

POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES

- POLS 235** **American Government (3)** Origin and development of the U.S. Constitution, structure and powers of the national government including the legislative, executive, and judicial branches, federalism, political participation, the national election process, public policy, civil liberties, and civil rights. Three hours of lecture per week. **Listed as GOVT 2305 in the Texas Common Course Numbering System.**
- POLS 236** **Texas Government (3)** Origin and development of the Texas Constitution, structure and powers of state and local government, federalism and intergovernmental relations, political participation, the election process, public policy, and the political culture of Texas. Three hours of lecture per week. **Listed as GOVT 2306 in the Texas Common Course Numbering System.**
- POLS 240** **State and Local Government (3)** A study of national, state, and local governments including, but not limited to, principles of American government, constitutions, federalism, political socialization, public opinion, interest groups, political parties, elections, the executive, legislative and judicial branches, and public policy. Three hours of lecture per week.
- POLS 250** **Introduction to Political Science (3)** Introduction to the history, scope, methods, and approaches to the study of political science and politics. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236. Required of majors. Three hours of lecture per week.
- POLS 301** **Research Methods in Political Science (3)** Introduction to applied research methods in political science with emphasis on research design and descriptive statistical methods as a tool for assisting political scientists to conduct research. Computer applications included. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235, 236, and 250.
- POLS 302** **Quantitative Methods in Political Science (3)** Introduction to probability and inferential statistics as analytical tools useful to political scientists. Students are expected to gain knowledge and experience in the use of packaged statistical software in data analysis. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235, 236, 250, and 301.
- POLS 310** **Legislative Politics (3)** Structure of the powers and roles of legislatures and legislators, legislative structure, decision making, and internal and external pressure upon legislators. Special attention given to the United States Congress. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.

- POLS 311** **Judicial Politics (3)** Structure, function, and process of the American court systems and related institutions; factors influencing judicial decision-making. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.
- POLS 320** **Politics and Environmental Justice (3)** This course will examine the interaction between politics and the environment as it relates to human interactions and the environment. The main focus will be to examine the role of various actors/stakeholders in formulating policies as they pertain to humans and the environment. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.
- POLS 330** **Comparative Politics (3)** Introduction to the methods and scope of comparative government; analysis of the institutions and cultures that impact selected governments. Required of majors. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.
- POLS 340** **International Relations (3)** Survey of the major approaches and principles of international relations that affect the members of the international community. Required of majors. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.
- POLS 341** **International Organizations (3)** Study of international organizations along with their roles, functions, and objectives in the international community. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236. **POLS 360 Political Systems of Africa (3)** Study of Modern Africa from World War 1 including the different European policies, growth of nationalism, movements to independence, white supremacist bloc, and Africa today. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.
- POLS 370** **U.S. Latino Politics (3)** The study of U.S. Latino efforts to participate in the American political system, government and societal responses, and present status of U.S. Latinos in the political system. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.
- POLS 380** **Political Systems of Latin America (3)** Study of the political and economic development of selected Latin American countries with emphasis on the period since World War 1. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.
- POLS 390** **Classical and Medieval Theory (3)** Political philosophy of early Greek, Roman, and medieval European thinkers. Special concentration on the major political works of Plato and Aristotle. Required of majors. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.

- POLS 391** **Modern Political Theory (3)** Political philosophy from the Italian city-state to the twentieth century. Special emphasis on Machiavelli, the Social Contract School, and Marx. Required of majors. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.
- POLS 392** **American Political Thought (3)** Study of the development of political thought in the United States from the seventeenth century to the present. Emphasis placed on the historical context in which political thought and movements developed. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.
- POLS 393** **African American Political Thought (3)** Analysis of ideas, personalities, relevant ideologies and categories, and the role of theory in African American political thought. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.
- POLS 401** **Executive Politics (3)** The political dynamics of chief executives and their relationship to the competitive branches and units of government within the American political system. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.
- POLS 403** **Public Policy (3)** An examination of the forces and constraints involved in making and implementing public policy. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.
- POLS 410** **African American Politics (3)** The study of Blacks' efforts to participate in the American political system, government and societal responses, and present status of Blacks in the political system. Required of majors. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.
- POLS 411** **American Political Parties (3)** The study of the American party system including the functions, activities, development, structure, and organization of political parties. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.
- POLS 412** **Civil Rights (3)** A study of civil rights and how they have been impacted by the constitutional process of checks and balances; civil rights in party politics; civil rights as seen by American minorities. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.
- POLS 413** **Constitutional Law (3)** The development and application of American constitutional law as interpreted by Supreme Court decisions on selected topics, cases, and recent trends. Required of majors. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.

