

2015 SPRING SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

PSC 101. Intro American Politics. 3 semester hours.

Survey of the principles, political institutions, and practices of American national, state, and local politics.

Class:	CRN:	Title:	Day(s):	Time:	Instructor:	Location:
101.001	10012	Intro American Politics	TR	11:00am-12:15pm	Staff	TH 125
101.002	10013	Intro American Politics	MWF	2:00pm-2:50pm	Staff	TH 114
101.003	10014	Intro American Politics	TR	9:30am-10:45am	Staff	TH 253
101.004	10015	Intro American Politics	TR	12:30pm-1:45pm	Staff	TH 257
100.005	13263	Intro American Politics	MWF	10:00am-10:50am	Staff	TH 113
101.006	20451	Intro American Politics	MWF	11:00 am-11:50 am	Staff	TH 105
101.901	14711	Intro American Politics	Online	ONLINE	Dana Jill Patton	ONLINE
101.904	16858	Intro American Politics	Online - Fall II	ONLINE	Anne R Williamson	ONLINE

PSC 202. Political Science Methods. 3 semester hours.

Introduction to the conduct of political inquiry and methods of political research.

202.001	12924	PSC Methods	MWF	1:00pm-1:50pm	Staff	TH 105
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PSC 203. Comparative Politics. 3 semester hours.

Theoretical approaches to the comparative study of national political systems.

203.001	10016	Comparative Politics	TR	9:30am-10:45am	Staff	TH 114
203.002	13258	Comparative Politics	MWF	11:00am-11:50am	Staff	TH 103

PSC 204. International Relations. 3 semester hours.

Survey of the evolution of the modern state system and the basic forces in international relations.

204.001	10017	International Relations	TR	12:30pm-1:45pm	Olga Chyzh	TH 253
204.002	14360	International Relations	TR	9:30am-10:45am	Olga Chyzh	TH 111
204.003	15641	International Relations	MWF	10:00 am-10:50 am	Staff	TH 105

PSC 205. Political Theory. 3 semester hours.

Survey of fundamental concepts in political theory such as liberty, equality, and authority.

205.001	10018	Political Theory	MWF	12:00pm-12:50pm	Staff	TH 108
205.002	17534	Political Theory	TR	11:00am-12:15pm	Staff	TH 105

PSC 206. Public Administration. 3 semester hours.

Study of the administrative principles and practices in the areas of organization, personnel management, budgeting, government regulation, and democratic controls.

206.001	10019	Public Administration	TR	12:30pm-1:45pm	Staff	TH 108
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PSC 211. State & Local Govt. 3 semester hours.

Study of the institutions and functions of American state and local governments and their relationship to the political process.

211.001	10020	State & Local Govt	MWF	2:00pm-2:50pm	Staff	TH 108
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PSC 311. Political Party and Elections. 3 semester hours.

Activities of parties and pressure groups in American politics. Attention is given to the social composition, organization, finance, and nominating processes of parties.

311.001	16860	Political Party and Elections	MWF	11:00am-11:50am	Carol Cassel	TH 108
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PSC 316. Southern Politics. 3 semester hours.

Examination of the party system of the Southern states in terms of its origin, nature, distribution of power, and impact on national politics.

316.001	14788	Southern Politics	TR	2:00pm-3:15pm	Steve Borrelli	TH 108
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PSC 319. Constitutional Law, Civil Rights, and Liberties. 3 semester hours.

Study of the Constitution's protections for civil rights and civil liberties, and the Supreme Court's interpretations of them.

319.001 15611 Constitutional Law, Civil Rights, and Liberties TR 9:30am-10:45am Joe Smith TH 108

PSC 321. Special Topics In PSC. 3 semester hours.

Course content varies from offering to offering. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 hours, with permission of the department.

321.009 18583 U.S. National Security TR 11:00am-12:15pm Derrick Frazier TH 119

•What constitutes US national security? Are our military forces structured and positioned most effectively to provide for it? Do we need more diplomacy to help? In efforts to make sense of serious international events such as the emergence of ISIS in Iraq and Syria and the recent crisis in Ukraine, or new phenomena such as the rise of China, policymakers tend to contextualize them with respect to their potential impact on US national security. While such behavior seems sensible, many policymakers do not stop to think through what the concept of national security actually means, leading to a broader scope of governmental activities associated with national security. Consequently, some are left to wonder whether the term encompasses everything (and therefore nothing). In this course we will work through what US national security means, beginning with how the concept is derived from the pursuit of US national interests. In doing so, we will identify and learn about the main actors and institutions involved in national security policymaking, develop an understanding of the national instruments of power and consider their relevance to the policymaking process. Finally, we will assess many of the current issues that threaten US national security and discuss how to effectively deal with them.

