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POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES FALL 2013 (AY14)

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. **Successful completion of FP130 is required for enrollment in all other required and elective FP courses.**

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; Third World 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 politics in other societies which offers students a basic framework for comparing political systems. Key theoretical concepts, analytical tools and seminal works in the field are introduced to lay the foundation for advanced area studies coursework.

American Government and Law Concentration (prereq FP130)

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.

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

FP397, Criminal Law and Justice. By concentrating on the nature of criminal law, the institutions and actors applying it, the course seeks to give students a thorough comprehension of the justice system. (Prereq: 2/C.)

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

FP420, Public Policy Analysis. Analysis of U.S. public policy toward social and economic problems; survey of selected policy areas such as health care, education, housing, economic and social welfare.

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

FP485A, Voting, Behavior & Public Opinions. An analysis of elections and the voting process. Topics include candidate selection, the conduct of elections, and voting behavior, with an emphasis on the role institutions play in shaping the behavior and preferences of candidates and voters. (Prereq: FP220)

Comparative Politics Concentration (prereq FP130)

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. (Prereq: FP130)

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.

FP358, Politics of Southeast Asia. Introduction to the politics of Southeast Asia. Examine types of political regimes existing in the region, state of democracy, recent political and economic developments, international relations in the region, and security issues. Also examines the role of Islam in the politics of several Southeast Asian nations.

FP365, African Politics. Analysis of political trends and constitutional development of African political systems; their relations with one another and outside world; attention directed to U.S. security interests in Africa.

FP367, Politics of Russia and the CIS. The development and disintegration of the modern Soviet political system.

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.

FP440, Politics of Central Europe. Analysis of the politics of Central Europe from a comparative perspective; the struggle for national identity and economic development in the post-communist environment.

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 (prereq FP130)

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.

FP335, Non-Democratic Politics. Examination of modern totalitarian and authoritarian regimes as distinct forms of political organization.

FP355, Civil-Military Relations. An examination of the interplay between civilians and the military in a liberal democratic society. The course blends of theory, practice, policy, sociology, history and political philosophy to examine the relationship of the professional military to the society which it serves. Employs a comparative approach with emphasis on case studies.

FP366, African International Politics. This course presents a survey of key actors and relationships in African International Relations and emerging security issues.

FP371, Asian International Politics. Study of international relations in Asia with topics on regional security structure, political economy, the roles of great powers (China, Japan, the United States, and Soviet Union/ Russia), and major security issues (such as the crises on the Korean Peninsula and across the Taiwan Straits).

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 LIC. Prereq: 2/C.

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. (Prereq: FP210, 2/C, U.S. citizenship.)

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.)

FP421, National Security Policy. Analyzes how the US defines and pursues its national security policy, including formulation of security strategies and the roles of major domestic and international actors.

FP437, International Organizations. Attention given to control of conflict and violence, economic cooperation and management of global resources; major focus on the UN; discussion of selected regional issues and other NGOs.

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 Global Issues and National Security Threats. Taught by the Class of 1960 Distinguished National Security Chair. FP460 is open to upper class midshipmen majoring in Political Science. This seminar will deepen midshipmen understanding of U.S. security policy, involving domestical/international actors, processes and institutions and in particular, the usage of hard and soft power. Topics include: political, military, economic, non-state actors and legal implicatons of national security and global issues. (Murray)

FP485I, Statecraft: An International Relations Simulation. Statecraft is a fully automated simulation that allows students to experience the challenge and opportunity, in a complex, intense, and personal way.

FP485J, Cyber Power: Policy and Economics. A growing dependence on military and intelligence networks and the networking of our critical national infrastructure can quickly become vulnerabilities. This course will develop a political and economic framework for analyzing cyber power. The course will cover the body of thought that impinges on cyber matters and provides a synthesis of this information in a variety of decision-making contexts. (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.