POLITICAL SCIENCE BULLETIN

For Winter Quarter 2014

Major advising for Political Science majors is

ONE WEEK ONLY: November 8-15

You may make an advising appointment by contacting your advisor.

Please review your online program evaluation (Academic Evaluation) at least once every quarter. This document displays progress toward your BA Degree, including requirements, major requirements, and general electives.

The Political Science major requires 65 credits:	
ECON 271 (Macro-Econ)	5 credits
Four Foundation courses (PLSC 200, 230, 250, 260)	20 credits
One upper-division course in each field: American Politics, Comparative Politics, Theory and Law, International Relations	20 credits
Four major elective courses; your choice of courses not used to meet field distribution requirements	20 credits

For complete information on the Political Science degrees, including Departmental Honors and Legal Studies Specialization, go to the catalog:
http://catalog.seattleu.edu/content.php?catoid=4&navoid=207#Departments_Programs

WINTER QUARTER COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

PLSC 200-01 **INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN POLITICS**
3:40-5:45 MW **Neil Chaturvedi**
Foundation

This course introduces students to the American political system. We will examine the theoretical and historical underpinnings of the United States constitution, the political institutions-- Congress, the Presidency, and the Courts, and the American electorate. We will pay specific attention to American public opinion, elections and voting, and political behavior. Finally, we will scrutinize the role of the American media on the political system. In this course, students should expect to gain an understanding of American politics that is beyond current events in a way that will allow them to understand how and why the political system is the way it is. Given that class discussions will involve applying political science theories to current events, students will be expected to come prepared to class by reading both class assignments as well as remaining current with real-world politics.

PLSC 250-01 **INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY**
1:30-3:35 TTh **Erik Olsen**
Foundation

Exploration of theoretical and philosophical issues pertaining to justice, freedom, and political authority. Western traditions of political theory are examined from feminist and multicultural perspectives.

PLSC 260-01 **INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL POLITICS**
1:30-3:35 TTH **Connie Anthony**
Foundation

The contemporary debate on where global politics is headed concerns whether globalization will eclipse war, whether established national interest in wealth will Address global economic inequities, and whether today's society will become so truly global as to become more interested in human rights than in national interest. While we can imagine how we might like these debates to be resolved in the world, to understand what the opportunities are for such a resolution, we will consider: a) major theoretical perspectives in the study of international politics; b) the security dilemma in a world of anarchy; c) economic justice in a rule-based world of the global market; d)human rights issues associated with the economic borderlands and immigration.

PLSC 321-01 **AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**
3:45-5:50 TTh **Erik Olsen**
Political Theory and Law

Growth, philosophy, and development of the United States Constitution as reflected in decisions of the Supreme Court with emphasis on issues of equal protection, federalism, separation of powers, regulation of commerce, and the role of the court.

PLSC 325-01 **RACE AND THE LAW**
6:00-8:05 MW **James Womack**
Political Theory and Law

In this survey course you will analyze federal laws, state laws and court decisions that shape the rights of people of color in the United States. First, you will learn about major Constitutional amendments, court decisions, and civil rights statutes from Emancipation to the present with an emphasis on understanding the evolution of the law. Second, the course will focus on contemporary issues impacting people of color in the United States.

PLSC 356-01 **AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT**
9:20-10:45 MWF **Larry Cushnie**
Theory/Law

This course explores American political thought from the American Revolution to the modern era. We will focus upon a collection of American thinkers who worked at the fringes of mainstream political theory, and expanded the boundaries of thought and practice. Beginning with the American Revolution, we explore the work of individuals who left the beaten path of political thought, and innovated to change the discussions and situations of the American state and its peoples. These political philosophers understood the available channels of change and protest as acceptable and set their own rules for challenging the status quo. Areas of focus include: the American Revolution, Transcendentalism, Abolitionism, Anarchism, Socialism/Worker's Rights, civil Rights, the Student Movement, Neo-conservatism, and Environmentalism. Themes of the class include: freedom, equality, protest, legitimacy, and democracy to name a few.

