Political Science

Chair

• Brian H. Lai

Undergraduate major: political science (B.A., B.S.)
Undergraduate minor: political science
Graduate degrees: M.A. in political science; Ph.D. in political science
Faculty: https://clas.uiowa.edu/polisci/people/faculty
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Courses

Courses numbered below 2000 are introductory undergraduate courses. Course POLI:1000 First-Year Seminar does not count toward the major or the minor in political science.

Courses numbered 2000-4999 are considered advanced for undergraduates. Courses POLI:4900 Government and Politics Internship and POLI:3124 Guided Political Science Internship do not count toward the major or the minor in political science; they are offered only satisfactory/fail or pass/ nonpass.

Courses numbered 5000-6000 are graduate core courses; those numbered 7000 or above are advanced graduate courses.

Political Science Courses

POLI:1000 First-Year Seminar 3 s.h.
Small discussion class taught by a faculty member; topics chosen by instructor; may include outside activities (e.g., films, lectures, performances, readings, visits to research facilities). Requirements: first- or second-semester standing.

POLI:1001 Introduction to Politics 3 s.h.
Introduction to selected processes, institutions, or behaviors central to the study of politics.

POLI:1050 Big Ideas: Introduction to Information, Society, and Culture 3 s.h.
What is information? What does it teach us about societies and cultures? How is information used to shape societies and even personal preferences? What types of information are there and how can we understand and use them? Students work with faculty from multiple disciplines to investigate these questions using inquiry-based activities to build success in critical thinking and teamwork. GE: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning. Same as RELS:1050.

POLI:1100 Introduction to American Politics 3 s.h.
Structure and processes of American national government; how the United States manages political conflict; impact of the U.S. Constitution; effect of public opinion, interest groups, and media on government; role and evolution of Congress, presidency, bureaucracy, and Supreme Court. GE: Social Sciences.

POLI:1200 Introduction to Political Behavior 3 s.h.
Patterns and basis of political behavior of American electorate; trends in voter turnout; vote choice; ideology, partisanship, and public opinion. GE: Social Sciences.

POLI:1300 Introduction to Political Thought and Action 3 s.h.
Common problems, literature, analytic techniques. GE: Social Sciences; Values and Culture.

POLI:1400 Introduction to Comparative Politics 3 s.h.
Politics worldwide, including all regions and levels of development; wide-ranging themes, including regime types, political change, political culture, public opinion, government structures, state-society relationship, electoral systems, public policy issues. GE: International and Global Issues; Social Sciences.

POLI:1401 Introduction to Russian Politics 3 s.h.
Political dynamics in postcommunist countries of east-central Europe and Eurasia; imperial legacies, ideology and practice of communist politics, patterns of democracy and authoritarianism. GE: International and Global Issues; Social Sciences.

POLI:1410 Introduction to Asian International Relations 3 s.h.
Examination of historical and current relationships between countries in Asia; conflict, cooperation, effect of international organizations, and role of non-Asian powers in the region (i.e., United States); North Korea-South Korea conflict; rivalry between Japan, China, and Korea; Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN); South China Sea dispute; rise of Asian economies; the United States pivot to Asia; how current explanations of international relations may or may not work in the context of Asia.

POLI:1445 Introduction to Asian Politics: China 3 s.h.
How sociopolitical life in China is shaped by political structure, economic modernization, and traditional political culture; topics include historical, political, economic, and social conditions in contemporary China; course objectives are to broaden student’s horizons in global affairs by learning about a foreign country that seems completely different and to sharpen student’s analytical and communication skills. GE: International and Global Issues; Social Sciences.

POLI:1449 Introduction to European Politics 3 s.h.
Political institutions, processes of selected European countries. GE: International and Global Issues; Social Sciences.

POLI:1500 Introduction to International Relations 3 s.h.
Survey of key issues in international relations, including causes of wars, different types of theories of international relations, international organizations, and global environmental problems. GE: International and Global Issues; Social Sciences.

