
Fall 2019 – Political Science Classes

PLSC 3293 – African American Politics, TuTh 12:30-1:45, Najja Baptist

This course is designed to provide students with a comprehensive overview of African American political participation in the United States. In addition to analyzing important events in African American Politics, the course attempts to explain evolving patterns of political participation in Black America.

PLSC 3503 – GOVERNMENT POLITICS OF EAST ASIA, TuTh 12:30-1:45, Ka Zeng

Comparative analysis of structures, processes, and problems of the political systems of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, Japan, and the Peoples Republic of China.

PLSC 3603 – SCOPE AND METHODS OF PLSC, Online, Michael Flanigan

The basic principles and assumptions of political inquiry (methodology) and research techniques for gathering and analyzing data about political phenomena.

PLSC 390V – ST: UNDERSTANDING CHINA AND JAPAN, MWF 8:35-9:25, Ren Tan

For nearly two thousand years, the Chinese and the Japanese have lived as Asian neighbors with common cultural roots. They have contributed to each other's cultural and modern transformation, but their patterns of development have been vastly dissimilar. This course recounts the extraordinary transformation of China and Japan from their ancient origins to the development of the medieval imperial system and to the modernization in response to contact with the West.

PLSC 400V-001 – ST: CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY, TuTh 9:30-10:45, Ka Zeng

Key topics covered include the historical, domestic, and international contexts of Chinese foreign policy, China's relations with key partner countries, security strategies, foreign economic relations, and evolving role in global governance. Previous background on Asian politics or history is useful, but not required.

PLSC 4523 – INTRO TO GENDER AND POLITICS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

TuTh 2:00-3:15, Shirin Saeidi

Introduces the complexities of women's political lives in the Middle East by studying gender roles, relations and how identities are constructed during different political moments.

PLSC 5213 – AMERICAN POLITICAL BEHAVIOR, W 6-8:30, Andrew Dowdle

Reading seminar surveying major works on representative processes in American national politics, including political opinion, political leadership, political participation, voting behavior, political parties, and interest groups.

PLSC 5513 – MID-EAST POLITICS, M 6-8:30, Najib Ghadbian

Explores the major lines of inquiry on the politics of the state and society in the context of endogenous and exogenous forces that have influenced conceptions of power, legitimacy, and identity.