

**USNA, POLITICAL SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT, COURSE
DESCRIPTIONS, AY20 Fall
(Fall 2019)**

FP130 U.S. Government and Constitutional Development. Core course taken by all midshipmen during their Fourth Class year. Basic concepts of American democracy, the Constitution, political process, structure and functions of national government and factors influencing its operation; emphasis on legal and ethical demands placed on government officials, both civilian and military, as defined by the Constitution and statute.

FP130X U.S. Government and Constitutional Development. The basic concepts of American democracy and the Constitution placed in a comparative context for midshipmen from foreign countries

FP210 Introduction to International Relations. Approaches to analysis of international relations; nature and evolution of international political systems; foreign policy decision making; roles of non-state actors; diplomacy and war; economic development; and international institutions.

FP220 Political Science Methods. Discussion of the philosophy of science for the political scientist; instruction in research methods with emphasis on scientific method and quantitative techniques.

FP230 Introduction to Comparative Politics. Study of the origins of the modern state and the emergence of democracies and dictatorships. Investigates economic and cultural causes and consequences of democracy. Explores different regime types, institutional design, government performance, and survival. Introduces key theories and debates about political phenomena.

FP311 Ethics and International Relations. The course will focus on dominant theories on International Relations and will use historical and fictional case studies to explore the ethical dilemmas that arise in relations between states.

FP313 Information Technology and International Politics. Effects of information technology on both the national and international political systems; emphasis on changed weaponry, the vulnerability of cyberspace and other aspects of the information revolution on the relations among nations. (*Pre-requisite: FP210*)

FP325 American Political Philosophy. The theories and practices of Jefferson, Madison, Lincoln, Calhoun, Martin Luther King and other seminal American political thinkers; special emphasis on societal progress and public policy ambiguity under the banner of Liberty and Equality. (*Pre-requisite: FP130*)

FP326 American Presidency. An examination of the presidential selection process and of the nature of presidential power in both the domestic and international spheres, with a focus on the ways in which they are both enhanced and constrained by

other actors in the political system, including Congress, the judicial branch, the bureaucracy, the media, and the public. (*Pre-requisite: FP130*)

FP328 Legislative Process. Decision making in the U.S. Congress; constituencies and elections, role of party and committees, and interaction with executive and judicial branches, bureaucracy, interest groups and other actors.

FP341 Political Psychology. Introduction to psychological concepts and approaches used to analyze politics. Topics covered include acquisition of personal political attitudes and beliefs; the dynamics of public opinion; theories underlying PsyOp (Psychological Operations), riots, revolutions and wars; and psychological sources of effective and defective decisions in small group settings such as juries, military commands and policy settings. (*Pre-requisite: FP130*)

FP345 Environmental Politics and Security (Interdisciplinary Energy Themed). A unique interdisciplinary course that examines major energy security issues from the perspective of political science, economics, engineering, and natural science. The course is co-taught from professors from multiple disciplines. Students in this section of the course will focus on security and policy related issued to energy security.

FP357 Politics of China and Japan. An investigation of the politics of a potential 21st century superpower and the world's second largest economy, examining their trajectories of development, the cultural and historical factors behind governance, formal and informal political institutions, and major problems confronting political elites.

FP369 Middle Eastern Politics. Comparative analysis of domestic politics, political economy, the role of religion, foreign policies, and elements of international relations of Middle Eastern political systems; theoretical emphasis on ethnic conflict, conflict resolution and democratic development.

FP370 Russian Foreign Policy. This course examines the context of Russian foreign policy following the collapse of the Soviet Union. After a period of relative decline, Russia has begun to aggressively reassert its foreign policy agenda. Conflict with Ukraine, Russian opposition to NATO, and the fear of a new Cold War dominate the news as it pertains to Russia even while the West seeks Russian cooperation in several critical areas. The course will address historical roots of Russian foreign and security policy; contemporary developments, and unique challenges in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and the Arctic. (*Prereq: FP130 (FP210 highly recommended)*)

FP384 Politics of Irregular Warfare. Theoretical, historical and policy examination of low-level political-military confrontation; viewed from several perspectives, such as revolutionary, policy-making, military and nation-state; focus on U.S. response to low intensity conflict. (*Pre-requisite: 2/C*)

FP393 Civil Wars and Armed Conflict. This course will embark on an effort to rigorously assess the causes, dynamics, and outcomes of civil wars and

internal armed conflict. In the modern era, there have been over 200 intra-state conflicts - the intensity of violence, their seeming preventability, and the investment of significant resources by major powers make the study of civil wars relevant to future military officers.

FP397 Criminal Law and Justice. An examination of both (1) the criminal justice system and the requirements of due process as mandated by the Constitution (double jeopardy, coerced confessions, plea bargaining, etc.) and (2) the criminal law -- the nature of criminal intent, the criminal act, the defenses (self-defense, insanity, etc.) as illustrated in such common law felonies as murder, rape, robbery, and battery.

FP407 Intelligence and National Security. Examination of nature, significance and development of intelligence including collection, counterintelligence, clandestine and covert action and evaluation; includes current issues and case studies.

FP408 – International Law: Survey of public law of nations including jurisdiction, citizenship, nationality, human rights, and treaty law. This course places special emphasis on the law of the sea, the law of war, and the legal issues involving the use of force by states.

FP413 Constitutional Law: Federal System. Analysis of key Supreme Court decisions interpreting the power of judiciary, executive and Congress under the Constitution; nation-state relations; the commerce power; economic liberties.

FP468 Palestinian–Israeli Conflict. The conflict between Arabs and Jews over Palestine is one of the most important factors shaping Middle East politics. The impact of this conflict affects local Arabs and Jews, regional actors and global partners. To date, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict has produced a series of wars and recurring patterns of violence. This course identifies key actors and motivations in the conflict as well as the conflict's intractability. Peace processes are also a topic of discussion. (*Prereq: FP369 or approval of department chair*)

FP485B Politics of Security on the Korean Peninsula

This course will deal with the concept of traditional and non-traditional security and explain the relationships among Northeast Asia countries as related to the Korean Peninsula.

FP485D World Order Politics. This new course will address the history, current condition and emerging challenges to the rules-based world order sponsored, protected and enforced by the United States beginning in 1945.

FP485E Nuclear Weapons and National Security. Explore the understanding of the development of nuclear weapons, their relationship to US National Security strategy, the efforts to control them and the security challenges that these weapons have will continue to present for national security.

FP505 – Honors Senior Seminar. An advanced research seminar to carry out the research to culminate in a senior honors thesis. *Pre-requisite: FPSH major, FP500.*