Political Science

at Arcadia University

Global Perspectives…Personal Attention…Real-World Integrative Learning Experiences

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Degree/Concentrations

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
International Relations
Pre-Law and Political Theory
U.S. Politics and Policy

Minors
Political Science
Pre-Law

Options
International Studies Minor
Secondary Education Certification in Social Studies

Related Undergraduate Study
Bachelor of Arts in Global Legal Studies

Related Graduate Study at Arcadia

Master of Arts in International Peace and Conflict Resolution (4+2 program, accelerated 3+2 program)

Master of Arts in International Relations and Diplomacy (American Graduate School of International Relations and Diplomacy in Paris, France)

Pathways to Study Abroad

Political Science majors are urged to study abroad for a year or a semester, or whatever time period works for them. For example, the Department has sponsored one-week overseas opportunities in Europe and Asia for Model United Nations conferences.

Political Science majors can plan to study abroad during any semester except the fall of their senior year due to the required senior thesis seminar course offered at that time.

Ideally, students should try to enroll in political science courses at an international university that are not offered on the Glenside campus, giving students a unique opportunity to interact with other students, faculty and public officials from another culture and political system.

Visit the University's Web site for Pathways to Study Abroad (www.arcadia.edu/pathways). Since it is important that students plan ahead for study abroad, they should consult with their advisers as soon as possible and make their intentions known to the Director of the major and the Associate Dean for International Affairs.

About the B.A. in Political Science

- Preparation for graduate study in politics, peace and conflict resolution, international relations or law
- 4+2 with Arcadia's International Peace and Conflict Resolution Master's program
- Accelerated 3+2 with Arcadia's International Peace and Conflict Resolution Master's program
- Preparation for careers in government, foreign service, non-governmental organizations, public service, education, or management
- Concentration in international relations
- Concentration in U.S. politics and policy
- Concentration in pre-law and political theory
- Opportunities to travel with Model UN team
- Internships available in Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C, British Parliament, Scottish Parliament and more

- Senior Capstone courses that integrate classroom learning with real world experiences
- Opportunities to study at American Graduate School of International Relations and Diplomacy in Paris, France
- Opportunities to study at some of the top universities around the world

Political science focuses on the theory and practice of politics and the analysis of political systems and behavior. It explores who has power, how they acquire it, and what they do with it. Courses in international relations and comparative and domestic politics encourage students to think critically and to strengthen their skills in the oral and written presentation of ideas.

Since governmental decisions and the pursuit of power have relevancy to nearly all disciplines, the curriculum is designed for both Political Science majors and students from other programs.

Political Science majors can be recognized for developing expertise in one of three areas:

- International Relations
- U.S. Politics and Policy
- Pre-Law and Political Theory

A concentration, however, is not required for the Political Science major.

Political Science graduates have entered the fields of government, law, foreign service and international affairs, social service, urban planning, public service, education, human resources, international business and sports management.

Class activities include debates, simulations, student presentations, guest speakers and field trips. The program sponsors an award-winning Model UN team, which participates in an international Model UN simulation.

Students also study abroad through Arcadia's Center for Education Abroad at sites in Europe, Asia, Africa, China and more. The Department helps students locate internships in foreign policy research, international affairs, victim assistance, legal research and writing, and political campaigning.

Exciting internship opportunities are available through the American University Washington Semester Program and the Washington Center.

Senior Capstone Experience: Political Science majors will complete a two-semester capstone course that challenges them to integrate their education, interests and career plans.

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

The Bachelor of Arts degree program prepares students to pursue careers in law, politics, international affairs, foreign policy, public administration, urban planning, public relations, trade associations, teaching or private industry. Although the program does not limit students to specific tracks, three optional concentrations are available that each require experiential learning via study abroad or an internship.

Pre-Professional Concentrations

The Political Science major offers students flexibility with optional concentrations in International Relations, U.S. Politics and Policy, and Pre-Law and Political Theory.