- POLS 414** **American Foreign Policy (3)** Factors shaping contemporary American foreign policy; administration and conduct of foreign affairs; the major foreign policy problems; cases in decision making. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.
- POLS 419** **Selected Topics in Political Science (3)** Analysis of selected areas and problems in political science. Subject matter varies from year to year. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.
- POLS 420** **Urban Politics (3)** Investigation of urban political systems; politics in America's large cities and their relationship to minorities; analysis of resources, strategies, and tactics in urban areas. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.
- POLS 440** **Women and Politics (3)** Analysis of selected topics relevant to women and politics. Subject matters vary from year to year. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.
- POLS 450** **Religion and American Politics (3)** Aims to ensure students understand the intersection of politics and religion. The course will describe and analyze the political impact, real and imagined, of religion on several dimensions of political life. It highlights how religion affects the political system and policymaking process, and how religion influences political attitudes, opinions, and behavior. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.
- POLS 460** **Public Opinion (3)** This course accounts for the role of public opinion in the democratic politics of the U. S. The course addresses the contemporary literature on public opinion, including the relationship between public opinion and policy. This course provides an understanding of the major ideas and concepts in public opinion, fosters interest in learning more about political issues, and engages students in discussion of the important and controversial issues of the day. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.
- POLS 470** **Voters and Elections (3)** The course explores critical and controversial issues that confront the American electoral system. It examines key aspects of American democracy in theory and practice such as the electoral process, suffrage and turnout, voting behavior, candidates, public policy issues, representation, partisanship, money, and the media. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.
- POLS 490** **Internship (3-6)** Supervised work experience with various public, private, and governmental agencies. Intern will be jointly super-vised by the agency head and appropriate academic advisor. Eighteen hours of laboratory per week. Prerequisites: Senior standing and consent of the appropriate faculty advisor or Faculty Chair. Prerequisites: POLS 235 and POLS 236.

POLS 498 **Capstone Seminar in Political Science (3)** Directed reading, research, and discussion of different sub-fields in the discipline of Political Science. Includes a significant writing component. Prerequisite: consent of the instructor.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COURSES

PA 271 **Introduction to Public Administration (3)** The rise, significance, and role of public administration. Problems of executive leadership, administrative organization, personnel and management, administrative decision-making and adjustment. Three hours of lecture per week.

PA 301 **Research Methods in Public Administration (3)** Introduction to applied research methods in public administration with emphasis on descriptive statistical methods as a tool for assisting public managers in decision making. Computer applications included. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisite: MATH 133.

PA 302 **Quantitative Methods in Public Administration (3)** Continuation of PA 301 introducing probability and inferential statistics as analytical tools useful to public administrators. Students are expected to gain knowledge and experience in the use of packaged statistical software in data analysis. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisite: PA 301.

PA 311 **Introduction to Public Sector Planning (3)** Introduction to the principles, methods, and techniques of public sector planning. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisite: PA 271.

PA 312 **Public Budgeting (3)** Introduction to the method and nature of government financing including a study of public revenues, expenditures, debts, fiscal policies, and certain problems related to government fiscal systems. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisite: PA 271.

PA 313 **Organization Behavior and Management (3)** Analysis of various theories of human behavior in organizational settings from the disciplines of Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, and Public Administration. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisite: PA 271.

PA 321 **Personnel Administration (3)** Principles, theories, and methods of human resource management. Particular attention given to personnel policy, procedures, and collective bargaining. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisite: PA 271 and 313.

PA 400 **Program Evaluation (3)** Focuses on evaluation as a management tool to improve public sector program performance and introduces concepts, principles, methods, and practice of program performance evaluation. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: PA 271, 301, and PA 302

- PA 401** **Policy Process (3)** Examines the role, influence, and interaction of legislatures, executives, bureaucracies, courts, and interest groups. Focuses on policy processes, problem definition, agenda setting, budgeting, authorization, implementation, and oversight. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisite: PA 271.
- PA 410** **Seminar in Public Affairs (3)** Special topics seminar that provides for the examination of selected public affairs problems and issues. Specific content varies from semester to semester. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisite: consent of the instructor.
- PA 450** **Internship in Public Affairs (6)** Supervised work experience with various public, private, and governmental agencies. Intern will be jointly supervised by the agency head and appropriate academic advisor. Eighteen hours of laboratory per week. Prerequisites: Senior standing and consent of the appropriate faculty advisor or Faculty Chair.
- PA 461** **Supervised Independent Study (6)** Designed to allow students to conduct a scientific inquiry into a problem and present the research finding in a scholarly manner. Prerequisites: Senior standing, overall GPA of 3.30 or better, recommendation from appropriate faculty members and faculty advisor, and approval of the Faculty Chair.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY COURSES