POLI:1501 Introduction to American Foreign Policy 3 s.h.
Foreign policies: goals, basic themes and general patterns, problems encountered by policy makers, means employed in dealing with other nations and international organizations, processes by which policies are formulated, factors that influence structure of policies. GE: International and Global Issues; Social Sciences.

POLI:1600 Introduction to Political Communication 3 s.h.
Institutions, dynamics, issues of political communities considered as networks of communication; representative topics include political actors, ads, films, media, myths, news, publics, regulations, rhetorics, symbols. GE: Social Sciences.

POLI:1601 Introduction to Social Media and Politics 3 s.h.
Politics in news, culture, commerce, campaigns, and government with attention to current media (e.g., cinema, internet, print, television). GE: Diversity and Inclusion.
POLI:1700 Introduction to Political Analysis  3 s.h.
Tools necessary to analyze and solve puzzles in politics (i.e.,
Why do countries go to war rather than negotiate? Why
do lifelong enemies become allies? Why do majorities act
irrationally?); questions approached from a quantitative
perspective (unlike most political analyses), in particular,
game theory—a branch of mathematics that investigates
how rational players act in situations (like those in politics) of
strategic interaction. GE: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning.

POLI:1800 Introduction to the Politics of Class and
Inequality  3 s.h.
Introduction to issues of class and economic inequality in the
U.S. and other countries; what class and economic inequality
are, debates surrounding these definitions, and attempts to
measure both of these concepts; research and arguments on
economic and political explanations of economic inequality;
different policies aimed at reducing economic inequality and
debates over them. GE: Diversity and Inclusion.

POLI:1900 Introduction to the Politics of Race  3 s.h.
Introduction to politics of race in the U.S.; history of racial and
ethnic groups in the U.S., their relationship with each other,
and their interactions with different levels of government. GE:
Diversity and Inclusion.

POLI:1950 Introduction to the Politics of Religion  3 s.h.
Introduction to the complex relationship between religion
and politics; examination of historical and contemporary
effect of religion on a wide range of areas (e.g., political
culture, political parties, political behavior, public policy);
consideration of important policy debates (e.g., role of religion
in public life, religious discrimination, various social issues).
GE: Diversity and Inclusion.

POLI:2000 Designing Political Research  3 s.h.
How research is conducted on politics and government;
students examine different research approaches (both
qualitative and quantitative), learn how to read and
understand research published on politics, demonstrate
an understanding of different research approaches, and
understand, interpret, and critically analyze published
research on politics.

POLI:2415 Latin American Politics  3 s.h.
Governmental institutions, major interest groups; focus on
area as a whole. GE: International and Global Issues; Social
Sciences. Same as LAS:2415.

POLI:2417 Comparative Environmental Policy  3 s.h.
Analysis of environmental policy and governance processes;
case examples and analysis primarily focus on water
governance in local contexts outside the United States;
causes and consequences of environmental policy differences;
effects of government structure, society, and natural resource
conditions on policy development, implementation, and
environmental outcomes.

POLI:3000 Analyzing Political Data  3 s.h.
Creating knowledgeable evaluators of current research in
political science; interpretation of different quantitative
techniques with examples from current political science
research.

POLI:3001 Hawkeye Poll  3 s.h.
Basics of survey design, sampling, question wording,
interpreting responses, and writing press releases; students
work together to help design questions as part of the
Hawkeye Poll, a collaborative teaching and research
enterprise in the Department of Political Science.

POLI:3035 Careers in Political Science and
International Relations  3 s.h.
Introduction to careers available to students in political
science and international relations by Department of Political
Science alumni; focus on types of careers available in their
fields, how to prepare for these careers, and how to find jobs
in the field.

POLI:3050 Problems in Methods  arr.
Problems in political science research methods; data
collection, interpretation, analysis.

POLI:3100 American State Politics  3 s.h.
Approaches to analysis of political behavior in American
state governments; emphasis on cultures, parties, actors,
processes, issues.

POLI:3101 American Constitutional Law and
Politics  3 s.h.
Role of U.S. Supreme Court in American political system;
emphasis on analysis of Supreme Court cases.