Students who want to pursue graduate study in peace studies, foreign policy or international affairs should pursue a concentration in international relations and add an intermediate modern language course. The U.S. Politics and Policy concentration provides a foundation for graduate study in public policy, public administration, urban planning and political science. The Pre-Law and Political Theory concentration offers preparation for paralegal positions and a foundation for law school. Political Science majors also can prepare to attend graduate programs in business administration, health administration, education or other fields by selecting appropriate courses in consultation with their adviser.

International Relations and Peace Studies

Students interested in international relations or peace studies should choose a Political Science major with the International Relations concentration. It is also possible to pursue the University's 4+2 program, or an accelerated 3+2 option, to earn a Master of Arts in International Peace and Conflict Resolution.

There are many other ways to prepare to play a role in international affairs, but the most important prerequisite for a successful career is study abroad for a semester or a full year.

Legal and Paralegal

Students interested in law often choose to major in Political Science. Courses recommended for pre-law students are listed in the Pre-Law and Political Theory concentration and under the Pre-law Minor. Study abroad is also highly recommended for pre-law students.

Internships

The Political Science Department offers two internship programs designed to be taken during the summer (off campus) or during either the fall or spring semester, in addition to other coursework (refer to PS 324 Pre-Law Intern Program and PS 380 Political Internship). International internships are available through Arcadia's Center for Education Abroad.

Political Science majors are urged to do an internship during either the junior year or the first or second semester of the senior year. This experience will help them in PS 490/491 Senior Thesis Seminar. It also will assist them in deciding what career to pursue after graduation and provide them with valuable personal and professional references.

Arcadia University participates in the Washington Semester Program and the Washington Center Program. Each offers an off-campus experience of seminars and internship, utilizing the resources of the Washington political community. For more information contact Dr. .Angela Kachuyevski.

Minor in Political Science

The minor in Political Science supplements many major programs, especially International Studies, Communications, Health Administration, and Business, by enabling students to understand how political processes operate and by strengthening oral and written communication skills. Pre-law students, regardless of major, can complete the Pre-Law minor and/or a minor in Political Science. Arcadia also offers a B.A. in Global Legal Studies that requires students to take two law courses abroad. This is a Majors Abroad Program (MAP). See a separate entry for this major.

Requirements for the B.A. in Political Science

(40 credits as listed below, with Undergraduate Curriculum requirements and electives to total 128 credits)

1. Four core courses:

PS	101	American Politics
PS	150	Comparative Politics
PS	241	International Relations
PL/PS	245	Political Thought
or PS	330	American Political Thought

2. PS 490/491 Senior Seminar and Senior Thesis

3. Four Political Science electives, at least two of which must be at the 300 level or above. PS 330 can count as either the theory course or a 300+-level elective, but not both. Internships (PS 324 and 380) count toward the major, but do not count as 300+-level elective courses. Any of the political science courses that are offered through Arcadia's College of Global Studies can be used as Political Science electives. Comparative politics/area studies courses also can be taken abroad with prior approval from the Director of the major.

4. Students are strongly encouraged to take PL 155 Applied Logic and MA 141 Elementary Statistics before taking PS 490 Senior Seminar in Political Science.

Requirements for the Three Optional Concentrations

International Relations Concentration

(A minimum of 20 credits of the 40 credits required for the major from the list below or study abroad courses with prior approval)

PS	150	Comparative Politics
PS	225	Politics of the Developing World
PS	240	United States Foreign Policy
PS	241	International Relations
PS	243	Introduction to Peace and Conflict Resolution

PS	228	Latin American Politics
PS	270	Introduction to Security Studies
PS	211	Terrorism and Counterterrorism
PS	311	International Law
PS	335	Politics of Russia and East Europe
PS	370	International Human Rights
PS	385	Special Topics (by permission)
PS	403	Culture and Conflict
PS	420	International Security
PS	421	International Organizations
PS	422	Conflict Resolution in Deeply Divided Societies
PS	433	Conflict Transformation
PS	443	Peace Perspectives of World Religion

Study Abroad (At least one course/experience recommended)

ID	181	International Experience
ID	281	International Research Experience
ID	381	Field Study Abroad
PS	280	International Model United Nations

Semester or Academic Year Abroad (with 300-level courses available)