- EMGT 101** **Introduction to Incident Command Systems (3)** Describes the history, features, principles, organizational structure of Incident Command System and explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Three hours of lecture per week.
- EMGT 250** **Introduction to Emergency Management (3)** Course introduces emergency management theory, definitions, hazard identification, phases of emergency management, resource identification, roles and responsibilities of emergency managers, and coordination of various systems. Prerequisite for all courses. Three hours of lecture per week.
- HMSC 260** **Introduction to Homeland Security (3)** Course introduces students to homeland security, its function, organization, and responsibilities. Topics include evaluation of homeland security, roles of agencies, the private sector, and individuals. Three hours of lecture per week.
- EMGT 251** **Natural Hazards and Emergency Management (3)** Course examines major natural hazards and the efforts to mitigate their effect on society, and the management of these events at the various levels of governments. Three hours of lecture per week.

- EMGT 252** **Technological Hazards and Emergency Management (3)** Course introduces students to the human hand in many “natural” hazards as well as management structures, procedures and techniques designed to cope with hazardous technologies. Three hours of lecture per week.
- EMGT 351** **Principles and Practices of Hazard Mitigation (3)** Course identifies hazard risks, mitigation programs, strategies, mitigation opportunities, and cost effect solutions. Students learn the tools, resources, techniques, strategies, and programs of hazard mitigation. Three hours of lecture per week.
- EMGT 352** **Internally Displaced Persons and Natural Hazards (3)** The impact of hazards on people forced to leave their homes and become internally displaced persons (IDPs) or refugees, as a result of disasters. Three hours of lecture per week.
- EMGT 353** **Business Crisis and Continuity Management (3)** The course analyzes the methods by which government, private sector, nonprofits, and the general public respond to and recover from natural manmade disasters. Three hours of lecture per week.
- EMGT 354** **Public Health Issues in Emergency Management (3)** The course covers theory and practice of various public health issues in emergency preparedness and considers the implications for policy makers. Three hours of lecture per week.
- EMGT 355** **Planning for Vulnerable Population (3)** Discusses barriers and limitations to reaching vulnerable populations in a disaster and explores culturally competent strategies for their integration into preparedness plans. Three hours of lecture per week.
- EMGT 356** **Continuity of Operations Planning and Implementation (3)** Students explore the process of developing, implementing, exercising, and evaluating continuity of operations for both the public and private sectors and initiates recovery activities. Three hours of lecture per week.
- EMGT 357** **Emergency Recovery, Response, Preparedness and Planning (3)** Focus is on the planning and recovery process, the format, and response procedures; the evaluation of plans and the use of exercises to improve and implement plans. Three hours of lecture per week.
- EMGT 358** **Social Dimensions of Disasters (3)** Human behavior in disaster (myths and reality), group disaster behavior, community social systems, cultures, demographics and sociological disaster research case studies are studied. Three hours of lecture per week.

- EMGT 400** **Environmental Issues in Disaster (3)** The environmental impact that results from natural and manmade disasters: pollution (biological, chemical, and nuclear), depletion of natural resources, industrial activity and agricultural practices. Three hours of lecture per week.
- EMGT 401** **Coastal Hazards Management (3)** Addresses coastal processes, impacts of climate change and the risk imparted to man and his environment. Students learn the best approaches and management strategies. Three hours of lecture per week.
- EMGT 402** **Building Disaster Resilient Communities (3)** This course covers concepts needed to design and implement strategies in protecting communities from disasters, including decreasing community vulnerability and increasing community resiliency. Three hours of lecture per week.
- EMGT 403** **Managing People in Disasters (3)** Students develop a management style and leadership skills for effectively utilizing personnel in the delivery of community services during disaster operations. Three hours of lecture per week.
- EMGT 450** **Seminar in Homeland Security (3)** A systematic study of specialized subject matter in Emergency management. Topics for each semester vary, de-pending upon current interest and needs. Three hours of lecture per week.
- EMGT 480** **Internship (3)** Students apply classroom learning in emergency and disaster response associated agencies. Students perform prescribed work in an agency engaged in emergency and disaster management. Three hours of lecture per week.
- HMSC 361** **Terrorism and Homeland Security (3)** Overview of international terrorism from its origins to the present. Analyzes how the U.S. government has responded and organized to counter the threats of terrorism. Three hours of lecture per week.
- HMSC 362** **Legal and Political Issues of Homeland Security (3)** Describes the legal aspects of current government regulations on intelligence operations, identity management, information dissemination, infrastructure protection, business community security concerns, and ethical issues. Three hours of lecture per week.
- HMSC 363** **Legal and Political Issues of Homeland Security (3)** Describes the legal aspects of current government regulations on intelligence operations, identity management, information dissemination, infrastructure protection, business community security concerns, and ethical issues. Three hours of lecture per week.