POLI:3102 The U.S. Congress  3 s.h.
History of Congress, how congressional elections shape what
legislators do, how laws are made in Congress, rules and
maneuvers that shape these laws, and the future of Congress
as one of the major institutions of American government; gain
an understanding of Congress and why Americans continue to
be confused and fascinated by this complicated branch and its
politics.

POLI:3104 Immigration Politics  3 s.h.
United States immigration policy and political consequences
of Latina/o/x population growth; contrast of political
experiences of Latina/o/x with groups and ideals of democratic
political systems; analyses of past immigration policies;
studies of public opinion, voter turnout, and campaign tactics.
Same as LAS:3104, LAT5:3104.

POLI:3107 Writing in Political Science: Writing for
"Science" and for "Politics"  3 s.h.
Examination of principles used in writing for science and
writing for politics: science writing clearly explains its ideas
to promote understanding, and political writing advocates
for its ideas by highlighting and obscuring different pieces of
information and "spinning" its findings to promote persuasion;
students produce and analyze examples of both forms of
writing.

POLI:3109 Fixing America's Electoral System  3 s.h.
What's wrong with American politics and what can be
done to fix it; overview of major problems facing American
democracy from polarized political parties and money in
politics, to low voter turnout and trust in government, to
growing gap between super rich and middle class; focus
on problem solving, including movement towards digital
politics and new media, participatory democracy, reform
of congressional elections and non-partisan redistricting,
presidential elections (Electoral College), presidential
nomination process, campaign finance, voter registration and
voting, proportional representation. Requirements: no prior
enrollment in POLI:3150 with subtitle Election Reform.

POLI:3110 Local Politics  3 s.h.
Models of city government, relation to state and federal
governments; rights, liabilities of municipalities; city elections,
campaigns, issues; role of pressure groups.

