



POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES FALL 2015 (AY16)

Required Courses

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, United States Government and Constitutional Development for Foreign Students. The basic concepts of American democracy and the Constitution placed in a comparative context for USNA exchange students.

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.

American Government and Law Concentration

FP326, American Presidency. Growth and evolution of Office of the President; executive agencies, their function, control and problems; special attention to president's selection, role as commander-in-chief and relations with the legislative and judicial branches.

FP345, Environmental Politics and Security. Examines the major environmental problems currently influencing U.S. domestic and environmental security policies. Reviews major theories and public policies about the relationships among environmental, demographic, and political conflicts to include global warming, pollution, degradation and future scarcity of land, air, ocean, fresh water resources and novel ethical issues. Special emphasis is placed on DOD environmental programs and the legal responsibilities.

FP372, Political Parties, Campaigns and Interest Groups: Study of dynamics of group politics (parties, interest groups, public opinion and elections) in the U.S. political system.

FP375, Politics and the Media. Comprehensive analysis of how print, electronic and computer based mass media choose, cover and disseminate information about American politics.

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.

FP430, Political Philosophy. Addressing the development of political philosophy, this course will examine intellectual heritage of Western thinkers from ancient Greece to the present.

FP485B, Homeland Security: Strategy and Policy. An overview of homeland security by analyzing US unconventional threats and vulnerabilities as well as organizational strategies and policies to counter them. Focus on intelligence reform, infrastructure protection, interagency coordination, and law.

Comparative Politics Concentration

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.

FP462, Special Topics in Comparative Politics: Politics and Challenges of Iran - explores the challenges of Iran to the United States and its role in the Middle East.

International Relations Concentration

FP366, African International Relations. Introduces midshipmen to the most important trends in contemporary African international relations and the most important social science theories and methods used by political and military decision makers, analysts, and scholars to understand contemporary Africa.

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. Prereq: 2/C.

FP408, International Law. Designed to introduce the basic elements of international law and to develop an understanding of the organizations and politics involved in international legal processes. (Prereq FP210.)

FP450 International Political Economy. IPE investigates the relationship between state and economy by exploring the interaction of power and the activities of the market place. Revolves around topics (historical, legal and policy) associated with the int'l organizations and the role of the multinational corporations. (Prereq: FP210)

FP460 Nuclear Weapons and US National Security Policy. Development of nuclear weapons, their relationship to US National Security strategy, the efforts to control them and the security challenges that these weapons will continue to present for national security. Taught by the Class of 1960 Distinguished National Security Chair. (Murray)

FP485J 21st Century Nuclear Strategy. Following two decades of a strategic intellectual nuclear holiday, finally, deterrence is once again a topic of discussion and debate in the military and academic communities. Addresses questions regarding how nuclear deterrence has evolved and its anticipated future and effectiveness in the 21st century.(Curtis)

FP485I National Security Decision Making in the Cyber Age. Explores the exciting challenges and opportunities the growth of cyber power brings to national security decision making for both the Department of Defense and the rest of the US government. Focus is on strategy, policy, and operations versus the technical aspects of cyber.(Cavaiola)

Honors

FP505, Honors Senior Seminar. An advanced research seminar to carry out the research to culminate in a senior honors thesis. *Prereq: FP500 Acceptance into the honors program and I/C standing.*

Upcoming Spring Courses 2016

American Government and Law Concentration

FP328, Legislative Process

FP341, Political Psychology

FP345, Environmental Politics and Security

FP397, Criminal Law and Justice

FP414, Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties

FP420, Public Policy Analysis

Comparative Politics Concentration

FP322, Comparative European Politics

FP335, Non-Democratic Politics

FP462, Special Topics in Comparative Politics: Politics & Challenges of Iran

International Relations Concentration

FP355, Civil Military Relations

FP371, Asian International Politics

FP421, National Security Policy

FP437, International Organizations

FP460, Global Issues and National Security Threats