PLSC 392-01 **POLITICAL REPRESENTATION IN THE U.S.**
12:30-1:55 MWF **Neil Chaturvedi**
American Politics

Political Representation in the United States in the United States, we elect leaders to represent us at various levels of government. The expectation is that "good" representatives will continue to get reelected and "bad" representatives will be replaced through election--but what does it mean to be a "good" representative? In this course, we examine the theory behind representation in the United States system. Specifically, we will discuss what the expectations of elected officials in a representative government are and whether the current group of representatives hold up to the various definitions of representation. Over the course of the quarter, we will discuss representation issues dealing with race, class, and gender. In doing so, students should expect to gain a greater understanding of the effectiveness of the American democracy.

PLSC 392-02 **SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN THE U.S.**
10:15-12:20 TTh **Rose Ernst**
American Politics

This course introduces students to concepts of collective resistance, domination, and the politics of institutional and societal change. Why do social movements emerge? What factors explain differing goals, strategies and tactics employed? What is the relationship between movements and the state? What are "identity" movements and are they different from "traditional" movements? What are the politics of *intra*movement disputes? What happens to movements after they achieve their goals? These are just a few of the questions that we will explore in this course. We begin with theoretical work on the contours of power, resistance and domination, paying special attention to problems of structure and agency. While we will explore traditional social movement scholarship in this course, we will move beyond this literature to include a more robust consideration of power at an individual and collective level. We will accomplish this through a series of historical and contemporary case studies of individual movements in the United States including the following: civil rights, welfare rights, "men's movement" (including Black Panthers, Gay Rights and the Promise Keepers), white supremacist, the Minutemen, the Tea Party and Occupy/Decolonize.

PLSC 392-03 **QUALITATIVE RESEARCH IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**
8:00-10:05 TTh **Rose Ernst**
American Politics

This course provides an overview of qualitative and interpretive approaches to research design in political science. As political scientists studying dynamics of power, we will emphasize the importance of research ethics when working with "human subjects." Students will gain research design skills that have practical application in areas of grant writing and project design. Students have two options for the final course project: an application for the Seattle University

Institutional Research Board or an application for a research fellowship. ***Please note this course is a prerequisite for the PLSC Honors Program.***

PLSC 392-04 **GLOBAL SEX GLOBAL GENDER**
3:40-5:45 TTh **Connie Anthony**
International or Comparative

Globalization has created new sexual and gender identities. A global debate and reconsideration of sexual and gender identity has resulted in new ideas about membership in society and politics. This has triggered political conflict, change, and institutional reform and well as political pushback. We will assess these identities, ideas, and changes in countries of the Global South and Europe with some limited consideration of the United States. This course will be taught in seminar format, and all students will do a short, global research project.

Given the very recent nature of progress in civil and human rights in the United States in respect to GLBTQ people, we will take an open, intellectually curious, and non-judgmental stance in relationship to the development of such rights in other parts of the world.

PLSC 406-01 **WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE**
Arranged **Daniel Dombrowski**

Requires concurrent enrollment of 10 credits in PLSC 495 Internship. Requires Winter quarter residence in Olympia; stipend provided for living costs. You must apply before October 30 for a Legislative Intern position: http://www.leg.wa.gov/internships/pages/default.aspx

PLSC 479-01 **HONORS THESIS FOR SENIORS**
Seniors with a major GPA of 3.5+ may elect a separate **Major in Political Science with Departmental Honors,** which requires an additional five credits of Political Science. Students enroll in two quarters of reading, research, and discussion, culminating in a lengthy thesis roughly comparable to work in a graduate school seminar.

PLSC 495-01 INTERNSHIP
Days and times to be arranged
Major Elective Daniel Dombrowski

Work experience with advocacy or interest organizations, legislative or executive government at local, state, or national levels. For eligibility rules, formal work agreements, and registration approval, contact Dr. Daniel Dombrowski, ddombrow@seattleu.edu.

PLSC 496-01 INDEPENDENT STUDY
Days and times to be arranged
Major elective Requires permission of instructor.

Independent Study allows students to undertake advanced work on a topic that emerges from previous study or that is not otherwise available in our curriculum. Limited by faculty availability.