POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLI_SCI)

POLI_SCI 201-A Introduction to Political Theory (1 Unit)
Examination of texts in political theory. Topics vary but often include justice, the Greek polis, the modern state, individualism, representative democracy.

POLI_SCI 220-CN American Government and Politics (1 Unit)
The structure and process of American politics from competing perspectives. Analysis of representation, voting, interest groups, parties, leadership, and policymaking institutions.

POLI_SCI 222-CN Amer Government and Politics (1 Unit)
NPEP course.

POLI_SCI 230-CN Law in the Political Arena (1 Unit)
Roles of law in society and politics. Police and prisons, law and social change, courts and politics, legal reasoning, Supreme Court decision making, judicial discretion, legal strategies for making change.

POLI_SCI 240-CN Introduction to International Relations (1 Unit)
Introduction to the major theories, concepts, and problems of contemporary international relations. Security, political economy, and cooperation.

POLI_SCI 250-CN Introduction to Comparative Politics (1 Unit)
Emphasis may be on industrialized and/or developing states. Major issues include regime-society relations, political change and conflict, and policy making.

POLI_SCI 301-CN Classical Political Theory (1 Unit)
Political thought of Greece and Rome in historical context and with attention to contemporary theoretical interest.

POLI_SCI 320-CN The Presidency (1 Unit)
Structural foundations and historical development of the American presidency; predominant scholarly theories of presidential power and leadership; contemporary issues and debates.

POLI_SCI 324-CN Political Parties and Elections (1 Unit)
Role of political parties in a democratic society. Topics include nomination, national conventions, political funding, campaigns, party organization, and national, state, and local parties.

POLI_SCI 328-CN Public Policy (1 Unit)
The role of government in regulating economic and social behavior; theories of public policy making; sources and effects of public policy.

POLI_SCI 332-CN Constitutional Law (1 Unit)
Introduction to interpretation of the US Constitution by the Supreme Court. Judicial review, federalism, congressional and executive authority, separation of powers.

POLI_SCI 333-CN Constitutional Law II (1 Unit)
Consideration of US Supreme Court decisions dealing with civil and political rights, including equality, freedom of speech and religion, and criminal procedures.

POLI_SCI 341-CN International Political Economy (1 Unit)
Introduction to the politics of international economic relations. Roots and evolution of the international political economy. Fundamental controversies about international trade, finance, and development.

POLI_SCI 342-CN International Organizations (1 Unit)
Institutions that govern the interactions of states, including the WTO, UN, ICJ, and ICC; informal norms, such as international intervention, international criminal law, and sovereignty.

POLI_SCI 345-CN National Security (1 Unit)
Basic issues in national security, focusing primarily on the United States. Topics include the nature of “national interest,” major actors in national security policy making and military strategy, and the influence and role of the defense establishment.

POLI_SCI 348-CN Globalization (1 Unit)
Analysis of changes in the world economy and their implications for politics, economics, and society. Politics of multinational production, finance, and trade in the context of governance problems in a globalizing world.

POLI_SCI 353-CN Politics of Latin America (1 Unit)
Patterns of socioeconomic development and regime forms in Latin America. Interaction of internal and international economic and political structures and processes.

POLI_SCI 355-CN Chinese Politics (1 Unit)
Chinese politics since 1949, focusing on social issues and state-society relations since 1989.

POLI_SCI 359-CN Politics in Africa (1 Unit)
Political structures and relation of cultural factors to political stability and change; development of modern political systems.

POLI_SCI 361-CN Democratic Transitions (1 Unit)
Theories of the emergence and breakdown of democracy with a focus on cases from Europe, Latin America, Africa, and Asia.

POLI_SCI 378-CN America and the World (1 Unit)
Key debates and developments in the history and politics of American foreign relations. Domestic politics and foreign policy, political culture,erventionism, legal globalization, international institutions.

POLI_SCI 390-CN Special Topics (1 Unit)
Topics vary. May be repeated for credit with different topic.

POLI_SCI 395-CN Political Research Seminar (1 Unit)
Students research and complete a term paper on a topic of choice. Topics vary. May be repeated for credit with different topic.