

## POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES FALL 2014 (AY15)

### 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.

**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 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 comparative politics coursework.

### American Government and Law Concentration (prereq FP130)

**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.

**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.** 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)

**FP357, Politics of China and Japan.** An investigation of the politics of a potential 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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.

**FP468, Palestinian-Israeli Conflict.** Provides a broad overview of the major themes in the Palestine Israeli conflict including how it started, what factors make the conflict so intractable, the major ideological perspectives, how the conflict affects US foreign policy and regional security in the Middle East.

**FP485C, Armed Conflict, Rebellion, and Civil War.** This course will embark upon an effort to rigorously assess the causes, dynamics, effects, and outcomes of civil wars. The intensity of violence, the seeming preventability of these conflicts, and the involvement of major powers and international organizations, all make the study of civil wars relevant to future military officers.

## **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.

**FP355, Civil-Military Relations.** An examination of the interplay between civilians and the military in a liberal democratic society. The course blends 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 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.

**FP407, Intelligence and National Security.** Examination of the 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.)

**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.

**FP460 Nuclear Weapons and US National Security Policy.** Explore 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. Taught by the Class of 1960 Distinguished National Security Chair. (Murray)

**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)

**FP485K, Distinguished Military Professor Seminar.** An in-depth analysis of modern U.S. military policy with General John Allen, '76. Enrollment requires approval of department chair. Contact Professor Zotti, cc LT Gates if interested.(Allen)

## **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 2015**

#### **American Government and Law Concentration**

FP326, American Presidency

FP328, Legislative Process

FP340, Modern Political Thought and Ideology

FP341, Political Psychology

FP372, Political Parties, Campaigns and Interest Groups

FP397, Criminal Law and Justice

FP414, Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties

#### **Comparative Politics Concentration**

FP322, Comparative European Politics

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

FP468, Palestinian-Israeli Conflict

#### **International Relations Concentration**

FP314, Formulation of US Foreign Policy

FP356, Conflict and Peacemaking

FP360, Middle East International Politics

FP371, Asian International Politics

FP460, Global Issues and National Security Threats

#### **International Relations Concentration**

FP384, Politics of Irregular Warfare

FP407, Intelligence and National Security

FP408, International Law

FP421, National Security Policy

FP437, International Organizations