

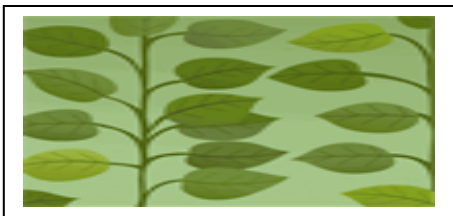
MEMORANDUM

TO: Advisors and Students
FROM: William Lunch, Professor and Chair

SUBJECT: **Expanded Course Descriptions Fall 2008**



Welcome to a new academic year at OSU! The attached descriptions are designed to provide current information regarding the Department of Political Science course offerings of Fall 2008. Additional information can be obtained by referring to our departmental website <http://oregonstate.edu/cla/polisci/> or by calling 737-2811.



POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT NEWS



ADVISING: The Political Science Department takes pride in serving you, our students. Each major is assigned a personal faculty advisor to assist with departmental needs and questions. Our departmental web site includes several pages of advising information and useful links. Please visit the site at "<http://oregonstate.edu/cla/polisci/advising/advisors.php>" to find your individual faculty advisor, a comprehensive description of our programs, internship information, and much more.

BE INFORMED Subscribe to our email distribution list. Receive updates of breaking news on academic program changes, internships, deadlines, scholarships, speakers, workshops and items of interest to our students. Call 737-2811 to subscribe.

MPP PROGRAM The Master of Public Policy program is flourishing under the direction of Brent Steel. This program combines study within the Agricultural Resources and Economics, Political Science, Economics and Sociology Departments. The Master of Public Policy (MPP) will specifically prepare our students for careers in the public, non-profit, and international sectors and offer training for "in--service" students (already employed) desiring professional growth and advancement. For more information, see the program description at "<http://oregonstate.edu/cla/mpp/>".

POLITICAL INTERNSHIPS Intern positions in government, legal, and political positions are available to Oregon State students. Most political internships are volunteer (unpaid) and may be full- or part-time. Inquiries about internship positions should be made **as early as possible** to allow adequate time for the placement process. Contact the Internship Director at least one term before you plan to begin. For additional information about the Internship Program, contact Internship Director David Bernell, look under PS 406 and PS 410 in this booklet, or check our website (see above) for lists of resources and recent internships performed by our students.

UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS The Political Science department offers 7 sections of Baccalaureate Core Required courses, and one Writing Intensive Course (WIC) this term. The Bacc Core courses include PS 201 (2 sections), PS 204, PS 205, and PS 206. Students interested in fulfilling their writing requirements (WIC) can take PS 449/559, Topics in Comparative Politics, or PS 459/559, Topics in International Relations.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

PI SIGMA ALPHA

This Political Science Honorary invites qualified students to apply for membership. Qualified students must have (a) 3.00 GPA in all course work and in Political Science, (b) Junior standing, and (c) must be a Political Science major or have completed at least 20 credits in Political Science with 15 credits at the upper division level. Any interested student is encouraged to contact the Political Science Department, 737-2811.

PRE-LAW CLUB

The Pre-law Club is a student organization designed to promote and enhance pre-law educational opportunities on the Oregon State campus; to assist and encourage OSU's pre-law students; to provide an opportunity for all members of the OSU community--students, faculty, townspeople--who are interested in the law and legal studies to develop relationships and information networks with people of similar interests; to recognize outstanding student achievement; and to provide a forum for an exchange of information and discussion concerning legal issues, law schools and law school preparation, legal career opportunities and pre-law programs at OSU. Interested students from all departments and colleges at OSU are invited to join. Call Dr. Solberg at 737-2811.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS is a third student group which promotes interest in international affairs. See David Bernell for information.

PS 201 INTRODUCTION TO U.S. GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS 4 credits
 CRN 12191, Section 001 TR 12:00-1:50
Instructor: Rorie Solberg 116 Weniger

This course is an introduction to American government and politics. It examines the Constitution, media, parties, elections, interest groups, and the institutions of the US national government – Congress, the presidency, bureaucracy, and the courts. We will look at how these parts contribute to the exercise of American democracy, and how various institutions and players in the system carry out their respective roles. We will also look at a number of domestic and foreign issues and problems that have been instrumental in shaping American politics, with the aim of critically evaluating our system of government. This course will involve lecture, discussion, and/or guest speakers. (*Bacc Core/SS course*)

PS 201 INTRODUCTION TO U.S. GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS 4 credits
 CRN 14369, Section 002 MW 10:00-11:50
Instructor: Robert Sahr 153 Weniger

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@orst.edu), or by appointment (*Bacc Core/SS course*)

PS 204 INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS 4 credits
 CRN 13505, Section 001 TR 10:00-11:50
Instructor: Hua-Yu Li 318 Milam