Pre-Law and Political Theory Concentration

(A minimum of 20 credits of the 40 credits required for the major from the list below or study abroad courses with prior approval)

PS	110	Law and the Legal Process
PS	220	American Constitutional Law
US	232	Mock Trial Workshop
PS/PL	245	Political Thought
PS	311	International Law
PS	330	American Political Thought
PS	340	The Judiciary
PS	370	International Human Rights

Internship Required (4 credits)

PS	324	Pre-Law Intern Program

U.S. Politics and Policy Concentration

(A minimum of 20 credits of the 40 credits required for the major from the list below or study abroad courses with prior approval)

PS	101	American Politics
PS	210A	Politics and Media
PS	210B	Political Parties and Interest Groups
PS	215	Gender Roles and Family Policy
PS	220	American Constitutional Law
PS	230	Environmental Policy
PS	240	United States Foreign Policy
PS	340	The Judiciary
PS	350	The Presidency
PS	360	The Congress

Internship Required (2 or 4 credits)

PS	380	Political Internship

Requirements for the Minor in Political Science

Five or more courses totaling 18 to 20 credits are required, including no more than two courses at the 100 level and at least one course at the 300 level. Students should choose their courses with their adviser to ensure a valid relationship with their major program. Minors may focus on public law and political theory, U.S. politics and policy, or comparative politics and international relations, or combine these areas according to their own interests.

Pre-Law Minor

Adviser

Associate Professor Dr. Joan Thompson

Since the Association of American Law Schools stresses a broad liberal arts background as the most appropriate training for law school, most pre-law students choose to major in Political Science, History, English, Philosophy, or Sociology. The Pre-Law minor helps students to determine if they have an aptitude and interest in law and provides a background for law school coursework. There are no prerequisites for law school, and law

schools do not prefer applicants with multiple courses labeled “pre-law.” The minor, however, will help students to build a strong liberal arts education with challenging courses that require them to analyze and evaluate conflicting ideas and to communicate effectively orally and in writing.

Requirements for the Minor in Pre-Law

The minor requires 24 credits. Study abroad is highly recommended for pre-law students because it will provide them with a broader perspective on human society and it will distinguish their applications from those of students who have not lived and studied in another culture. Students can count no more than one course toward both their major and the minor in Pre-Law. Students cannot take more than 52 credits in one discipline for credit toward graduation, but some students take more than the minimum number required for their major or minor. Since a minor is not required for graduation, students can use courses for the Pre-Law minor to fulfill their Undergraduate Curriculum requirements as well. Arcadia also offers a B.A. in Global Legal Studies that requires students to take two law courses abroad. This is a Majors Abroad Program (MAP). See a separate entry for this major.

1. (12–14 credits as listed below)

PS	220	Constitutional Law
US	232	Mock Trial Workshop
PS	324	Pre-Law Intern Program
EC	211	Principles of Microeconomics
BA	201	Financial Accounting

Recommended Courses

2. (A minimum of 10 credits chosen from the courses listed below)

At least two courses from the following:

EN	199	Interpreting Literature
CM/EN	213	Writing and Communications
PL	155	Applied Logic (highly recommended)
CM	215	Informative and Persuasive Speaking

At least one course from the following:

EC	210	Principles of Macroeconomics
BA	202	Managerial Accounting
PS	101	American Politics
PS	110	Law and the Legal Process
HS	117	American History to 1865
HS	118	American History Since 1865
PS	243	Introduction to Peace and Conflict Resolution
PL/PS	245	Political Thought
PS	330	American Political Thought
PS	340	The Judiciary
PL	150	Introduction to Philosophy
CJ	160	Crime and Punishment

Additional recommended courses:

TH	140	Fundamentals of Acting
TH	141	Role Play and Improvisation
CM	110	Speech Communications
HS	330	Recent America 1900 to 1945
HS	331	Contemporary America 1945 to Present
LH	330	The English Legal System (City University, London)
EN	439	Theories of Rhetoric (a graduate course open to seniors by permission)

Other advanced humanities and social science courses are highly recommended, especially if taken during a semester or year studying abroad. Any course, regardless of field, that furthers the development of clear and systematic thinking, the command of the English language (both written and oral), and a broad understanding of society constitutes sound preparation for the study of law. A background of outstanding extracurricular activities supplements the academic record and serves to build and demonstrate communication and leadership skills.

