

2019 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	45927	Managing Interorganizational Relations	TR	3:30pm-4:15pm	Sungho Park	TH 22
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Organizations in the public sector increasingly rely on a variety of interorganizational relations in order to improve political decision-making, implement public policies efficiently, and solve complex problems effectively. This course aims to provide undergraduate students with an overview of managing interorganizational relations in the public sector. It includes but is not limited to the following topics: different types of interorganizational relations (e.g., inter-governmental, and inter-sectoral relationships), theories of interorganizational relations, political and practical issues pertinent to managing interorganizational relations, and skills and strategies needed for the management of interorganizational relations such as networks and collaborative governance.

321.002	43152	Religion and American Politics	MWF	1:00pm-1:50pm	George Hawley	TH 113
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This class examines the relationship between religion and American politics from the colonial period until today. It discusses the role religion played in crucial moments of American history, such as the American Revolution, the battle over slavery, the question of prohibition, the Civil Rights movement, as well as contemporary U.S. partisan politics.

321.003	44192	The Bramble Bush	MWF	1:00pm-1:50pm	Allen Linken	TH 105
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Practical examination of law school and the practice of law, including case briefing, active learning in class, the use of precedent, and methods of advocacy.

321.004	43154	International Organizations	TR	9:30am-10:45am	Seungbin Park	TH 105
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This course focuses on understanding and analyzing why states create international institutions and why the effects of these institutions vary. It will begin with a discussion of why states create international institutions and why such institutions do or do not produce desired outcomes. Later sections of the course will examine how international governance has evolved in diverse issue areas - peace and security, the international economy, the environment, human rights, and international migration - and what the current challenges are.

321.005	48494	Gender and Politics	TR	3:00pm-4:15pm	Regina Wagner	TH 113
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This course examines how gender influences women's representation and their role in the electoral process, both as voters as well as candidates and office holders. Over the course of the semester, we will investigate women's participation, the conceptualization of women's interests, women's portrayal in the media and women's effectiveness as legislators, both on the state as well as the congressional level in the U.S.

321.006	48495	Mexican Politics	MWF	2:00pm-2:50pm	Chris Hale	TH 105
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This course provides a general survey of political events in Mexico from independence to the present day. It then examines several issues pertinent to contemporary Mexican politics including, among others, the ramifications of Mexico's drug war, immigration (both to and from Mexico), and the political implications of Donald Trump's proposed wall.

321.009	46502	Social Inequality	TR	11:00am-12:15pm	Greg Austin	TH 258
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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 event analysis.

PSC 421. Seminar in Political Science. 3 semester

421.001	44957	Terrorism and Political Islam	TR	11:00am-12:15pm	Holger Albrecht	TH 117
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This is an introductory course into two distinct subjects: terrorism and Islamist movements. The main aim of the course is to show when and why Islamists turn violent, but it also emphasizes that not all Islamists are terrorists. The first part discusses correlates of terrorism, including agents, strategies, and ideologies of terrorist organizations as well as the casual underpinnings of terrorist group formation. The course's second part highlights varieties in Islamist organization, namely social movements, opposition groups, state actors, and militant organizations. The final part of the course focuses on empirical examples of Islamist terrorist organizations: Hamas, Hezbollah, Al-Qaeda, and the Islamic State. ***Writing proficiency is required for a passing grade in this class. Students do not need to have prior knowledge of the course subject.***
This course will fulfill the core "W" requirement.

NOTE: Other "W" courses scheduled for Fall include PSC 439 (Politics of the UK), PSC 466 (Politics of Poverty), and PSC 467 (American Conservative Movement)