POLI:3111 American Public Policy  3 s.h.
Functions and policies of national government; emphasis on
domestic policy making, impact of public policy.
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<td>POLI:3114</td>
<td>Women and Politics in the United States</td>
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<td>POLI:3116</td>
<td>The Presidency</td>
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<td>Constitutional foundations, subsequent development, current</td>
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<td>role of president as legislative, executive, and public leader.</td>
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<td>POLI:3117</td>
<td>Bureaucratic Politics and Public Administration</td>
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<td>Examination of bureaucracy from political, theoretical, and</td>
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<td>POLI:3118</td>
<td>Interest Groups</td>
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<td>Theory, organization, and structure of interest groups; how</td>
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<td>POLI:3120</td>
<td>The Criminal Justice System</td>
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<td>Role of actors, institutions that constitute and participate in</td>
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<td>The Judicial Process</td>
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<td>Role of courts, lawyers, judges, interest groups in the American</td>
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<td>POLI:3123</td>
<td>State Politics in Iowa</td>
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<td>Introduction to Iowa government and politics; emphasis on</td>
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<td>Iowa Constitution, founding and history, political institutions,</td>
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<td>voting, political parties, mass movements and interest groups;</td>
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<td>national politics given the state's first-in-the-nation caucus.</td>
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<td>POLI:3124</td>
<td>Guided Political Science Internship</td>
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<td>Supervised professional work experience in government and</td>
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<td>POLI:3126</td>
<td>Environmental Policy</td>
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<td>Analysis of environmental problems through an interdisciplinary</td>
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<td>there is no market for them); government policies that are</td>
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<td>governments are influenced by voters’ policy preferences and by</td>
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<td>policy preferences of special interest groups; three main areas of</td>
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<td>political economy as it relates to environmental policy.</td>
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<td>POLI:3127</td>
<td>Legislative Policy Seminar</td>
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<td>Policy research for the Iowa Legislature.</td>
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<td>POLI:3128</td>
<td>Politics of the U.S. National Park System</td>
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<td>Examination of politics surrounding the U.S. National Park System and other federally managed lands; debates about the founding of the U.S. National Parks system; expansion, environmental effects, and current issues; role of important actors, such as the President, Congress, bureaucracies, land owners, and nongovernmental organizations.</td>
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<td>POLI:3150</td>
<td>Problems in American Politics</td>
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<td>POLI:3160</td>
<td>Research Task Force: Solving Policy Problems Through Research</td>
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<td>How policy research assists elected officials and government</td>
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<td>bureaucrats to design and implement effective public policies;</td>
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<td>introduction to process of conducting policy research and</td>
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<td>preparing summary reports; students examine various theories and</td>
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<td>methods of policy research, then apply what they have learned</td>
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<td>by conducting original policy research on local, state, national,</td>
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<td>POLI:3202</td>
<td>Political Psychology</td>
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<td>behaviors of individuals, including decision making by elites and</td>
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<td>masses, evaluations of political candidates, mass mobilization,</td>
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<td>response to mass media; psychological concepts including</td>
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<td>POLI:3203</td>
<td>Campaigns, Elections, and Voting Behavior</td>
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<td>Determinants of voting behavior; correlates of political</td>
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<td>participation, political apathy; political socialization processes;</td>
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<td>POLI:3204</td>
<td>Public Opinion</td>
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<td>Role in making public policy; formation, change of political</td>
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<td>attitudes and opinions; political ideology; measurement of public</td>
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<td>opinion; how opinion polls are conducted; experience with</td>
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<td>interviewing and conducting public opinion research. Same as</td>
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<td>POLI:3300</td>
<td>Postmodern Political Theory</td>
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<td>POLI:3302</td>
<td>Current Political Theory</td>
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<td>POLI:3305</td>
<td>Modern Political Theory</td>
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<td>Renaissance and Reformation to 19th century.</td>
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<td>POLI:3306</td>
<td>Problems of Democracy</td>
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<td>Theory and practice of democracy; democratic ideals and the</td>
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<td>institutions and practices necessary for those ideals to work in</td>
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<td>everyday politics—power, equality, majority rule, participation,</td>
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<td>POLI:3350</td>
<td>Games of Politics</td>
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<td>Active learning component to many theories and concepts learned</td>
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<td>simulations (games) that provide a hands-on learning element to</td>
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<td>these concepts and theories; topics include alliances, balance</td>
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<td>making; students read materials connected to the specific</td>
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<td>weekly topic, complete a simulation tied to that topic, discuss</td>
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**POLI:3400 Political Economy** 3 s.h.
Economic reasoning applied to political issues, including evolution of institutions, voting, leadership, interest groups, bargaining tactics, federalism, bureaucracy, fairness and compensation for wrongs, legitimacy of democracy, electoral cycles in economic policy, revolutions.

**POLI:3405 Authoritarian Politics** 3 s.h.
Political dynamics in countries with authoritarian governing regimes; how those dynamics differ from their counterparts in democracies; how decisions are reached and get enforced; forms political struggles take; how interest groups pursue influence; ways individuals deal with the government; tension between regime control and societal progress.

**POLI:3408 Chinese Politics and Society** 3 s.h.
Comprehensive introduction to modern Chinese history; current Chinese political system and political culture; public policy issues.

**POLI:3410 Russian Foreign Policy** 3 s.h.
Russia’s behavior as a major economic, military, and diplomatic power in the world and what shapes that behavior; Russians’ perceptions of other countries; Russian national interests; capabilities and domestic political dynamics; implications for foreign policy of the United States and other countries.

**POLI:3411 Democracy: Global Trends and Struggles** 3 s.h.
Diverse contemporary understandings and practices of democracy; worldwide democratization trends; what political, economic, cultural, and transnational factors shape those trends; how elites and citizens struggle to promote or retard democracy; the news full of people around the world taking action to demand democracy and what this term, so highly prized, really means; what is known about when democracy will replace authoritarianism; how can democracies more fully live up to their promise.

**POLI:3418 Governance in the Middle East** 3 s.h.
Institutions and social systems that are affected by political behavior; ways in which Islam, oil production, and international forces shape political evolution in the region; comparative political inquiry of the operation of government institutions in the context of specific historical legacies, economic structures, and population characteristics in Iran, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey, Saudi Arabia.

