

USNA, POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT, COURSE DESCRIPTIONS, AY2021 SPRING (SPRING 2021)

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. *(Ernst, Smith, Laverde, Childress, Cleary, Houser, Tice, Williams, Alfriend, Blanchard, Kamoie, Adjuncts TBD)*

FP210 Intro 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. *(Nutt)*

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. *(Kellermann, Richardson)*

FP230 Intro 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. *(Miller, Testerman)*

FP314 Formulation of U.S. Foreign Policy. Case study-based review of the content, formulation and execution of U.S. foreign policies since World War II, including decision-making processes, administration of policy and development of current policies. *(Wrage)*

FP323 Comparative Latin American Politics. Social, economic and political environments; regimes and government institutions and interest groups, political parties, students, church and armed forces; theories of Latin American political behavior with country case studies. *(Polga-Hecimovich)*

FP340 Modern Political Thought and Ideology. Introduces students to a range of major political ideologies, focused on their historical origins, underlying philosophical claims, and development over time. The period covered by this course extends from the 18th century into the present. Ideologies examined include liberalism, conservatism, socialism, feminism, nationalism, and multiculturalism. *(Pippenger)*

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. *(Smith)*

FP357 Politics of China and Japan An examination of the politics of the People's Republic of China and post-World War II Japan. Introduces students to the main patterns, processes, structures, and personalities of Chinese and Japanese politics; and how the two countries historically embarked on divergent routes to modernity. *(Deng)*

FP367 Politics of Russia Examines the context of Russian foreign policy following the collapse of the Soviet Union. The course examines key political events of the 1990s and 2000s, and includes the economic and political developments since the founding of the Russian Federation. *(Espinas)*

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

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. *(O'Gorman)*

FP414 Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties. An analysis of leading Supreme Court decisions in the areas of speech, press, and religion; equal protection of minorities and women; privacy. *(Zotti)*

FP421 National Security Policy. Examination of interaction of domestic and foreign political and military considerations in the formulation and execution of national security policy; use of case studies and review of current strategic policies. *(Mattox)*

FP430 Political Philosophy. Study of major thinkers in the history of Western political philosophy from ancient Greece into the late 18th century, with an emphasis on topics including authority, justice, freedom, equality, democracy, and citizenship. Readings include works by Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau. *(Pippenger)*

FP460 Nuclear Weapons and National Security. The course explores the understanding of the development of nuclear weapons, their relationship to U.S. National Security strategy, the efforts to control them, and the security challenges that these weapons continue to present for national security. *(Pugh)*

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. *(Wheeler)*

FP476 Grand Strategy and Great Power Politics. Grand strategy is a coherent statement of the state's highest political ends to be pursued globally over the long term. This class will review the historical foundations of strategy, analyze the evolution of American strategy from the Founding Fathers to the current day and explore the foundations of strategy worldwide from a regional perspective with an emphasis on the roles of history, religion, culture and geography in shaping various countries and region's approaches to grand strategy. *(Ostendorff)*

FP486A Race, Gender, Class, and Sexuality in the United States.

This course focuses on how attributions of race, gender, and sexuality difference shape American political institutions and behavior. A study of these identities and their effects on a wide variety of outcomes, including public opinion, political representation, party politics, and public policy. *(Harbin)*

FP486B World Order Politics.

This course addresses the history, current condition, and emerging challenges to the rules-based world order sponsored, protected, and enforced by the United States beginning in 1945. *(Wrage)*

FP486C The Two Assads: Syrian Foreign Policy.

The late Syrian leader, Hafez Assad, succeeded during thirty years in power (1970-2000) in transforming Syria, albeit at a high cost in the human rights of Syrians. By contrast, his successor and son, Bashar Assad, led Syria to its near total destruction. This course examines Syria under the two Assads with an emphasis on the domestic sources of its foreign policy. A special course on Syria offered by the USNA Class of 1955 Distinguished Chair in Middle East Studies. *(Jouejadi)*

FP486D Security Issues in the Indo-Pacific Region.

This course examines the geopolitics of the Indo-Pacific region focusing on the security Cinterests of the many states of the region including India, China, the United States, Japan, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, and other powers. A special course offered by the Visiting Fulbright-McCain Scholar in Residence. *(Singh)*

By Invitation Courses:

FP482: NAFAC Moderators Course. Course for NAFAC Moderators to research and prepare for the annual NAFAC conference in April 2021. *(Wrage, Blanchard)*

FP482A: Debate Team Research Seminar. Course for Debate Team members to conduct research and prepare for debate competitions in the spring of 2021. *(O'Gorman)*

FP500: Honors Advanced Research Design Seminar. An advanced research seminar to carry out the research to culminate in a senior honors thesis. *(FPSH major, 2/C 2022 honors students only.) (Wheeler)*

FP510: Honors Senior Seminar. The final course in the honors sequence for the research, writing, and presentation of a senior honors thesis. *(FPSH major, 1/C 2021 honors students only.) (Wheeler)*

Initial Seats Offered By Course for Pre-Registration

CORE COURSES – FPS MAJOR REQUIRED

<u>Course</u>	<u># Seats for Spring 2021</u>
• FP130:	600
• FP210:	72
• FP220:	64
• FP230:	72
• FP471A:	12
• FP471B:	12
• FP471C:	12
• FP471D:	12
• FP471E:	12
• FP471F:	12

ELECTIVES – FPS MAJORS & HUM//SS

<u>Course</u>	<u># Seats for Spring 2021</u>
• FP314:	36
• FP323:	36
• FP340:	36
• FP341:	36
• FP357:	36
• FP367:	18
• FP384:	18
• FP397:	36
• FP414:	18
• FP421:	36
• FP430:	18
• FP460:	18
• FP468:	36
• FP476:	18
• FP486A:	54
• FP486B:	18
• FP486C:	18
• FP486D:	18