The Pre-Law adviser is responsible for advising students interested in the Pre-Law minor and determining if courses taken abroad will count toward the minor. The Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) is required of every applicant to law school, and students are strongly encouraged to take a preparation course. Do not take the LSAT for practice. It is recommended that this test be taken in June before the senior year. Interested students should see the Pre-Law adviser for an application timeline and advice concerning the LSAT and the personal essay. Students apply directly to the Law School Admission Council (www.lsac.org), which offers practice materials

online and administers the test at five convenient Philadelphia locations. All students interested in legal careers should contact the Pre-Law adviser early in their University program. The adviser works with students to develop a program suitable to their interests, including legal fields such as corporate, international, criminal, family, healthcare and the environment.

University Seminar Courses (US)

232
Mock Trial Workshop
(4 credits; Fall)

This course is intended to provide students with an understanding of civil litigation, both at federal and state levels by participation in a mock trial. Using an interdisciplinary approach to preparing and putting on a trial, all phases of the litigation process will be reviewed in detail, with special emphasis upon pre-trial and trial practices. The progression will help the students move towards the course goals because they will be preparing documents that will aid them in the trial on the matter. They will also use research and writing skills that are based on analytical and critical thinking and receive feedback on these assignments which will serve as the tools for the trial. The end result will be the mock trial on the case assigned and all students in the class will be the participants.

Political Science Courses (PS)

101
American Politics
(4 credits; Fall, Spring)

Overview of the American political process as an experiment in self-government. Considers the nature and character of Americans and their democracy. Examines parties, elections, voting, the presidency, Congress and the courts through readings, films, lectures and discussions.

110
Law and the Legal Process
(4 credits; Spring)

Introduction to criminal law, civil law, constitutional law and legal reasoning. Examines legal education, due process, courtroom participants and alternatives to trials in the framework of the pursuit of justice. (Note: Pre-law students should take this course in the spring of their first year.)

150
Comparative Politics
(4 credits, day; Fall, Spring)
(4 credits, evening; Summer)

Comparison of the political culture and governmental structure of various nations with one another and with the United States. Examines the established and emerging democracies of Europe and the developing nations. Focuses on England, Germany, Russia and a developing nation.

210A
Politics and Media
(2 credits)

210B
Political Parties and Interest Groups
(2 credits; Fall)

Examination of the media, political parties and interest groups as links between voters and government. Includes news coverage, presidential selection, political advertising, political consultants, public opinion surveys, lobbying tactics and campaign finance. Considers the impact of television and the possibility for partisan realignment or de-alignment in a media age.
Two-credit courses meet for one-half semester. Students may elect either or both courses. Offered in even years.

211
Terrorism and Counterterrorism
(4 credits; Spring)

This course is intended to provide students with an introduction to the contemporary context of terrorism and counter-terrorism as phenomenon in the modern world. The first part of the course analyzes terrorism as a political tool. The second part of the course provides a transition into the study of counter-terrorism. The course provides a solid foundation for the study of terrorism, focusing on the history, root causes, objectives and tactics of terrorist groups. Recognizing that the motivation of terror groups varies, this course will address the “ideologies of terror” as well as the sociology, psychology and economics that inform the operational realities of the terrorism organizations. Topics in the second part of the course will include preventing terrorism through identification of terrorists groups and the assessment of adequate law enforcement strategies and tactics, including intelligence gathering and analysis.

215
Gender Roles and Family Policy
(4 credits; Fall)

This course is an examination of civic obligations and gender differences in political participation, political candidacy and public service at the local,

state and national levels. It introduces domestic family issues such as education, pregnancy, childcare, poverty and violence. It includes an experiential learning or community service component.
Offered in odd years.

