

## Spring 2012 Schedule Course Offerings

Course Number	Course Title	Professor	Day and Time	Location Bldg/Rm
CPO 2002 / 0485	Comparative Politics	Schmuck	M & W 8:30 - 9:45 a	51/152
INR 3073/2178	Issues in International Politics	Williams	M & W 11:30a-12:45p	36/108
POS2041/2333	American Politics	Cuzán	M & W 2:30 – 3:45p	51/152
INR4334/1077 INR 5330/1079	National Security Policy	Levin	M & W 4:00 – 5:15p	11/201
POT 4202/1691 POT5207/1693	American Political Thought	Ramsey	T&R 8:30-9:45a	41/136
POS 3624/1686	Individual Rights and Privileges	Ramsey	T&R 1:00-2:15 p	51/152
POS4673/2116	Jurisprudence	Ramsey	M 5:30-8:15p	51/152
CPO6006/0489	Seminar in Comparative Politics	Williams	T 5:30 - 8:15p	51/148
INR3990/2287	International Organizations	Weeks	W 5:30-8:15p	11/217
POS6045/1689	Seminar in American Politics	Evans	W 5:30 – 8:15p	51/148
POT 4601/2130 POT5602/2131	Modern Masters of Political Thought	Cuzán	R 5:30 - 8:15p	51/152
INR 2002 / 2117	International Politics	Woo	INTERNET	INTERNET
CPO3513/2120	Politics of Far East: China and Japan	Woo	INTERNET	INTERNET
CPO 3990/2286	Military in Politics	Woo	INTERNET	INTERNET
POS 2041 /1684	American Politics	Hawes	INTERNET	INTERNET
POS 2041/ 2118	American Politics	Hawes	INTERNET	INTERNET
PAD6227/1495	Public Budgeting	Tankersley	INTERNET	INTERNET
PAD6275/2207 and 2214	Political Economy	Tankersley	INTERNET	INTERNET

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### **CPO2002/485 – Comparative Politics – Jeremy Schmuck**

The course examines several countries around the world to compare their political systems, economies, and societies. The countries studied vary in terms of level of economic development as well as geographic location. The course is arranged to emphasize the timing and process of development, institutional arrangements of government, as well as the importance of culture in national identity. Topics of discussion include the global rich/poor gap, culture clash among civilizations, the meaning of the nation state in the twenty-first century, the relationship between religion and politics, the Islamic fundamentalist challenge, ethnicity and nationalism, exporting democracy, civic values and participation. Contemporary issues in each country will be examined. Attention will be given to the ways that democratic states differ, despite their common governmental system of democracy. However, other systems of government besides democracy will also be considered of each country, as well as develop criteria for comparing similarities and differences across countries. A main component of this course is a short research paper dealing with one country outside of the United States and a contemporary problem that it confronts.

### **INR3073/2178—Issues in International Politics – Dr. Michelle Williams**

This course examines several key contemporary issues in international politics including the global financial crisis, the Arab Spring (movements of reform and democratization in the Middle East), immigration, and terrorism. The course has both a theoretical and an applied component, with emphasis on readings to build concepts and empirical understanding combined with application through discussion and exercises designed to engage students in qualitative and quantitative analysis of these topics. For the applied component, the course approaches contemporary topics by employing the tools of political science research, including data interpretation in visual form such as charts and graphs, basic statistical data analysis, and modeling techniques including causal models and concept maps.

\*This course will substitute for PUP3008 Analyzing Political Issues

### **POS2041/2333 American Politics – Dr. Alfred Cuzán**

In this introductory course in American politics, we shall study the principles, mores, institutions and processes of the American system of government, and discuss present-day controversies and challenges. We will inquire into the historical background, philosophical underpinnings, and key figures involved in the foundation of the United States, review a few of the most important factors in its development over the last two and half centuries, and analyze as objectively as we can present-day issues and controversies. Faithful attendance is assumed, and informed contribution to the class encouraged.

### **INR 4334/1077 and INR5330/1079 National Security Policy – Captain Fred Levin**

This course introduces the student to the components, processes, decision-makers and inter-relationships that impact upon the development and implementation of the United States National Security Policy. The development is inherently political and has many and sometimes-competing variables related to the development of the national strategy, and the structuring and allocation of scarce defense resources. The 2010 National Strategic Policy fundamentally alters the use of military power to deter and defeat threats of organized violence, regional dangers and transnational threats, to principally coping with terrorists with access to weapons of mass destruction.

