# Department of Political Science Fall 2022

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**Course Descriptions**

**POLS-Y 550 (10037) POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (1-3 CR.)**
Instructor: Marjorie Hershey
Course Description:
Note: This course required for ALL POLITICAL SCIENCE FIRST YEAR STUDENTS Teaching Political Science I: Understanding and Negotiating the Teaching Environment (semester I only), 1 credit.
NOTE: Y550 is for Political Science and Joint Ph.D. Program Students Only. This seminar, which is the first step in the department’s Preparing Future Faculty Program, will meet five times during fall semester, on Fridays from 2-3:15 p.m. No readings are required. Students enrolling in the course (which will continue during the spring semester) will receive departmental certification in the Preparing Future Faculty Program. Topics for the five sessions during fall semester are: the nature and rules of the IU teaching environment; effective methods of leading discussions; a micro-teaching session in leading discussions; various methods of assessing students’ learning and grading; and resources available for getting help with teaching. First-year students are expected to attend, but the seminar will also be open to continuing graduate students. (Note: Y550 may be repeated for credit.) Grad students who are teaching their own courses of record during fall semester can enroll in a different section (Y552) designed to support their immediate teaching needs.

**POLS-Y 552 (10415) POLITICAL SCIENCE ADVANCED SEMINAR IN TEACHING FOR AIS TEACHING INDEPENDENT SECTIONS (1-3 CR.)**
Instructor: Marjorie Hershey
Course Description:
AIs teaching their own courses of record can use Y552 to get credit for the coaching they will receive. (All AIs teaching their own course of record will receive coaching; they may do so for one credit, to get it on their transcript, or without receiving credit.)

**POLS-Y 553 (11723) POLITICAL SCIENCE SUBFIELD WORKSHOP (1-3 CR.)**
Workshop in American Politics
Instructor: Edward Carmines
F, 12:30-2:00 p.m., WH 218
Course Description:
The American Politics Workshop (APW) is a regular convening of graduate students and faculty with an interest in American politics. Meeting weekly throughout the academic year, the APW is designed to provide a forum for those conducting research on American politics to present work in progress and, in turn, learn about new and ongoing research projects in the field. APW sessions generally consist of a 30-40 minute presentation followed by 30-40 minutes of discussion. Presenters distribute their working paper or chapter in advance so that APW participants may provide informed, constructive feedback during the session. The APW also hosts lectures given by outside speakers through the Center on American Politics. APW sessions are open to any IU Bloomington-affiliated graduate student or faculty member, but Political Science Ph.D. students may also receive course credit for formal participation in the APW. Students in any year of the program with an interest in American politics are strongly encouraged to enroll in this 1-unit course.
POLS-Y 553 (12294) WORLD POLITICS WORKSHOP (1-3 CR)
Instructor: Ore Koren
F, 10:00-12:00 p.m., WH 218
Course Description:
The World Politics Research Seminar is a regular (4-6 times per semester) symposium on research-in-progress in Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Economy, and related fields. It is organized within the Department of Political Science but we are eager for faculty and graduate students of other units on the Bloomington campus to attend, participate, and present their work.

POLS-Y 561 (32001) AMERICAN POLITICS, A&I (3 CR)
Instructor: Eileen Braman
T, 2:30-5:00 p.m., SE 009
Course Description:
Overview and analysis of the approaches and issues in the literature of American politics. Required of students taking American politics as a field of study for the Ph.D. It is recommended that this course be taken during the first two years of graduate work at Indiana University.

POLS-Y 570 (11183) INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF POLITICS (3 CR)
Instructor: William Scheuerman
W, 4:00-4:00 p.m., PV 270
Course Description:
This course is the core seminar in the graduate program in political science. Its main purpose is to help Ph.D. students answer three seemingly straightforward but foundational questions for all political scientists: What is power, and how best can we study it? What is the modern state, and how central is it to the study of politics? What is political science, and how best can we pursue it? To be sure, political scientists and their allies have tackled many other important issues. Nonetheless, these three have remained central to the discipline since its inception over a century ago. Presumably, they will remain so in the future as well. Students can expect to leave the course with an overview of some of the most fruitful attempts to answer them, along with basic knowledge of competing analytic and methodological approaches scholars have employed in trying to do so. They should also expect to have gained solid foundational knowledge of the discipline and its history. Hopefully, the materials discussed in the seminar will prove useful as you pursue your graduate course work and then write a dissertation. An implicit assumption underlying the organization of the seminar is that the best way to garner a sense of the strengths and weaknesses of competing approaches to political inquiry is by engaging those key questions most political scientists tackle either directly or indirectly.