**POLI:3420 Southeast Asia: Politics and Development** 3 s.h.
Eleven states of Southeast Asia; governance, development strategies, domestic politics, approach to democracy and national identity; regional politics and important transnational issues; role of ASEAN, terrorism, trans-Pacific trade and investment issues; China’s looming presence, impact of ongoing and historic conflicts; briefings, discussions, presentations.

**POLI:3422 Horn of Africa: Politics and Transnational Issues** 3 s.h.
Eight states in the Horn of Africa region; important transnational and regional issues; governance, development strategies, domestic politics, social and civic dynamics of countries in the region; wildlife trafficking, piracy, fight against HIV/AIDS, imprint of colonialism, recession, ethnic and national identities, democratization, role of women in society, impact of ongoing and historic conflicts; briefings, discussions, presentations.

**POLI:3423 The Middle East: Policy and Diplomacy** 3 s.h.
Nineteen states and entities of North Africa and the Middle East; issues of governance, development strategies, domestic politics, and approach to democracy and national identity; regional politics and important transnational issues; role of political Islam; impacts of the Arab Spring, terrorism, oil, role of women in society, ongoing and historic conflicts; briefings, discussions, presentations.

**POLI:3424 Global Development** 3 s.h.
Exploration of political and social causes and consequences of economic development; two important questions asked—Why are some countries rich while others are poor? What can be done to encourage growth in underdeveloped countries?

**POLI:3425 South Asia: Politics, Identity, and Conflict** 3 s.h.
Survey of the eight countries in the South Asia region; examination of governance in the eight countries; students explore the interaction of politics, identity, and conflict within and across the regional states; ethnic, religious, caste, class, and other identities that have long competed for primacy with national identities in South Asia, sometimes leading to armed conflict within countries and sometimes sparking war between countries, and the question—Am I first a Sri Lankan or a Tamil? What do I feel like most?

**POLI:3426 Outliers: Comparing Odd Countries** 3 s.h.
The 195 countries that make up today’s international system vary greatly by demography, geography, cultural variables, income, and many other characteristics; United Nations member Nauru, for example, with only 10,000 people and eight square miles of territory was once ranked among the world’s richest countries per capita; how being “odd” (compared to the norm) in key characteristics relates to sociopolitical outcomes like good governance, human development, or happiness; students write short research papers, participate in group projects, and engage in an active learning environment to explore governance in the world’s “odd” countries.

**POLI:3427 Latinas/os/x and the Law** 3 s.h.
Introduction and survey of Latina/o legal history; topics include segregation, educational rights, immigration, voting rights, citizenship, and the criminal justice system. Same as AMST:3420, LATS:3420, SJUS:3420.

**POLI:3428 Politics of Natural Disasters** 3 s.h.
Examination of local, national, and international politics that guide government action (and inaction) in the face of increasingly intense and increasingly frequent natural disasters; draws on core concepts from political science related to distributive politics, natural resource governance, state capacity, government responsiveness, and collective action.

**POLI:3450 Problems in Comparative Politics** 3 s.h.
Structures, functions, behaviors of different political systems.

**POLI:3503 Politics of Terrorism** 3 s.h.
Strategies of terrorists, insurgents, guerrillas, and other non-state actors; terrorists’ use of the media; suicide attacks; al Qaeda and the U.S.-led War on Terrorism; counterinsurgency and counter-terrorism; self-starters and transnational terrorist networks; drone strikes and data-mining operations as counter-terrorism tools and the associated political controversies.

**POLI:3504 Globalization** 3 s.h.
Introduction to multidisciplinary literature on political economy and culture of globalization; major topics of debate on globalization.
POLI:3505 Civil Wars  
Causes, duration, management, and consequences of civil war; factors that create more frequent, longer civil wars (e.g., greed, grievance, ethnic conflict, state capacity); conflict management strategies for ending civil wars and minimizing long-term negative consequences.