218
Criminal Law & Procedures

(3 credits)
Criminal law and criminal procedures dominate our legal system. The fundamental legal principles of criminal law affect defendants, victims, and law abiding citizens. Most people generally understand what is right from wrong, but few understand what conduct actually constitutes a crime, the elements necessary to be convicted of a specific crime, and the procedural rights implicated when the government accuses a person of a crime. This course examines the prohibitive conduct and necessary intent of the most commonly charged criminal statutes. The course utilizes case law to interpret the elements of these criminal statutes and demonstrating the analytical framework necessary to prove the criminal charges. From a procedural standpoint, the course examines the general rules of law pertaining to: prohibitive/permitted search and seizure, the exclusionary rule, probable cause, right to counsel, and the fruit of the poisonous tree doctrine.
This course is designed for any student possessing an interest in criminal law. The course provides particular benefit to a student interested in attending law school or a student seeking a career in criminal justice. (i.e. police officer, probation officer, county sheriff, etc.).

220
American Constitutional Law
(4 credits; Fall)

Examination of the constitutional foundations and development of America's governmental institutions through analysis of leading Supreme Court cases. Studies the principles of constitutionalism, federalism, separation of powers, civil liberties, civil rights and judicial review. Students read, brief and report on cases to the class.

225
Politics of the Developing World
(4 credits; Fall)

Introduces the major concepts, issues and challenges of politics in the Developing World. Examines the legacy of colonialism, regime types, civil-military relations, corruption, ethnicity, religion and culture, the debt crisis and economic development using examples from countries from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.
Prerequisite: PS 150 or permission of the instructor.

228
Latin American Politics
(3 credits; Fall)

Examination of the politics of Latin American nations, including the transition to democracy from an authoritative regime, the breakdown of democracy, the pressure for economic and social reforms, and the relationship between democracy and development. Focuses on the political, economic and social challenges facing Brazil, Chile, Cuba and Mexico.
Prerequisite: PS 150 or instructor permission..

230
Environmental Policy
(4 credits, day. Spring)

(3 credits, evening. Spring)

Examination of governmental regulations and policy development in terms of participants, agenda setting, enactment, implementation and cost/benefit evaluation. Consideration of issues such as health research and technology, universal health insurance coverage, health care quality and cost control, natural resource management, toxic waste disposal, global temperature change and trading of pollution credits. Offered in even years.

US232
Mock Trial Workshop
(4 credits)

See University Seminars listing above.

240
United States Foreign Policy
(4 credits; Spring)

Study of foreign policy components, such as the President, State and Defense Departments, Congress and the CIA and how they combine in foreign policy formulation. Analyzes current American foreign policy toward various global areas. Offered in even years.

241
International Relations
(4 credits; Fall, Spring)

Survey of the development and major characteristics of the state system; the elements of national power; the instruments of international relations; and their general application within the international community. Focuses on specific international problems.

243
Introduction to Peace and Conflict Resolution
(4 credits; Fall)

Introduces the concepts and techniques of Conflict Resolution beginning with interpersonal relationships, but focusing primarily on the international community. Provides an introduction to international organizations and international law. The class uses case studies of actual conflicts and simulates the United Nations.

245
Political Thought
(Also listed as PL 245)
(4 credits; Fall)

Survey of political theory through the classic writings of Plato, Aristotle, Aquinas, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Bentham, Marx, Rawls and others. Includes rights, the public interest, social contract, liberty, equality and justice.
Offered in odd years.

270
Introduction to Security Studies
(4 credits; Fall)

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the ideas, concepts and theories of security. What does it mean to be secure as a state? As a person? From war and terrorism, to crime and environmental threats this course will study and analyze the various issues that dominate security agendas in the 21st century.

280
International Model United Nations
(2 credits; Spring)

A unique course with a travel component and an opportunity for the students to research and represent another nation's perspective on controversial issues in a United Nations simulation, sponsored by Harvard University. In recent years, this course has traveled during spring semester for about a week to China, Switzerland and Mexico. The 2009 program will be in the Netherlands. Pass/Fail. Travel expenses vary. No more than 4 credits total can be earned for model U.N. programs.
Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. No first-year students.