Required Text(s): *Hauss, Comparative Politics: Domestic Response to Global Challenges*

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. (*Bacc Core/SS course*)

PS 205 INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 4 credits
 CRN 12631, Section 001 MW 2:00-3:50
Instructor: David Bernell 101 Owen

Required Text:

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS	7	ART	0-321-20947-8	PEARSON TECHNOLOGY GROUP	Required	17606875 / 17606868
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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 survey a variety of topics, including weapons of mass destruction, intervention, terrorism, international trade and finance, the environment, conflict in the Middle East, great power rivalry, and the role of the United States in contemporary world affairs. (*Bacc Core/SS course*)

PS 321	AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	4 credits
CRN 16983, Section 001		TR 8:00-9:50
Instructor: Rorie Solberg		113 Gilkey

Required/Optional Text(s): TBA

This is the first course of a three-quarter sequence in American Constitutional Law. In this course, we will analyze the powers of the Court, the president and the legislature, as well as discuss issues of interstate commerce, and federalism. Through analysis of the case law, we will gain knowledge of the Constitution and its possible interpretations, as well as an understanding of the Supreme Court, the role it plays as interpreter of the Constitution, and the legal and political facets of this role. Through these exercises, we will begin to understand that the nature of our government changes even though the Constitution has, for the most part, remained unchanged. We will ask and answer questions such as: What powers does the Constitution bestow on the Court, on the President and on Congress? For example, can the President call on the army to stop a strike in an industry critical to our national infrastructure? How much or which powers can be shared? Can the legislature veto a decision of an executive agency to allow an illegal immigrant to remain in the U.S.? Where are the boundaries of these powers? Can the Supreme Court declare a state law unconstitutional? How do we define the relationship between the federal and state governments? Is the current Court changing this relationship and how? To answer these questions we will delve into the landmark decisions made by the U.S. Supreme Court since the founding of our nation. The course goals are to sharpen your ability to comprehend, analyze, and criticize Supreme Court decisions, to attune you to the socioeconomic as well as the philosophic and political underpinnings of constitutional law, and to illustrate the Justices' role in shaping American life. Evaluation will likely include two essay exams, one short paper, and one moot court simulation. PREREQ: PS 201.

PS 350	GOVERNMENT & POLITICS OF MODERN JAPAN	4 credits
CRN 18300, Section 001		TR 2:00-3:50
Instructor: Hua-Yu Li		417 Bexell

Required/Optional Text(s): TBA

This course examines political life in contemporary Japan by exploring the political history, the interactions of political parties, bureaucracy, and interest groups and the ongoing transformation of the Japanese political system. Attention is also given to Japan's political economy, and U.S.-Japan relations and trade.

PS 399	CURRENT PROBLEMS IN POLITICS:	4 credits
CRN 18301, Section 001	Terrorism and Insurgency	WF 10:00-11:50
Instructor: Kelly Erickson		287 Weniger

Required/Optional Text(s): TBA

This quarter's topic is terrorism and insurgency. We will examine the nature and strategic logic of terrorism and insurgency as forms of political violence as well as evaluate the various arguments about the root causes of this violence. We will conclude with a survey of efforts taken to counteract these forms of political violence with special emphasis on the counterinsurgency efforts underway in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere.

PS 399H	SPECIAL TOPICS/PRINCIPLES OF POPULATION, then and now:	
	Malthus, Darwin, and contemporary ecological, anthropological, and demographic perspectives	
CRN 18029, Section 001		2 credits
Instructor: Clinton		W 10:00-11:50
		237 Strand Agricultural Hall

Required/Optional Text(s): TBA

Everyone has heard of Thomas Malthus, but few understand what a seminal influence his thinking was on both Charles Darwin and Alfred Russel Wallace in their independent working out of evolutionary theory. The concerns that Malthus's thought addressed -- the inherent potential for population growth to outrun the capacity for food production -- seemed to have been eclipsed by the Industrial Revolution and the vast expansion of agriculture that accompanied it, but the future of petroleum-based agriculture is now being recognized as, at best, uncertain. This two-hour colloquium will provide direct insights into "Malthusian Theory" by reading some of Malthus's famous essay and will explore connections among human population dynamics, modern issues in evolution and ecology, and energy and economic sustainability. *This is an Honors College course. Non-Honors College students who desire to attend may petition to register with the Honors College.*

PS 400 **POLITICAL ANALYSIS** **4 credits**
 CRN 14370, Section 001 (LECTURE) F 10:00-12:50 222 Strand Agricultural Hall
 CRN 14371, Section 010 (LAB) F 9:00-9:50 201 Milne
Instructor: Brent Steel

Required Text(s):

400	001	BASICS OF SOCIAL RESEARCH (2ND ED) W/INFOTRAC, SPSS 11.0 SUPP & DATA DISK BUNDLE	BABBIE (4)	0-534-51904-0	Required	13224288 / 13224271
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This course is designed to introduce students to the fundamental aspects of doing social science and public policy research. We will begin with a discussion of “methodology” (the philosophy behind research) and then move on to discussion about “methods” (techniques) of research. The primary focus of the course will be on research design, but considerable attention will be paid to elementary data analysis. All students are expected to use email and the WWW with Internet Explorer for this course.

