

2017 SUMMER - 321 CLASS SCHEDULE

PSC 321. 3 semester hours.

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

321.002	33544	Watching Global Politics	MTWRF	9:00am-12:00am	Dr. Fishel	TBA
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This course will outline major concepts in in global politics and international relations with an applied overview of the diverse theories, approaches, and paradigms of global politics through film and current events. This will include the development of conceptual frameworks and theories to facilitate the understanding and explanation of events and phenomena in world politics. Students will gain this knowledge through popular film and documentaries as well as through theory and current events. Students will be responsible for reading and engaging with diverse texts relating to global theory, attending class movie screenings, participating in class discussion and activities, and completing a final project. No prerequisites, but an interest in contemporary global politics is encouraged.

321.007	34150	American Conservative Movement	MTWRF	9:00am-12:00pm	Dr. Hawley	TH 354
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Terms like right and left, liberal and conservative, and progressive and reactionary are commonly used in political discourse. However, while frequently uttered, these words are rarely defined. What does it mean to be a conservative, a libertarian, or a liberal? Do these terms mean the same thing in all places and contexts? Have they evolved over time? This class will help answer these and other questions by examining the origins and history of the conservative political movement in the United States of America. The course will follow the development of this ideology from its origins as a small movement of journalists and intellectuals to the dominant ideology of the Republican Party, and ultimately, for a time, the dominant ideology in the United States.

321.050	31983	Leading & Following in Public Service	MTWRF	1:00pm-2:45pm	Dr. Baldwin	TH 353
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Not everyone wants to be a leader, and all of us play the role of follower in some dimension of our life, especially when we take our first job after graduation. This class teaches you how to excel as both leader and follower in public service. To excel as a leader, students will learn how to motivate and inspire employees through effective organization, communication, and decision making. To excel as a follower, this course identifies the leading qualities that employers look for in followers and teaches you how to develop those qualities. However, pleasing the boss through becoming the ideal follower is not enough. This course also focuses on what how to be a satisfied and happy follower, the best jobs in public service for followers, and how to solve the most common problems of followers.

321.051	33702	Social Movements in Amer. Poli.	MTWRF	11:00am-12:45pm	Dr. Fording	TH 353
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In this course we will examine the causes and consequences of social movements in U.S. politics. Although social scientists have defined "social movements" in somewhat different ways, we will rely on a relatively simple definition that reflects the shared elements of all of the definitions found in the literature. Social movements are collective, organized efforts of non-state actors to promote or resist change, that rely in whole or in part on unconventional political tactics. Throughout U.S. history, it is difficult to identify major examples of policy change that were not spurred by social movement activity. Yet, social movements remain the least studied form of political influence within the discipline of political science.

Therefore, much of the material from this course will draw from the fields of sociology and history, where the majority of the research on social movements can be found. The first half of the course will be devoted to theories of social movement formation and success, largely drawing from the Civil Rights Movement and the various movements that followed during the 1960s and 1970s for illustrations. The second half of the course will be devoted to the study of contemporary social movements on the left (Occupy, Black Lives Matter) and right (white nationalism, Tea Party, alt-right), and the consequences that these movement have had on American politics.

321.900	32533	Diplomatic Simulations	TBA	TBA	Dr. DeRouen	ONLINE
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This course is an introduction to diplomacy and international relations through the use of a course-long computer simulation. The Statecraft software program allows students to break into teams and design their country and foreign policy decisions that characterize real world politics. YOU MUST HAVE A RELIABLE DAILY INTERNET CONNECTION
Can be applied to International Studies major.