POLI:3506 Consequences of War  
War's enduring effects: war's impact on individuals, including combatants and noncombatants; war's impact on states, including states' development, economic, political, and social effects; war's effects on the international system.

POLI:3509 International Courts: The Intersection of Law and Politics  
Introduction to important international courts including (Permanent) International Court of Justice, European Court of Justice, International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, and International Criminal Court; the formation, design, and expansion of international courts from political and legal perspectives; states' capabilities, regime type, and war; intersection of domestic and international law, emphasizing the major legal systems in the world (civil law, common law, Islamic law).

POLI:3512 International Conflict  
International conflict as the primary ingredient of international politics; sources, causes, and effects of conflict, alliance structures, power distribution, geography, arms races, deterrence.

POLI:3514 Regional Peace and Security  
Analysis of the causes of peace and conflict between countries in various regions of the world; theories of zones of peace, security communities, regional security complexes.

POLI:3516 The Politics of International Economics  
Politics of international trade and financial systems, including rise of free trade in 19th century and breakdown between the two world wars, postwar trading system framed around the World Trade Organization, different types of international monetary systems, relations between rich countries and poor countries, and global environmental politics.

POLI:3517 Global Justice  
Introduction to normative issues in international politics (i.e., Under what conditions are wars just? When is intervention justified? Do wealthier nations owe anything to those elsewhere who are in need?); theoretical works on global justice by Rawls, Kant, Pogge, Walzer, and others; normative theories analyzed against background of empirical examples, such as recent humanitarian interventions, contemporary wars, current trade regime, global environmental problems; seminar. Requirements: no prior enrollment in POLI:3550 with subtitles Global Justice.

POLI:3518 Water Wars: Conflict and Cooperation  
How climate change may aggravate shortage of freshwater in water-stressed regions, producing warnings of conflict over international river basins or “water wars”; recent U.S. intelligence assessment notes that water may be used as a weapon between or within states, or to further terrorist aims in the future; management of international water resources including conflicts over cross-border rivers and maritime areas; common property resources, piracy, maritime security, peaceful and militarized conflict management of water-based conflicts, climate issues, natural disasters, United Nations Law of the Sea Convention.

POLI:3519 Politics of Aging  
Core concepts and methods related to aging and policies that address the needs of older persons; demographic measures of population health and aging, including incidence and distribution of specific conditions relevant in older age; theories of public policy and involvement of older persons in the political process; key historical and current policies, at both the federal and state/local levels, that influence service provision and the well-being of older persons in the United States. Same as ASP:3519.

POLI:3522 Ending Wars and Keeping Peace  
When are international and civil wars ripe for resolution? What determines intervention strategies for third parties, and why do attempts at conflict resolution so frequently fail? Students will investigate these questions and consider the process by which conflicts reach cease-fires and peace agreements, why some agreements last when others do not, and what can be done to make peace more durable; considering post-conflict societies and the lingering problems they face; topics include peacekeeping, mediation, the role of regional and international organizations, and post-conflict justice.

POLI:3524 Politics and Multinational Enterprises  
Relationship between business and politics by examining the operation of multinational business enterprises; how corporations interact with countries, subnational governments, interest groups, international organizations, and nongovernmental organizations.

POLI:3525 Iowa Policy and Opinion Lab  
Collaboration and study of policymaking and public opinion in Iowa; examination of policy choices in legislative, executive, and judicial branches; collection of survey data on public opinion among Iowans; students assist with research question development, data collection, data analysis, writing up results, and work with topics in these and other areas (e.g., race and crime, gender and social issues, health and COVID-19, environment); research group led by faculty in the Departments of Political Science and Journalism and Mass Communication.

POLI:3530 Diplomacy Lab  
Students work in teams under the supervision of a faculty member on projects created by the U.S. Department of State; class meetings are arranged and most work will occur outside of the classroom; experiential learning course in partnership with the U.S. Department of State.

POLI:3550 Problems of International Politics  
Problems in studying international system, structures, functions, behavior.