321.012 18584 The Politics of Sex MWF 1:00pm-1:50pm Dana Jill Patton TH 108

•There are three key components to this course: 1) the status of women in politics and society, 2) the role of social movements and the Supreme Court regarding the status of women in politics and society, and 3) a substantive policy issue related to the politics of sex determined by class vote (possibilities include reproductive rights, marriage equality, pornography, domestic violence, and others).

321.014 18585 Equal Opportunity of the Law TR 12:30pm-1:45pm Joe Smith TH 108

•The United States takes pride in the idea that all Americans, regardless of race, gender, class level or other demographic characteristics, have a chance to live the American Dream of getting a good job, owning a home, and creating a successful life. Other components of American political culture, such as the belief that it is the individual's responsibility to provide for his or her own welfare, are only defensible if equal opportunity exists. However, the American Dream is not enjoyed equally by all. Race, gender, and socioeconomic starting points seem to influence who achieves the dream. This course will examine whether equal opportunity is a reality in America, and what effect the law and public policy have on equal opportunity.

321.018 18586 American Public Policy MWF 9:00am-9:50am Dana Jill Patton TH 354

•This course provides a broad overview of public policy in the United States. In addition to learning about the policy process, we will examine the historical context and contemporary status of numerous policy issues. Examples include genetically modified food, SNAP and TANF, education, gun violence, immigration, marriage equality, and the Affordable Care Act.

321.020 18623 Law and Judicial Advocacy W 5:00pm-7:30pm James Todd TH 259

•This class is designed for students interested in competing on the university's Mock Trial Team. Students learn the rules governing Mock Trial, including how to perform the attorney and witness roles in a jury trial, how to craft persuasive jury arguments and witness examinations, and the rules of evidence. This course is restricted enroll--please contact the instructor (todd022@bama.ua.edu) for permission to enroll.

321.021 18869 Social Inequality TR 11:00am-12:15pm Gregory Austin Gordon Palmer 151

•Social inequality refers to the systematic uneven distribution of people across social categories based upon achieved and ascribed characteristics. Different cultures and societies vary in the amount and extent inequalities exist within them. This course focuses on social inequality in the United States with some comparison to other cultures and societies for reference. In this course, we analyze the inequalities of power and privilege as they relate to class, political status, sex and gender, sexual orientation, and race. We will examine the causes and consequences of the many types of inequalities present in our society through a variety of ways, but primarily through television/movie/documentary, pop culture, and current events analysis.

321.023 19058 Politics of Immigration MWF 10:00am-10:50am Juan Pablo Black Manly Hall Romero 102

•This class addresses politics of immigration and immigrant politics. The places from which immigrants depart, as well as the destination of the immigrant flows will be critically analyzed as nations with their respective immigration policies, and with their policies of national identity. The role national identities and the politics that these identities require to make possible differences between the citizen and the immigrant will be explored. Immigrant politics in these points of departure and destinations and the problems and solutions this politics presents to the differentiation between citizen and immigrant will also be critically engaged in this class.

321.901 19004 Diplomatic Simulations Online Online Karl DeRouen Online

•This course is an introduction to diplomacy and international relations through the use of a course-long computer simulation. The Statecraft 2.0 software program allows students to break into teams and design their own country and foreign policy decisions that characterize real world politics. **YOU MUST HAVE RELIABLE DAILY INTERNET CONNECTION.**

PSC 330. Democratization. 3 semester hours.

Examination of democratization processes and outcomes in different areas of the world, as well as success and failure in institutionalizing fully democratic systems.

330.01 18587 Democratization TR 09:30 am-10:45 am Nicholas Kerr TH 107

PSC 334. Government and Politics of Western Europe. 3 semester hours.

Analysis of the democracies of Western Europe. Attention is given to participation, societal cleavages, elections, parties, government institutions, policy making, and the European Union.

334.001 15612 Government and Politics of Western Europe MWF 11:00am-11:50am Terry J. Royed TH 351

PSC 361. Fiscal Policy and Budget. 3 semester hours.

Study of governmental revenue and expenditure policies with emphasis on the budget as a method of administrative and fiscal control.

361.001 20452 Fiscal Policy and Budget TR 12:30pm-1:45 Anne Williamson TH 105

PSC 413. American Foreign Policy. 3 semester hours.

Examination of the forces and processes affecting United States foreign relations. Attention is also given to the content and problems of contemporary American foreign policy.

413.001 18589 American Foreign Policy TR 9:30am-10:45am Doug Gibler TH 22

PSC 422. Seminar Political Science. 3 semester hours.

