

2018 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

321.002	43668	Politics of the Middle East	MWF	10:00am-10:50am	TBA	TH 22
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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	44024	Authoritarianism	MWF	11:00am-11:50am	Dina Bishara	TH 347
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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	44026	The Bramble Bunch	MWF	1:00pm-1:50pm	Allen Linken	TH 22
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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	45360	Special Topics in PSC	MWF	2:00pm-2:50pm	TBA	TH 22
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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	45361	Special Topics in PSC	TR	3:30pm-4:45pm	TBA	TH 22
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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	45413	Democracy and Policy	TR	11:00am-12:15pm	Christopher Hale	TH 111
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Power to the people. Consent of the governed. Equality and accountability. We claim all of these things and more to be synonymous with a democratic system of government. However, this course will take a critical, theoretical view at these ideas in order to examine the philosophical arguments both in favor and against the democratic institutions that on which American government is founded as well as exploring whether contemporary politics and policy bear the fruit of those arguments.

PSC 421. Seminar in Political Science. 3 semester

421.001	46685	Terrorism & Political Islam	MWF	11:00am-11:50am	Holger Albrecht	TH 107
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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	46686	From Protest to Revolution	MWF	1:00pm-1:50pm	Dina Bishara	TH 258
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421.003	46688	Colombian Peace Process	TR	3:30pm-4:45pm	Karl DeRouen	TH 354
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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	46720	Conservative Movement in America	TR	9:30am-10:45am	George Hawley	TH 118
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