POLI:3560 Public Policy and Persuasion  
Students build their skill set in policy analysis, formation, and communication through a social justice lens; engagement in service learning projects in one Iowa community, where work done directly impacts that community's ability to make changes; development of effective writing and oral presentation styles that can be adapted to different audiences; focus on homelessness policy using social policy and social justice concepts to explore work of policy makers who have “right-sized” existing systems to serve communities in crisis and propose solutions to systemic problems that disadvantage marginalized populations. Prerequisites: RHET:1030 or RHET:1040 or RHET:1060. Same as PBAF:3560, RHET:3560, SJUS:3560.

POLI:3601 Politics of Film  
Issues in the popular politics of aesthetics, communication, culture, and myth, explored through analysis of films.
POLI:3603 War and Film 3 s.h.
Exploration of one of the most significant political phenomena, war, as it is represented and understood through film; various film genres including classic war films, historical and historical fiction, documentary (e.g., Battle of Algiers, Triumph of the Will, Invisible War), comedy-drama (e.g., Life is Beautiful), and dark comedy or satire (e.g., The Mouse that Roared, Tropic Thunder); scholarly writings on international conflict; students discover and investigate themes related to nature of war, its underlying causes, and its consequences.

POLI:3604 New Media and Public Opinion 3 s.h.
How do citizens give voice to their interest in and concerns about governing? New media and public opinion, measured by surveys, supplement each other, each with strengths and weaknesses; parallel moves of the two in elections and when important political decisions are being made.

POLI:3701 Special Topics in Politics 1-2 s.h.
Presentations by distinguished lecturers on topics in the study of politics not covered in other courses.

POLI:4000 Honors Seminar on the Study of Politics 3 s.h.
Examination of big ideas in the study of politics and government that cut across the fields of American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and political theory. Requirements: honors standing in political science.

POLI:4100 Honors Seminar on American Politics 3 s.h.
Ideas, issues, methods in selected area. Requirements: junior or senior honors standing in political science.

POLI:4400 Honors Seminar on Comparative Politics 3 s.h.
Exploration of a selected topic in comparative politics, its cross-national patterns, strategies used to study it, and major debates among scholars; study of politics by comparing two or more countries or other political units; new light on how societies are divided on major issues (whether state regulation of economy or role of religion in society), how people behave politically (from voting to demonstrations to revolution), role played by political institutions (e.g., legislatures, courts, political parties). Requirements: junior or senior honors standing in political science.

POLI:4500 Honors Seminar on International Politics 3 s.h.
Ideas, issues, methods in selected area. Requirements: junior or senior honors standing in political science.

POLI:4600 Honors Research Project 3 s.h.
Special research assistance to political science faculty. Requirements: junior or senior honors standing in political science.

POLI:4601 Honors Senior Thesis 3 s.h.
Supervised research and writing. Requirements: honors standing in political science and more than one semester before graduation.

POLI:4700 Independent Study arr.
Supervised special projects.

POLI:4701 Undergraduate Research Tutorial 3 s.h.
Individual training in applied research.

POLI:4702 Senior Research Project/Paper 3 s.h.
Supervised research and writing. Requirements: political science major and more than one semester before graduation.

POLI:4800 Senior Seminar in International Relations 3 s.h.
Completion of final research project as a culmination of student's work in the major research supervised by a faculty member; required for international relations major. Recommendations: taken during one of student's final two semesters at the University of Iowa.

POLI:4801 Honors Senior Seminar in International Relations 3 s.h.
Honors capstone course for international relations majors.

POLI:4802 International Relations Senior Seminar Preparation 1 s.h.
Preparation for international relations senior seminar.

POLI:4900 Government and Politics Internship 1-3 s.h.
Undergraduate internships in state or national legislative office, executive agency, or with election campaign official.

POLI:5000 Introduction to Political Analysis 4 s.h.
Conceptual problems of political analysis; empirical research strategies, philosophy of science. Requirements: M.A. or Ph.D. standing in political science.