May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours. Selected problems in various areas in political science. Writing proficiency within this discipline is required for a passing grade in this course.

422.002 14361 Parties and Policy in the U.S. MW 2:00-pm-3:15pm Terry J Royed TH 354

•In recent times, the term "partisan politics" is frequently used in a pejorative sense, to describe a situation in which political actors are polarized, there is much heated rhetoric, and little gets done. But is "partisan politics" necessarily bad? This course is organized around the question: how do political parties matter for public policy in the U.S.? In order to address this, we'll start with a look at the ideologies of the two main parties and how they have changed over time. We will then investigate how it is that parties attempt to enact their goals: we'll look at the national policymaking process and the roles that parties play. Finally, we'll read a number of case studies of the policy process, with a focus in particular on economic and social policies, in order to understand how and why parties affect policy outcomes.

422.003 20618 Gender and Black Masculinity TR 2:00pm-3:15pm Gregory Austin Manly Hall 207

•What does it mean to be a man? What does it mean to be a Black man? How do race, age, class, and sexual identity have an effect on the production of Black masculinities? We will look at the role of gender and the experience of Black males by examining issues such as: men's movements and social organizations, how "Black men" are made in society, sexuality and fertility, male aggression and violence, male body image and health, media representations of boys and men, the role of Hip-Hop and Black athletes, and how these ideas might have changed over time.

422.005 18590 Political Traditions and Dilemmas W 5:00pm-7:30pm Naomi Choi TH 119

• The course will explore a range of contemporary political traditions and dilemmas in light of their long and diverse philosophical roots in history. We will examine the various ways in which political ideas such as sovereignty, democracy, freedom, equality, and justice have been conceived and how their conceptions have changed from ancient and modern to contemporary times. We will explore the overlaps and contrasts between modern political ideologies of conservatism, liberalism, socialism, as well as alternative contemporary revisions. Instruction will challenge you to interpret the multiple ways in which the works of past political philosophers continue to inform social and political problems we face today. By grappling with a wide range of theoretical arguments about the related moral, social, political, and legal implications of competing positions, this course will enable you to gain a deeper understanding of the history of political action and debate, and to think critically about the present political world in which we live.

422.006 20453 Late Modernity and the Politics of Fear TR 12:30pm-1:45 Daniel Levine TH 119

•Fear has always been a part of human life. One hope, widely expressed among the philosophers and social theorists of the 18th and 19th centuries, was that progress in science and philosophy would eventually banish fear from our lives: diseases would be vanquished with improvements in medical science; hunger through improvements to agriculture; superstition and prejudice through reason and education. Yet our lives -- and in particular, our political lives -- remain persistently saturated with it. How has fear changed over the last century: what are we afraid of now, and how do contemporary fears differ from those of earlier eras? How do they structure both our self-understandings, and our political engagements? Did enlightenment thought and the rise of secular politics -- the former by making humanity highest good, and the latter, by asserting our final responsibility for our own fates -- free us from fear, or amplify our sense of vulnerability? If so, what contemporary political movements and sensibilities might this help us explain? The seminar proposes to explore these questions; though it may raise more questions than it answers. Note: this is an advanced research seminar based on the instructor's ongoing research. While there are no prerequisites, students will be expected to read carefully, and to prepare for and participate in class consistently. Readings will be extensive, and students should expect to write -- and to revise -- a great deal. Writing intensive.

422.007 20454 Latino Politics in America MWF 11:00am-11:50am Juan Pablo Black Manly Hall Romero 102

•This class aims at answering several questions concerning the meaning of the term Latinity, the role of aesthetics in the formation of Latinity as a concept and identity, and the politics of becoming and being a Latino in the United States. The concept of Latinity will be explored as a form of politics of the Latino community in the United States. The problems this type of politics aims at solving, and the new problems this politics presents will also be discussed. This is a writing class and requires students to develop advanced writing and editing skills. **(Cross listed with Gender and Race)**

PSC 435. War And Peace. 3 semester hours.

Study of the causes of war at the individual, societal and international levels of analysis with particular emphasis on international relations research using the scientific method.

Prerequisite(s): PSC 204 or PSC 413.

435.001 20455 War And Peace W 5:00pm-7:30pm Karl DeRouen TH 105

PSC 438. Government and Politics of South Asia. 3 semester hours.

Examination of South Asian states. Attention is given to the legacies of colonialism, political institutions, democratization, economic development, political conflict and regional security.

438.001	15613	Government and Politics of South Asia	TR	02:00 pm-03:15 pm	Simanti Lahiri	TH 258
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PSC 441. Terrorism. 3 semester hours.