POLS-Y 577 (11734) INTRO TO COMPUTATIONAL STATS, COMPUTATIONAL STATS FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES (3 CR)
Instructor: Christopher DeSante
T, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Loc TBA
Course Description:
Basic quantitative analysis techniques applied to political science data: principles of measurement, tables, graphs, probability distributions, nonparametric statistics, matrix algebra, Markov chains, correlation and simple regression, tests of significance. Computer processing of data and applications of bivariate statistics to problems in political science are emphasized.
Lab Session for POLS Y575: POLS-Y780 (32003) (1 CR); TH, 12:00-1:00 p.m., IF 0002

POLS-Y 577 (13020) TOPICS IN DATA ANALYSIS (3 CR)
Instructor: Ore Koren
W, 10:00-12:00 P.M., SE 009
**W, 12:40-2:10 p.m., SY 100**

Course Description:
This is the third full (3 credits) course in the quantitative methods sequence in Indiana University’s political science Ph.D. program. It is intended to give you the tools necessary to produce and publish quantitative research. The course is primarily a generalization of regression-like statistical methods to nonlinear frameworks using likelihood-based models. We will spend most of our time on models where several of the traditional Gauss-Markov assumptions are violated because the dependent variable is non-continuous, and operationalized, for instance, in binary or count formats. We will survey maximum likelihood models for various kinds of limited-dependent and qualitative response variables, paying particular attention not only to each model’s theoretical underpinnings, but also to empirical practicalities – how to estimate, interpret, and present these models. The class will cover binary response models such as logit, probit in both standard and multinomial forms; ordered logit and probit for categorical dependent variables; survival – or event history – models; and event count models such as the Poisson and Negative Binomial. We will also briefly discuss additional topics related to estimation and identification. Because this class has a large applied dimensions, we will spend several weeks on how to apply these models to different types of data, how to estimate nonparametric models, and how to evaluate the forecasting strength of your models. While some of the material in this course is fairly technical, especially the first couple of weeks, it would be well within the abilities of students with background in multivariate linear regression analysis (i.e., POLS Y576). If some time has passed since you have taken the class, it would be highly recommended to reacquaint yourself with the basics of multivariate regression by reading through Gujarati & Porter’s Basic Econometrics, Wooldridge’s Introductory Econometrics, or Long’s Regression Models for Categorical and Limited Dependent Variables. I have chosen readings that present the models as clearly and with as little jargon as possible, although some of the material might require several readings to fully comprehend. A solid understanding of scalar and linear algebra is strongly recommended – although not necessary – for this class, and the course assumes familiarity with linear regression at the level of POLS Y576 (that is, at the level of Gujarati & Porter’s Basic Econometrics, or the like). Students are also expected to have at least a basic acquaintance with basic differential and integral calculus, probability theory, and statistical inference.

**POLS-Y 657 (13022) COMPARATIVE GRAD SEMINAR (3 CR)**
Instructor: Jason Wu  
TH, 2:30-5:00 p.m., PY 113  
Course Description:  
This seminar provides an introduction to some of the major themes in political behavior, including partisanship, elections, political attitudes, information, ideology, participation, and the role of the mass media in shaping the public's political beliefs and orientations. We will consider how well our theories explain political outcomes in both democracies and autocracies.

**POLS-Y 669 (5310) INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY (3 CR)**
Instructor: Will Winecoff  
TH, 5:30-8:00 p.m., WH 108  
Course Description:  
This seminar provides an overview of theoretical and empirical work in International Political Economy (IPE). IPE is an interdisciplinary field -- drawing from international relations, comparative politics, economics, sociology, history and other areas -- concerned with the interaction of politics and economics in the global system. In addition to providing a broad survey of the development of thought in IPE, we will explore substantive topics including the politics of trade, investment, and development. In so doing, this course will mix classic theoretical works with contemporary empirical analyses, for the purpose of laying a foundation for future research into the global political economy. Students will be expected to write a seminar paper exploring an IPE topic in some depth, as well as shorter analyses of assigned readings.
POLS-Y 675 (3845) A&I IN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (3 CR)
Instructor: Aurelian Craiutu
M, 4:30-7:00 p.m., BH 018
Course Description:
The purpose of this course is to introduce students to a variety of approaches and issues in political philosophy. Half of the class will be devoted to reading and commenting on primary texts such as: Plato’s Republic, Aristotle’s Politics, Machiavelli’s The Prince, Hobbes’s Leviathan, Rousseau’s The Social Contract, and Tocqueville’s Democracy in America. The other half focuses on the secondary literature. After examining in detail each of these classic texts, we shall explore various ways in which they have been interpreted by several main schools: contextualist (Quentin Skinner and his disciples), post-modern (Sheldon Wolin and his disciples), Straussian (Leo Strauss and his disciples), feminist (Susan M. Okin, etc.), and intellectual history (Isaiah Berlin etc.), and conceptual history (Koselleck). On a general level, this course has several pedagogical aims. First, it seeks to provide an overview of a few canonical texts and authors. Second, the course seeks to help students develop the capacity to engage in advanced textual exegesis and to critically evaluate alternative approaches and interpretive methods. Students will be required to choose between the following options: (a) write an approximately thirty-page research paper on a subject of their own choice or (b) write two fifteen-page seminar papers on topics discussed in class. They will also be required to compile an annotated bibliography and write a 2000-word review of an academic book relevant to the course published in the last five years.