

MEMORANDUM

April 23, 2008

TO: Advisors and Students
FROM: **Bill Lunch**, Professor and Chair, Political Science Dept.

**SUBJECT: Summer Term 2008 *POLITICAL SCIENCE*
*Expanded Course Descriptions***

Summer classes offer a relaxed, informal classroom setting. Smaller classes permit enhanced instructor/student interaction & the opportunity to maximize your college experience. Our air-conditioned computer lab provides a cool haven to work and lounge on those hot days! For additional information, contact the Political Science Department at 737-2811, or check our website "<http://oregonstate.edu/cla/polisci/>".

POLITICAL INTERNSHIPS:

NOW is a good time to begin pursuing a summer internship. There are numerous internships available in Oregon, Washington D.C, and overseas for our Political Science majors to complete this graduation requirement. Internship Director David Bernell will explain the internship requirements and the process, and help you find the one you want. Refer to PS 406 and PS 410 for more internship information. **OPEN-ENDED NUMBERED COURSES:** (i.e., 402, 403, 405, 406, & 410) Prior instructor approval is required. Obtain contract forms in the Political Science Department, 307 Gilkey.

Subject	Sec #	CRN	Credits	Title	Instructor
PS 402	1	70299	1-16	INDEPENDENT STUDY	PS FACULTY
PS 403	1	71747	1-16	THESIS	PS FACULTY
PS 405	1	70300	1-16	READING AND CONFERENCE	PS FACULTY
PS 406	1	70301	1-16	PROJECTS	PS FACULTY
PS 406	3	71431	2	PROJ/INTERN:AMERICAN POLITICS	Bernell, David A
PS 410	1	70302	1-12	POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP	Bernell, David A
PS 501	1	72652	1-16	RESEARCH	Steel, Brent S
PS 502	1	70303	1-16	INDEPENDENT STUDY	PS FACULTY
PS 503	1	71017	1-16	THESIS	Steel, Brent S
PS 503	2	72689	1-16	THESIS	Steel, Brent S
PS 505	1	70304	1-16	READING AND CONFERENCE	PS FACULTY
PS 506	1	70305	1-16	PROJECTS	PS FACULTY
PS 510	1	70306	1-12	POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP	Steel, Brent S

FIRST FOUR WEEK SESSION
June 23 - July 18, 2008

PS 201 Intro to US Government and Politics, CRN 70855
MTWR 9:00-10:50

WLKN 108

Instructor Robert Sahr
Texts: TBA

PS 201 examines the Constitution, media, parties, elections, interest groups, and the institutions of the national government in the United States – Congress, the presidency, bureaucracy, and the courts. In addition, it uses as an example the politics and content of the national government budget and taxes, topics that usually serve as both cures for insomnia and yet also are sources of great anger and confusion. A central goal is to help students develop an overall framework about American government and to recognize the effect of institutional arrangements on leaders and the public. A second goal is to help students develop skills in getting behind political images and in using political information. Course books will be on reserve as well as in the Book Store. Students with questions should contact Professor Sahr by phone (737-2811), e-mail (Robert.Sahr@oregonstate.edu), or by appointment (*Bacc Core Course*)

PS 204 Intro to Comparative Politics, CRN 73409
MTWR 13:00-14:50

GILK 104

Instructor Sarah Henderson
Texts: TBA

This course examines the political systems of major democracies, authoritarian regimes, and those of countries making transitions toward democracy. In order to understand how each political system works, four subject areas are studied: the impact of the past; key institutions; political processes; and political economy. This course fulfills both Bacc Core and Social Studies requirements.

PS 205 Intro to International Relations, CRN 73410
MTWR 11:00-12:50

GILK 104

Instructor Kelly Erickson
Texts: TBA

Introduction to International Relations examines contemporary and historical problems in the international political arena, while examining patterns, concepts and theories that can help us interpret and understand why international events occur as they do. We will examine why formal international anarchy makes international politics work in a distinctly different fashion than politics within states. We will also survey a variety of topics, including issues of international security, weapons of mass destruction, terrorism, international trade and finance, development, great power rivalry, and the role of the United States in contemporary world affairs. (Bacc Core Course)(SS)

PS 375 Civil Rights Movement & Policies, CRN 70903
MTWR 11:00-12:50

MLM 123

Instructor Doug Clark
Texts: TBA

This course examines the civil rights movement, both as a set of events of vital importance in the history of the United States and as a catalyst for profound, permanent changes in our politics and public policy.