PS 401/501 **RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP** **1-16 credits**
 CRN: 14534/16823, Section 001 Any PS Faculty Member

Required/Optional Text(s): Varies, see instructor before buying books.

This is an independent study course to offer students credit for working on a research project with a professor. Requires pre-approval by instructor.

PS 402/502 **INDEPENDENT STUDY** **1-16 credits**
 CRN: 10683/10687, Section 001 Any PS Faculty Member

This is an independent study course to offer credit for working independently with a professor. Requires pre-approval by instructor.

PS 403 **THESIS** **1-16 credits**
 CRN: 10684, Section 001 Any PS Faculty Member

This is an individual thesis writing course to offer credit for independent work with a professor. Requires pre-approval by instructor.

PS 405/505 **READING AND CONFERENCE** **1-16 credits**
 CRN: 10685/12315, Section 001 Any PS Faculty Member

Required/Optional Text(s): Varies, see instructor before buying books.

This is an independent study course to offer students credit for working on a reading/conference project with a professor. Requires pre-approval by instructor.

PS 406 **PROJECTS: INTERNSHIP** **2 credits**
 CRN 11660, Section 001 American and International Relations **INSTRUCTOR** David Bernell

Required/Optional Text(s): See instructor before buying books.

This course is required for those completing an internship for Political Science credit; it involves reading, thinking, and writing a paper about your internship experience within a scholarly framework. The reading varies with the individual internship. Students may complete this course with any Political Science faculty member, including David Bernell, Acting Internship Director. David.Bernell@oregonstate.edu. Instructor approval required **BEFORE** registering.

PS 406 **PROJECTS**
CRN: 12954, Section 003
Instructor: Any Tenure-track PS Faculty Member

1-16 credits

PS 410 **POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP**
CRN: 10686, Section 001
Instructor: David Bernell

1-12 credits

Students may receive credit for work experience in government and government-related positions in Oregon, Washington, D.C., or elsewhere. **Internships are available to students from ALL majors.** Internships are available, for example, for students in law-related organizations in Corvallis and elsewhere and for students working with members of Congress or other government officials. Students may receive as many as 12 hours credit for the internship, with an additional 2 credits for the **REQUIRED accompanying course, PS 406** (see above). **Instructor approval required.**

PS 413/513 **POLITICAL PARTIES & ELECTIONS**
CRN: 18302/18303
Instructor: William Lunch

4 credits
MW 4:00-5:50
412 Bexell Hall

Textbooks: TBA

In this course, we will discuss the 2008 elections as a means to understand political parties and elections generally. -We will examine political parties at three levels; the party of the voters, the party of the activists, and the party in government. In addition, theories of party competition, will be considered in the context of American party experience and the 2008 elections. Perhaps most importantly, we will ask if 2008 has the characteristics of a "realigning election."

During roughly the first half of this course, we will closely follow developments in the 2008 elections, focusing on the activities of and support for the major candidates for president and the political parties more generally in congressional and state elections. In the second half of the course, we will analyze the election results and will connect the 2008 elections to the party system. We will also consider the implications of the elections for prominent public policies, such as economic policy, the war in Iraq, civil liberties, and others. Students will write short papers on candidates and election issues in states of their choice.

PS 416/516 **PUBLIC OPINION AND POLITICS**
CRN: 18304/18305, Section 001
Instructor: Robert Sahr

4 credits
MW 2:00-3:50
203 Strand Agricultural Hall

This course will examine public opinion and political psychology, an emerging field, with special attention to "cutting-edge" developments in neuroscience that have relevance for the study of politics. This course will examine how opinions are studied, how individuals form opinions, how opinions influence public officials, and how officials influence public opinion. Political psychology examines, among other topics, how leaders and public think about political topics and how they make decisions. Recent developments in neuroscience enable researchers to "see" how the brain operates when people think about political topics, and have opened new areas of research about public opinion.

I am sharply reducing reading and writing requirements in order to allow students to grapple more fully with these topics. The course will involve much in-class discussion, based on course reading and current examples. The course intends to provide students with basic information about public opinion and political psychology and also a skill (possibly even "marketable" on job applications): either survey research or content analysis or some other method.