### **POT 4204/1642 and POT 5207/ American Political Thought – Dr. David Ramsey**

This course will survey what Americans have written about politics from colonial times to more recent times. Along with an anthology of excerpts, we will read two autobiographies—those of Benjamin Franklin and Frederick Douglass, two self-made men who lived a century apart. Assessment of student learning will take the form of tests and essays.

### **POS3624/1637 Constitutional Law: Individual Rights and Privileges – Dr. David Ramsey**

This course forms the second part of the UWF Government Department's study of the foundations of constitutional law in the United States. In this course, students explore the constitutional adjudication of cases involving freedom of speech and press, religious liberty, criminal procedural protections, equal protection, voting rights, and right to privacy. Unlike the first course in this sequence that examines cases involving the separation of powers, this course will primarily focus on constitutional controversies involving individual rights. Students will be expected to understand and analyze a limited number of cases over a series of three exams. Completion of the first constitutional law course in this series is not required.

### **POS 4673/2116 – Jurisprudence – Dr. Ramsey**

This course offers an introduction to the very broad subject of Jurisprudence. According to its Latin root, the term simply means knowledge of right, but in legal studies Jurisprudence has come to refer to the study of how law is interpreted by those with the obligation of applying it in particular cases and also how a community perceives the nature of its obligations in relation to law. Students of jurisprudence seek to analyze, explain, classify, and criticize entire bodies of law. In this course, we will divide our treatment of the subject into two parts. First, we will examine Martin Luther King's famous "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," and the grounds upon which he attempted to distinguish just from unjust laws. To deepen our understanding and assessment of his argument, we will follow the train of intellectual authorities King cites in defense of his argument. In the second half of the course, we will examine the contemporary debate over the nature of law and the appropriate considerations for judicial interpretation.

### **CPO6006/0489 Seminar in Comparative Politics – Dr. Michelle Williams**

This course gives students an introduction to the application of the comparative method for understanding political challenges and political systems around the world. The course teaches students how and what to compare in order to develop fuller knowledge of other countries. Focus is on comparing governmental systems and their institutions, political problems, political economy and cultural issues. Topics include pluralism and democracy, the state, ethnic politics and identity, interest aggregation and representation, revolutions and violence, and underdevelopment (political and economic).

### **INR3990/2287 International Organizations – Col. Leo Weeks**

The vast number of international organizations (IO) that we find today have mostly arrived on the world scene since World War II and, according to Thomas Zweifel (details on this author found under Supplemental Readings in this syllabus), "In the twenty-first century, international institutions make more and more rules that affect our lives – from banking to the Internet, from trade to labor standards, and from airline regulations to the environment." ( pp. 2-3.) This course delves into the roles played by these various organizations, both those sponsored by national governments as well as non-governmental organizations -- and multi-national corporations -- and studies the impact of their varied influences on international politics. The course provides the theoretical framework for evaluating IO in general and then proceeds to familiarize the student with the institutional processes involved and, finally, how the intermingling of these processes impact the total political relationships among nations. The course concludes with an analysis of the future role of IO in the international political arena of the twenty-first century.

### **POS 6045/1640 American Politics Seminar – Dr. Jocelyn Evans**

This course is designed to introduce students to the field of American Politics. The course content includes an overview of the institutions and processes of the American political system, the trends and tendencies of political behavior, and the diverse epistemological and paradigmatic understandings of American government in the world of political science. Focus is on understanding and critically evaluating interpretations of the structure and function of our governmental system, including: the three branches of government, elections, the federal bureaucracy, mass political behavior, political socialization and civic engagement, representation, political parties, interest mobilization, and the media. Students will read classics as well as contemporary research in the field of American Politics. Grades are based on a research paper, class participation, and summaries of the readings.

### **POT4601/2130 and POT5602/2131—Modern Masters of Political Thought—Dr. Alfred Cuzán**

This course surveys what several modern thinkers have written about the origin, justification, powers, organization, and scope of government. The objectives of this course are that you think hard about the same topics they did, comparing and contrasting their ideas and observations, using them as a foil against which to formulate your own thoughts and reflect on your own observations about the subject. Please note, though, that political science is an empirical (or practical) science. That is, the answers that we give to these questions must, at least in principle, be evaluated in light of the actual history of government. All imaginary solutions lacking an empirical approximation are suspect.

