

## 2017 Fall 321/421 Course Schedule

### **PSC 321. Special Topics. 3 semester hours.**

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

321.001	45891	Law & Society: Theory & Appl.	MWF	1:00pm-1:50pm	Allen Linken	TH 103
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Students of law often learn about it strategically, in order to eventually write legislation, advocate for a client, or decide cases. In this, students will be introduced to a different way of studying law, one rooted in the interdisciplinary field of legal studies (sometimes known as "law and society") that draws on knowledge, methodologies, and critical theories from several disciplines. Rather than studying law as an enterprise that operates autonomously, this course introduces students to the study of law as an object that cannot be understood apart from the social, political, and cultural contexts in which it exists, to include race and ethnicity, social class, gender, sexual orientation, and nationality. With these goals in mind, this course will explore how law permeates human life and, conversely, how human life permeates law.

321.002	45892	Politics of the Middle East	TR	11:00am-12:15pm	Dina Bishara	TH 103
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This course is designed to introduce advanced undergraduate students to contemporary Middle East politics. The course adopts a thematic approach to the study of Middle East politics. Important themes and questions in comparative politics will guide our analysis of the complex political realities in the contemporary Middle East. The course begins with a historical overview of the emergence of the modern state system in the contemporary Middle East. The rest of the course draws on the tools of comparative politics to address some of the major issues facing the Middle East. These include, but are not limited to, authoritarianism, political opposition, identity politics, economic development, the political economy of oil, Islamist social and political movements, and the politics of gender.

321.003	46342	Authoritarianism	TR	2:00pm-3:15pm	Dina Bishara	TH 103
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The surprising persistence of authoritarian regimes since the end of the Cold War has inspired a major new literature in comparative politics on how non-democracy works. This course explores the politics of authoritarian rule by raising a number of questions, including: How should authoritarian regimes, including so-called "hybrid regimes," best be classified? What explains the resilience of authoritarian rule? Why do so many authoritarian regimes hold elections and convene parliaments? How do citizens make claims against authoritarian regimes? How do regimes respond to popular mobilization? The course draws on case studies from around the world, including the Middle East, Russia, and China.

321.004	46344	Politics of Latin America	MWF	9:00am-9:50am	Juan Black Romero	TH 103
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This course examines both historical and contemporary political developments in the Latin American region. It attempts to understand these developments through a variety of theoretical perspectives designed to understand Latin American politics.

321.005	48573	Social Inequalities	TR	11:00am-12:15pm	Gregory Austin	LY 133
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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.

321.006	48574	Latino Politics	MWF	10:00am-10:50am	Juan Black Romero	TH 105
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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.

321.007	48729	Democracy and Policy	TR	12:30pm-1:45pm	Terry Hughston	TBA
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321.008	48730	Multicult, National, Ethnicity	TR	11:00am-12:15pm	Terry Hughston	TBA
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**PSC 421. Seminar in Political Science. 3 semester**

421.001	51002	Migration & American Politics	TR	2:00pm-3:15pm	George Hawley	TH 115
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This course examines how great movements of people have shaped American politics and policy.

**This course will fulfill the core "W" requirement.**

421.002	51003	Politics & Policy of the UK	MWF	1:00pm-1:50pm	Terry Royed	TH 105
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421.003	51005	Islamist Movements and Terrorism	TR	3:30pm-4:45pm	Holger Albrecht	TBA
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This is a seminar course on social movements, political groups, and terrorist organizations with an Islamist agenda. The empirical focus is on countries in the Middle East and North Africa as well as selected cases from outside of this world region. The course aim is to learn what Islamist groups do in the politics of non-democratic regimes, and how the topic has developed as a field of inquiry in International Politics and Security Studies. Students will learn about Islamist groups' ideological background and historical development, political aims, sources of popular support, and strategies of collective action. A prominent focus is on the differences between violent and nonviolent Islamist groups. **This course will fulfill the core "W" requirement.**

421.004	51051	The Politics of Inequality	TR	11:00am-12:15pm	Utz McKnight	TH 117
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