There will be no exams but a series of relatively short writing assignments, which ask students to apply course materials to recent developments, personal experiences, or both. Each student also will study one public opinion topic or analyze data in some depth. Students with questions about the course should contact Professor Sahr at 737-2811 or Robert.Sahr@oregonstate.edu. Prereq: PS 201.

PS 459 **TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:**
CRN: 16988, Section 001 **ETHICS & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**
Instructor: Kelly Erickson

4 credits
WF 2:00-3:50
100 Gilkey

Texts: TBA

Is consistent ethical action in international affairs possible? Or does the absence of a global moral consensus in an anarchic international system states and leaders to the amoral pursuit of clashing national interests? Can leaders exercise conventional individual

morality even though they have the extra responsibility of providing security and welfare to their people in an often immoral or amoral world? Or do these added responsibilities imply a different set of moral guidelines for leaders than for individuals? This course considers these questions by examining contrasting arguments by philosophers and social thinkers (e.g. Thucydides, Machiavelli, Kant, and Weber) as well as by analyzing particularly vexing cases in the history of international relations such as the use of the atomic bomb, the effects of economic sanctions, the use of military force, and humanitarian intervention. This is a writing intensive course.

PS 503

THESIS

1-16 credits

CRN 16011 Section 001	David Bernell		CRN 13187 Section 005	William Lunch
CRN 13184 Section 002	Richard Clinton		CRN 13185 Section 006	Robert Sahr
CRN 10688 Section 003	Sarah Henderson		CRN 13186 Section 007	Rorie Solberg
CRN 13189 Section 004	Hua-Yu Li		CRN 13188 Section 008	Brent Steel

Required/Optional Text(s): Varies, see instructor before buying books.

This is an independent study course to offer credit for working on a thesis with a professor. Requires pre-approval by instructor.

PS 506

PROJECTS

1-16 credits

CRN: 12955, Section 002

Instructor: Any tenured PS faculty

This course is required for those completing an internship for Political Science credit; it involves reading, thinking, and writing a paper about your internship experience within a scholarly framework. The reading varies with the individual internship. Students may complete this course with any Political Science faculty member. Requires pre-approval by instructor.

PS 510

GRADUATE INTERNSHIP

1-16 credits

CRN: 10689, Section 001

Instructor: Any tenured PS faculty

Students work with a Political Science professor on individual political science internship. Instructor approval required.

(For MPP internship, see MPP 510.)

PS 572

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

4 credits

CRN: 16363, Section 001

Instructor: Brent Steel

M 6:00-9:50

108 Gilkey

Required/Optional Text(s):

PS-572-001	CASE FOR BUREAUCRACY	4	GOODSELL	Required
PS-572-001	CLASSICS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	4	SHAFRITZ	Required
PS-572-001	INTELLECTUAL CRISIS IN AMERICAN PUBLIC ADMIN	2	OSTROM	Required
PS-572-001	THEORIES OF PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS	4	DENHARDT	Required

This course is a basic introduction to public administration for graduate students. The course will be organized in seminar format and incorporate interdisciplinary topics and case studies. Topics to be covered include the role of bureaucracy in the political process, theories of public organizations, bureaucratic discretion and accountability, policy implementation, and the changing nature of public administration in postindustrial America. While the class will focus on the United States, a comparative approach will be used to highlight unique features of the American system. Evaluation of students' mastery of course content will be done through their leadership of selected seminar topics and a course research paper incorporating discussion topics and readings.



Political Science Classes Ecampus - Distance Ed

Title	Crs#	Sec#	CRN	CR		Instructor
*INTRO TO U.S. GOV & POLITICS	201	400	15788	4		Solberg, R.
STATE GOV AND POLITICS	331	400	14441	4		Steel, B.
PROJECTS/POLITICAL SCIENCE	406	400	15789	2	Restrictions apply. See web SOC.	Bernell, D.
SEM/CUR ISSUES IN RURAL POLICY	407	400	16479	4	Restrictions apply. See web SOC.	Steel, B.
POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP	410	400	15790	2	Restrictions apply. See web SOC.	Bernell, D.
^T/GLOBAL ENVIRON POLICY	449	400	14442	4	Restrictions apply. See web SOC.	Steel, B.
ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS & POLICY	475	400	16512	4	Restrictions apply. See web SOC.	Steel, B.
INTL ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS & POLICY	477	400	17109	4		Steel, B.
T/GLOBAL ENVIRON POLICY	549	400	14443	4	Restrictions apply. See web SOC.	Steel, B.
ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS & POLICY	575	400	16513	4	Restrictions apply. See web SOC.	Steel, B.
INTL ENVIRON PROBLEM	577	400	17115	4		Steel, B.