285
Selected Topics in Political Science
(2 or 4 credits; Fall, Spring)

Exploration of selected topics, such as Politics and Film. Topics vary according to the mutual interests of students and faculty.
Two-credit courses meet for one-half semester. May be elected for more than one topic.

311
Introduction to International Law
(4 credits)

This course provide a comprehensive overview of the role and function of international law in the world system; emphasizing its history, structure, and ability to mitigate conflict. Participants examine the major components of international law, with particular emphasis on human rights and the law of armed conflict. Subjects covered include the use of force, arms control, detention and torture, terrorism, war crimes, and self determination. This course utilizes reading, research, discussion and simulations, to assist participants in applying legal concepts to current international situations.
Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

324A, B
Pre-Law Intern Program
(2 credits Placement; Fall, Spring, Summer)
(2 credits Classroom; Spring)

Central course of the Pre-Law Program. Introduces the daily routine of the legal profession. Includes observation of courtroom proceedings and participation in legal research. Requires a minimum of five contact hours per week during a ten-week internship with a legal firm or other placement. A learning contract is required.
Prerequisite: Junior standing; or permission of the pre-law adviser.

330
American Political Thought
(4 credits; Fall)

Examination of ways in which American political thinkers, leaders and contemporary commentators have dealt with the issues of power, equality, sovereignty and representation. Focuses on the relationship between abstract political concepts and practical politics in American political thinking. Offered in even years.
Prerequisite: Junior standing; or permission of the instructor. PS 101 American Politics strongly recommended.

335
Politics of Russia and East Europe
(4 credits; Fall)

Examines the disintegration and collapse of communism in the Soviet Union and East Europe from Stalin to Gorbachev and Yeltsin. Explores the fears, frustrations and the hopes of the people of these emerging democracies as they face political, economic and social reconstructive tasks of enormous magnitude.
Prerequisites: PS 150 and PS 241 or Permission of the instructor.

340
The Judiciary
(4 credits; Spring)

Examination of the roles of courts and judges, especially Supreme Court Justices, in the American political system. Includes the recruitment and socialization of judges, the political framework in which they function, the factors which influence their decisions and the impact of their decisions on the American political system. Offered in odd years.
Prerequisite: Junior standing; or permission of the instructor. PS 101 American Politics strongly recommended.

350
The Presidency
(4 credits; Fall)

Analysis of the nature and role of the American presidency. Examines the contemporary institution of the presidency and its effectiveness. Discusses the sources of presidential power, the constitutional basis of the presidency, the role of the executive office and the White House Staff, and the relationship between personality traits and the exercise of presidential power. Offered in odd years.
Prerequisite: Junior standing; or permission of the instructor. PS 101 American Politics strongly recommended.

360
The Congress
(4 credits; Spring)

Comparison of the styles of legislators under varying circumstances: winning election, retaining home voter support, adapting to Congress and legislative peers, relating to leadership, bargaining with interest groups and meeting the press. Evaluates the goals of legislators and their relationship to the executive. Debates whether Congress deserves its poor public image.
Prerequisite: junior standing; or permission of the instructor. Offered in even years.

370
International Human Rights
(4 credits; Spring)

Since the end of the Cold War, one of the major challenges facing the international community has been the interrelated problems of defining human rights and protecting those rights. The rhetoric of humanitarian intentions, unfortunately, has often served as a cover for the actual neglect of human rights. This course examines the nature and evolution of human rights, the problems entailed in humanitarian action and the potential for building a viable international human rights regime.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior status.

380
Political Internship
(2 or 4 credits; Fall, Spring, Summer)

Internship in Philadelphia or elsewhere, selected in consultation with faculty advisers according to special interests. Placement possibilities include federal, state and local government agencies; community organizations; political campaigns; public and private institutions; and other agencies dealing with political concerns. A learning contract is required. Pass/Fail. Credit may vary depending upon the scope of the commitment and the provisions of the learning contract.
Prerequisite: Junior standing; or permission of the instructor.

385
Special Studies in Political Science
(2 or 4 credits; Fall, Spring)

In-depth exploration of selected topics, such as Literary Perspectives on American Politics or a seminar on a specific nation or area. Topics vary according to the mutual interests of students and faculty. Two-credit courses meet for one-half semester.
Prerequisite: Junior standing; or permission of the instructor. May be elected for more than one topic.