POLI:5001 Introductory Methodology 3-4 s.h.
Introduction to quantitative techniques in political science; set theory, probability distributions, estimation, testing; emphasis on acquiring mathematical skills for more advanced quantitative work in political science. Requirements: M.A. or Ph.D. standing in political science. Same as IGPI:5001.

POLI:5003 Intermediate Methodology 4 s.h.
Techniques of data analysis; statistical models and their relationship to hypotheses tested. Requirements: doctoral standing in political science and one semester of intermediate statistics.

POLI:5100 American Politics 4 s.h.
Major literature of American politics, emphasis on comparative, systemic, behavioral studies. Requirements: M.A. or Ph.D. standing in political science.

POLI:5111 American Public Policy 3 s.h.
Introduction to study of public policy in the United States; development of analytical skills necessary to better understand and explain contemporary policy debates and public policy decision making that takes place at the local, state, and national levels in the United States; topics include a mix of theoretical approaches and substantive policy areas to better understand how policy is made, manipulated, and maintained; examination of demands and supports, institutional, and environmental variables that drive American public policy. Same as PBAF:5111.

POLI:5117 Bureaucratic Politics and Public Administration 3 s.h.
Examination of bureaucracy from political, theoretical, and practical perspectives; what we mean by "bureaucracy" and how it developed over time; political control of bureaucracy; how bureaucracy performs its tasks, including behavior of bureaucrats; role of nonprofit service delivery in modern bureaucracy; how bureaucracy affects American policy and politics. Same as PBAF:5117.

POLI:5200 American State Politics 3 s.h.
Approaches to analysis of political behavior in American state governments; emphasis on cultures, parties, actors, processes, issues. Same as PBAF:5200.
POLI:5300 Political Theory 4 s.h.
Methods of political theory, epistemological and moral foundations of political inquiry; terms of political discourse (e.g., power, legitimacy, equality, ideological foundations of politics); schools of thought and current controversies in political theory. Requirements: M.A. or Ph.D. standing in political science.

POLI:5400 Comparative Politics 4 s.h.
Conceptual, theoretical, and methodological issues in comparative study of politics; developments in comparative politics subfield. Requirements: M.A. or Ph.D. standing in political science.

POLI:5500 International Politics 4 s.h.
Approaches to study of international politics. Requirements: M.A. or Ph.D. standing in political science.

POLI:5700 Introduction to Formal Models in Political Science 4 s.h.
Use of formal mathematical models; current modeling techniques, applications in American politics, comparative politics, international politics. Requirements: M.A. or Ph.D. standing in political science.

POLI:6635 Crossing Borders Seminar 2-3 s.h.

POLI:7002 Topics Methodology 4 s.h.
Application of advanced statistical techniques in political science; limited dependent and qualitative variables in political science; logit, probit, multinomial logit and probit, ordered logit and probit, event history models, event count models; emphasis on understanding how and when to apply these techniques.

POLI:7003 Advanced Methodology 4 s.h.
Introduction to regression techniques for limited dependent and qualitative variables in political science; logit, probit, multinomial logit and probit, ordered logit and probit, event history models, event count models; emphasis on understanding how and when to apply these models.

POLI:7100 Modeling American Politics 4 s.h.
Exploration of how well formal models explain the real world and how the fit between models and world can be improved.

POLI:7150 Problems in American Politics 4 s.h.
Problems in study of American political system; structures, functions, behavior.

POLI:7202 Public Opinion and Electoral Behavior 4 s.h.
Political attitudes and beliefs in mass publics; voting behavior; how electoral systems function.

POLI:7270 Responsible Research in Political Science 1 s.h.
Concepts and practice of scholarly integrity, responsible conduct of research, and research ethics in political science; data management, mentor/trainee responsibilities, publication practices and responsible authorship, peer review, collaborative science, human subjects, animal welfare, research misconduct, and conflict of interest and commitment. Requirements: enrollment in political science M.A. or Ph.D. program.

POLI:7409 Democratization and Authoritarianism 4 s.h.
Rival understandings and practices of democracy and authoritarianism, including challenges of quantifying them for comparative analyses; major theoretical and empirical approaches to studying democratization and other forms of regime change.