### **INR 2002/2117 – International Politics – Dr. Jongseok Woo ONLINE**

Most of the earth's surface is divided into entities, called states, composed of a certain extent of populated territory and a government which attempts, with various degrees of success, to regulate or control what happens inside it. The principal subject of study in international politics is relations between states. Most of the time, most countries are at peace with their neighbors. They may have disputes in which one or the other of both states threaten to use force or may even use it in a limited way, but most of the time these conflicts are settled without all-out war. Occasionally, though, conflicts do escalate to the level of war, and sometimes these wars take a frightful toll in human lives and property. In this course, we will ask questions such as, What factors are associated with peaceful as well as warlike relations among states? Under what conditions do governments decide to go to war? Under what conditions are the deadliest wars fought? What accounts for the very long periods of peace between wars? Is there anything that can be done to promote peace or is war, like death and taxes, something that is inevitable? We will seek answers to these questions in two rival theories in the field. They go by the name of "realism" and "liberalism" or "institutionalism."

### **CPO3513/2120 Politics of the Far East – Dr. Jongseok Woo ONLINE**

This course aims to understand the forces of continuity and change in domestic political systems in East Asia (China, Japan, two Koreas, and Taiwan). The course begins with a critical evaluation of competing theoretical approaches to understanding political dynamics of the region. In this course, we will compare and contrast various political, economic, social, and cultural aspects such as modern state-building, political development and crises, political economy, democratization, civil society and state-society relations, and institutional arrangements of major East Asian countries.

### **CPO3990/ – The Military in Politics – Dr. Jongseok Woo ONLINE**

This course is designed to provide students with understanding of the military's role in modern state and society. The focus is on the political role of the armed forces in developing areas. The course examines important issues in civil-military relations, such as (1) why is civilian control of the military important, (2) what causes the military officers' intervention and political domination via coup d'état, (3) what is the armed forces' role in political development and decay in non-Western societies, and (4) what is the most desirable civil-military relations in post-democratization political settings. The class begins with the survey on classical literature on civil-military relations in comparative politics and, then, looks into individual countries in Asia, Latin America, and Europe.

### **POS 2041/1636 - American Politics – Tamara Hawes (ONLINE)**

This course consists of a study of the constitution, government, and federal structure of the United States. Federal, and state issues are considered in the context of American political culture and history with an emphasis on the United States Constitution. Practical assignments give students insight into the workings of government, and provide them with tools to educate themselves on current events and politicians. By the end of the course, the student should have gained insight into the political forces and institutions that shape our society and the social forces that influence our government. Additionally, the student should understand the historical context analysis of threats to the validity and reliability of these different designs will be considered. Sampling theory and statistical analysis will be introduced.

### **PAD 6227/ – Public Budgeting – Dr. Tankersley**

This course is designed as an introductory budgeting course for graduate students of administration including, but not limited to, the fields of political science, criminal justice administration, health care administration, educational administration and public administration. The course will be conducted online utilizing the University of West Florida, eLearning resources, including e-reserve readings housed at PACE Library on the main campus and current, real-world budgeting resources on the Internet.

The course will consider the federal budgeting process as well as models of budgeting processes and practices developed by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting (NACSLB). The NACSLB material provides very useful insight into budgeting processes and practices appropriate not only for public sector organizations but private sector, for-profit and not-for-profit organizations as well.

Attention will be given to both the *economic nature* of the budgeting process as well as its *political nature*. Historical budget reform efforts will be considered. Students will be introduced to basic, generic operating and capital budgeting techniques and practices, budget related financial and managerial accounting practices, internal control concepts, and finally, performance measurement concepts and techniques applicable to all administrative settings.

### **PAD6275 - Political Economy – Dr. Bill Tankersley**

Pad 6275 provides an introduction to the concepts needed to analyze public policy particularly focusing on interaction of the public and private sectors of the American economy and the political environment in which they function. Specific topics of concern include, among others:

- What is Political Economy: Why is it important that American Public Administrators consider this topic?
- Assumptions about Human Nature: Economic Man and American Political Economy
- Political Structure: Models for Separation of Powers, Controlling Factions and Avoiding Tyranny of the Majority
- Market Structure: Models of Perfect Competition, Monopoly, Monopolistic Competition
- Market Failure and Bureaucratic Failure: Recognition, Comparison and Contrast
- -economics: Models of Encapsulated Competition and Interventionist Power
- Contracting Out/Privatization of service production in the U. S.:
- Is this simply a revisionist version of planner sovereign markets and centralized control?
- What is the impact of interventionist power on the privatization and public/private partnerships movement?
- Who Shall Guard the Guardians: Is the Fox in the Chicken House?