389
Independent Study
Directed in-depth reading and research devoted to specific topics in political science and government.
Prerequisites: junior standing, 3.0 GPA in the major and overall, and permission of the chairperson and instructor concerned.

403
Culture and Conflict
(4 credits; Fall)

Cultural differences among members of any group are frequently the source of misunderstanding and can lead to conflict. This course analyzes variables, trends, communication and conflict. Its focus is to gain cultural self-awareness, a new frame-work for understanding others, and strategies to makes progress through differences. Specific cultures and conflicts will be analyzed, compared and contrasted.
Cross-listed with IPCR as IP 503. Undergraduate enrollment may be limited.

420
International Security
(4 credits)

The purpose of this course is to advance a thorough and in-depth analysis of international security issues, themes, theories and cases. The course examines security from three levels of

analysis: the international system, state and domestic level politics and individual decision makers. Within each level of analysis, the course studies various theories used to explain the sources of instability and stability in order to understand what drives state and actor behavior in terms of: foreign policy, war, cooperation, and expansion. It also looks at central themes in international security and a few cases where theories can be applied to help us understand crises, conflicts and instability. The course addresses questions such as: What are the main threats to international security? How are these threats addressed or not by state and international actors? Why do states have, or not, nuclear weapons, and what role do international organizations and non-state actors play in security?
Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor and PS241 is strongly recommended.

421
International Organizations
(4 credits; Fall)

This course covers the role of international organizations in conflict management and resolution, including intergovernmental organizations, regional organizations and nongovernmental organizations.
Prerequisite: PS 241 and senior standing or permission of the instructor.
Cross-listed with IPCR as IP 521. Undergraduate enrollment may be limited.

422
Conflict Resolution in Deeply Divided Societies
(4 credits; Spring)

This course focuses on understanding the phenomenon of conflict and war in deeply divided societies and to differing paradigms for building peace. The course first lays a foundation for interpreting the diverse landscape that has increasingly given rise to violent conflict during the transition to globalization and liberalization in the aftermath of the Cold War. The course then applies these perspectives to different concepts of peace building using current perspectives from the field of conflict resolution and from selected case studies of international and regional efforts to resolve conflict in divided societies.
Cross-listed with IPCR as IP 522. Undergraduate enrollment may be limited.

433
Conflict Transformation
(4 credits; Fall)

A practicum in the mediation process. It examines the range of strategic choices available for managing conflict, including techniques that have proven most constructive in the field of peace and conflict resolution: consensus-based mediation. The first part of the course introduces students to differing approaches to managing and resolving conflict, how the mediation process works and variety of contexts in which it is likely to be used with success. The second part of the course is devoted to designing and conducting a mediation on a selected case in contemporary international relations.
Cross-listed with IPCR as IP 533. Undergraduate enrollment may be limited.

443
Peace Perspectives of World Religion
(4 credits; Spring)

Although religious differences often create barriers to peace making, and at times, people create conflict in the name of their religion, all the major religious traditions also have roots that go deep into the soil of peace making and peaceful living. This class explores the roots of peace making in Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism, Indigenous American Religions, and others, and from these roots build bridges of common ground, understanding and acceptance of the other. In addition to the five major religious perspectives studied, students will have an opportunity to explore a religious tradition of their own choosing and present a paper on it for class. The class will include lectures, large and small group discussions, role plays, visiting speakers, videos and student presentations.
Cross-listed with IPCR as IP 543. Undergraduate enrollment may be limited.

490
Senior Thesis Seminar
(4 credits; Fall, Spring)

Supervised preparation of a portfolio documenting student learning and containing a culminating written project on a topic selected by the student. Includes opportunities for integration and reflection, collaborative learning, peer review, a career workshop and public oral presentation of the senior thesis. Reviews methodology in political science, incorporates outside evaluation, primary sources and original research.
Prerequisites: senior standing in Political Science; MA 141 Elementary Statistics recommended.

491
Senior Thesis
(4 credits; Spring)