SECOND FOUR WEEK SESSION
July 21 - August 15 2008

PS 206 Intro to Political Thought, CRN 73580
MTWR 13:00-14:50

GILK 104

Instructor Marta Kunecka
Texts: TBA

Throughout this course students will be introduced to the major ideas of political thought which have been shaping the world throughout history. Participation in class will further the students' ability to think about fundamental political issues in a more aware and conscious way. During the term we will introduce such basic concepts such as: *zoon politikon*, natural law and natural rights theory and social contract theory. The course will also explore such issues as: legitimization of the state, limits of authority, civil disobedience, individual and social responsibility. Students will be introduced to contemporary ideas about the democratic state, its values and the ways of its development. They will also be acquainted with the major ideological and economical alternatives to liberal democracy such as conservatism and communism. It also will be of value for students to be engaged in a discussion on human rights and the values which we need to preserve in order to shape a good political community.

PS 323 American Constitutional Law, CRN 73412
MTWR 9:00-10:50

STAG 106

Instructor Rorie Solberg
Texts: TBA

This is the third of a three-course sequence in American Constitutional Law. PS 323 focuses primarily on important doctrines pertaining to the Fourteenth Amendment and the Bill of Rights. In the final course of the sequence, we turn our attention to the rights of the accused. We cover topics such as what constitutes a reasonable search and seizure; what is considered cruel and unusual punishment; and under what conditions do you have a right to an attorney. The approach is case-oriented, with an emphasis on class discussion and mini-simulations. Course objectives include an understanding of crucial aspects of constitutional doctrine, and increasing development of analytical skill and rigor. There will be two examinations and additional short writing assignments. PREREQ: PS 201. (PS 321, 322, and 323 form a sequence, though they may be taken independently of one another.)

PS 340 Eastern & Central European Politics, CRN 73657
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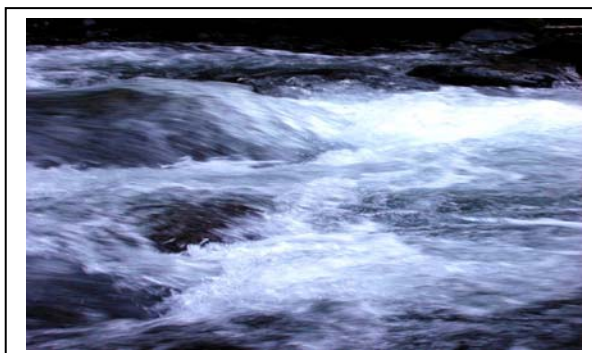
MTWR 11:00-12:50

MLM 213

Instructor Mark R.

Required Text(s): Articles will be available on reserve in library

This class analyzes domestic and international politics in Eastern Europe, focusing on the period since WW II. Particular attention will be paid to the establishment and dissolution of the Soviet bloc; the interplay of Soviet foreign policy and domestic politics in the various states; and comparisons of domestic political structures, especially since 1989. PREREQ: PS 204



E-CAMPUS
World Wide Web Courses
Political Science, Summer 2008

Course #	CRN	Title	Instructor
PS 201	72098	*INTRO TO U.S. GOV & POLITICS	Solberg, Rorie L
PS 206	73570	*INTRO TO POLITICAL THOUGHT	Kunecka, Marta
PS 331	71821	STATE AND LOCAL GOV AND POLITICS	Steel, Brent S
PS 406	72402	PROJECTS	Bernell, David A
PS 407	72400	SEM/CURRENT ISSUES RURAL POLICY	
PS 410	72403	POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP	Bernell, David A
PS 415/515	71067/71068	POLITICS AND THE MEDIA	Sahr, Robert C
PS 425	73169	*GENDER AND LAW	
PS 449/549	71658/71659	^T/GLOBAL ENVIR POLIT & POLICY	Steel, Brent S
PS 475/575	71628/71629	ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS & POLICIES	Steel, Brent S
PS 477/577	73024/73516	INTL ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS	Steel, Brent S