Chaturvedi

American Politics

This course examines the origins and the evolution of the American presidency. At the nation's birth, the founding fathers framed an executive branch with limited power. Fearing tyranny, the framers created a president with foreign policy power that was checked by the legislative and judicial branches, and very limited legislative power. Today, the expectations of the presidents have bloated to foreign policy success and legislative prowess. Over the course of the quarter, we

will examine the evolution of the president's power and expectations, and in turn, define what makes a successful president. In doing so, we will examine legislative success, foreign policy, and presidential elections and nominations.

PLSC 319-01 LAW, POLITICS AND SOCIETY

12:30-1:55 MWF Larry Cushnie

Theory/Law

What is law? Where might we find it? How does it matter? Is it singular or plural? Broadly, this course will consider various ways that law organizes contemporary social life. More specifically, we will consider how law shapes and enables social interaction and disputing; how law constructs differences among people and their actions; and how law mediates and enforces power relationships.

PLSC 355-01 CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THOUGHT

Theory/Law

The question of a crisis in modern Western political thought, explored in relation to Freud and modern identity, existentialism. Marx and critical theory, the critique of global capitalism. Arendt and civic, postmodernism, and feminism.

PLSC 338-01 POLITICAL ECONOMY OF AFRICA

1:30-3:35 TTh Connie Anthony

Comparative

This course will address the economic foundations of democratization, revolution, internal war, and authoritarianism in Africa as well as the political foundations of economic growth, social welfare, and economic inequities. It will confront the challenges posed by the global economy as well as the more limited opportunities offered. It will also consider the strength of African movements for social change and the new stakeholders in African politics.

PLSC 364-01 US LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS

10:15-12:20 TTH Robert Andolina

Comparative

Relations between the countries of the Americas have been marked by tension between Latin America guarding its independence and the US extending its influence in the region. Students explore this tension in US Latin America interactions around themes of autonomy and intervention, drug trafficking and human rights, trade and economic integrations, and inter-American organizations. They also consider the implications of China's growing influence in the region for relations between Latin America and the United States.

PLSC 365-01 EAST ASIAN SECURITY 10:55-12:20 MWF Enyu Zhang

International

This course is designed as an in-depth survey of security issues and dynamics of East Asia, with a primary focus on China, Japan, and the Two Koreas, in the cold War and post-Cold War contexts. In addition, we will explore the implications of these issues and dynamics for the US and its security policy in East Asia. By the end of the course, students should develop the empirical foundation and be able to use theoretically informed tools to assess current security events in the region. The course does not assume prior knowledge about East Asia; however, a basic familiarity with the concepts and analytic tools of international relations would be helpful.

PLSC 465-01 EAST ASIAN POLITICAL ECONOMY 10:15-12:20 TTh Yitan Li

Comparative/International

This course explores key issues related to the political economy of East Asia, including economies of Japan, the Koreas, and China from both comparative and international political economy perspectives. In particular, this course investigates the economic, political and social strategies and institutional foundations of these

economies. In doing so, we examine major contending explanations and debates for East Asia's high growth, as well as the region's financial downfalls. While we will consider similarities and differences in these countries' experiences of economic development and examine some of the challenges facing each economy today, we will also examine the interactions of East Asia with other regions of the world.

PLSC 479-01 HONORS THESIS FOR SENIORS

Seniors with a major GPA of 3.5+ may elect a separate **Major in Political Science** with **Departmental Honors**, which requires an additional five credits of Political Science. Students enroll in <u>two quarters</u> of reading, research, and discussion, culminating in a lengthy thesis roughly comparable to work in a graduate school seminar.

PLSC 480-01 THE HUMAN PROSPECT

9:20-10:45 MWF Richard Young

Major Elective Interdisciplinary/Capstone

"The Human Prospect" explores the implications of two fundamental changes in the human condition that have occurred during the years since World War II: (1) The human race may have acquired the capacity to destroy itself through either nuclear war or environmental degradation, and (2) the human race is currently integrated in a global economy organized in accordance with laissez faire principles and dominated by multi-national corporations. The course examines the hypothesis that under the world's current leadership, these two developments are leading us into an environmental, economic, social, and political catastrophe. For ten weeks, we examine the nature and dimensions of these problems from a number of disparate disciplinarian and theoretical perspectives. The central question is: What is to be done? Each student will be asked to develop his or her own answer to this question. Each class session will be divided into two sections: an informal presentation between the instructor and the members of the class.

Students should **NOT** take this course if they have taken on plan to take for **PLSC 300** ("Environmental Politics") from Dr. Young.

PLSC 495-01 INTERNSHIP

Days and times to be arranged

Major Elective Daniel Dombrowski

Work experience with advocacy or interest organizations, legislative or executive government at local, state, or national levels. For eligibility rules, formal work agreements, and registration approval, contact Dr. Daniel Dombrowski, ddombrow@seattleu.edu.

PLSC 496-01 INDEPENDENT STUDY

Days and times to be arranged

Major elective Requires permission of instructor.

Independent Study allows students to undertake advanced work on a topic that emerges from previous study or that is not otherwise available in our curriculum. Limited by faculty availability.