Explores the definition and dynamics of domestic and international terrorism, terrorist ideas and terrorist organization, and the political problems of suppressing terrorism.

Prerequisite(s): Approval of academic advisor and at least junior status.

441.001	19066	Terrorism	TR	11:00am-12:15pm	Simanti Lahiri	TH 117
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PSC 446. Political Economy of Security. 3 semester hours.

The course will cover a variety of topics that link security and political economy. Writing proficiency within this discipline is required for a passing grade in this course.

446.001	18593	Political Economy of Security	TR	12:30pm-1:45pm	Karl DeRouen	TH 258
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PSC 462. Public Personnel Administration. 3 semester hours.

Study of the American public personnel system at the local, state, and national level. Emphasis is on such areas as the political activity of government employees, the application of the principle of equal opportunity and affirmative action, and the role of collective bargaining in government.

462.001	13823	Public Personnel Administration	TR	2:00pm-3:15pm	Norm Baldwin	TH 105
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PSC 501. Departmental Seminar II. 0.5 semester hours.

501.001	10025	Departmental Seminar II	W	1:00pm-2:00pm	Derrick Frazier	TH 348
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501.002	20456	Departmental Seminar II	W	1:00pm-2:00pm	Staff	TH 259
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PSC 522. Quantitative Methods PSC I. 3 semester hours.

Introduction to statistical techniques, including univariate and bivariate descriptive statistics and their application within the field of political science.

522.001	12925	Quantitative Methods PSC I	M	9:30am-12:00pm	Olga Chyzh	TH 115
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PSC 562. Public Personnel Administration. 3 semester hours.

A study of the American public personnel system, with an emphasis on the political setting of government employment, equal opportunity and affirmative action, and collective bargaining.

562.001	13822	Public Personnel Administration	TR	2:00pm-3:15pm	Norm Baldwin	TH 105
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PSC 611. American Political Behavior. 3 semester hours.

Research and methodology in the areas of social and psychological factors related to voting, party preference, and ideology.

611.001	20457	American Political Behavior	M	1:00pm-3:30pm	Carol Cassel	TH 348
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PSC 616. Topics in American Politics - Race, Ethnicity and Politics. 3 semester hours.

In this course, we will examine the impact of race and ethnicity in American Politics. Specifically, we will examine research on the impact of race relations on public opinion, elections, representation, and public policymaking in the United States.

616.001	20458	Topics In American Politics	T	09:30 am-12:00 am	Richard Fording	TH 256
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PSC 621. Quantitative Methods in PSC II. 3 semester hours.

Data analysis and statistical applications in political research, including data processing, inferential statistics, correlation and regression, multivariate analysis, and other multidimensional techniques.

621.001 20473 Quantitative Methods in PSC II TR 12:30pm-1:45pm Mark Nieman TH 23

PSC 631. Seminar in Comparative Politics. 3 semester hours.

A survey of the theoretical literature in the field of comparative politics.

631.001 20459 Seminar in Comparative Politics W 9:00am-11:30am Nicholas Kerr TH 119

PSC 641. American Foreign Policy. 3 semester hours.

An examination of major problem areas in the international system and their effects. Content varies.

641.002 18868 American Foreign Policy T 2:00pm-4:30pm Doug Gibler TH 23

PSC 653. Special Topics. 3 semester hours.

653.001 18597 Political Theory and the Politics of Justification W 2:00pm-4:30pm Naomi Choi TH 119

We will focus on the importance of, as well as the controversies surrounding, the issue of justification in contemporary political theory debates. Major ideologies and diverse approaches to the treatment of concepts such as sovereignty, justice, democracy, freedom, equality, rights, citizenship, and recognition will be examined in depth.

PSC 662. Organization Theory. 3 semester hours.

An analysis of the theories of organization and management that examines models, reviews current administrative philosophy, and presents contemporary trends in organization and management.

662.001 12926 Organization Theory W 1:00pm-3:00pm Norm Baldwin TH 113

PSC 663. Special Topics. 3 semester hours.

663.001 20461 Program Evaluation M 1:00pm-3:30pm Gerard Caillier TH 119

The purpose of this course is to provide students with the qualitative and quantitative tools to evaluate programs in public and nonprofit organizations. Each of the major types of program evaluations will be discussed and applied.

PSC 665. Urban Administration. 3 semester hours.

An examination of major urban problems and the administrative approach to solving these problems.

665.001 20462 Urban Administration W 9:00am-11:30am Gerard Caillier TH 348

PSC 666. Political Economics and Public Policy. 3 semester hours.

An examination of the political economy approach to the study of public policy.

666.001 18756 Political Economics and Public Policy T 3:30pm-6:00pm Anne Williamson TH 259