POS 206 - SIMULATING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY
This “active learning” course introduces students to the subfield of international security studies by giving students the opportunity to craft foreign policy for their country in a hypothetical international system. Substantively, the course will cover how scholars and policy makers have addressed the management of the international system, causes of conflict and cooperation among countries, the creation and maintenance of alliances, and the development of national security strategies. Students will apply what they learn through a course-long simulation where teams of students interact to secure their country in an uncertain international system. This course is designed both for advanced POS/INTS majors as well as students with no previous experience in the field. Credits: 3
Attributes: Grounds for Change, Honors Program, International Studies, Social Science

POS 210 - RACE IN AMERICAN POLITICS
This course examines ways in which issues of race manifest in the public sphere in the United States. The class pays particular attention to considering contemporary issues through the lens of historical and continued structural racism within the U.S., exploring issues of social justice, structural discrimination, and privilege in the politics surrounding the framing and implementation of public policy in the United States. Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Course Notes: Open to freshmen.

POS 220 - THE AMERICAN JUDICIARY
This course considers courts as political institutions and will examine the institutional features of the courts, judicial decision-making and factors that constrain it, the relationship between the courts and the other branches of government, and whether/how courts can be used to effect significant political change. Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science

POS 227 - POST-COLON POL IN LATAM&AFRICA
This course tries to understand the politics of developing countries by looking through a post-colonial lens at two regions (Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa) that experienced an array of different types of European colonization (Spanish, Portuguese, British, French, etc). Thus, the course will couch modern-day experiences of development, democracy, authoritarianism, and human rights in a historical lens. We'll ask how colonization and local resistance re-shaped these societies and structured the political institutions they inherited. We'll do so through two mainstream but opposing theoretical perspectives (i.e. modernization theory and dependency theory), as well several critical perspectives. Credits: 3
Attributes: International Studies, Non-western Culture, Social Science
Course Notes: Counts as: 200-level requirement for POS; either Track A or Track B for International Studies

POS 242 - INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND LAW
This course covers global governance and international organizations in the area of security, economics, regional integration, and law (e.g., UN, IMF, World Bank, EU, International Court of Justice, and the International Criminal Court). We will cover why they exist, how they work, what effects they have, and why some don't work as promised. We'll also cover why some efforts to create more robust organizations, regional integration, and law are unsuccessful Credits: 3
Attributes: International Studies, Social Science
POS 250 - TRANSIT IN TRANSITION
We tend to think of urban transit schemes as responses to a fixed set of problems – how do we get people from point A to point B? But the structure of urban transit systems, from suburban rail to subways to networks of highways, often determines where and how people live, rather than the other way around. In this course we will examine how U.S. cities came to be criss-crossed with interstate highways, and how the particular pattern of highway growth manifested itself in Chicago. Is Chicago designed for the car or the train? How and why did Chicago embark on building the El – one of the densest urban rail systems in the world? What are the politics of its maintenance, expansion and ridership? Finally, we will look at the politics of bicycling, and how riders have convinced urban planners in places like Chicago to yield sought-after pieces of the road to cyclists. Most importantly, we will ask how these decisions impact the scale, equality and sustainability of human development in the city and the suburbs. In this intensive honors course, students will combine classroom learning with hands-on engagement with all of the city’s structures of transit, with the goal of fostering a new appreciation for the relationship between forms of transit, structures of power, and modes of living.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Grounds for Change, Social Science
Prerequisites: ENG 102 and MATH 110 (may be taken concurrently)

POS 250B - URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
Credits: 3
Attributes: Grounds for Change, Social Science

POS 250C - PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES & IDEAS
This course provides students with an understanding of concepts and tools for measuring health in populations. In addition they will be able to comprehend and characterizes the relationship of the public health system with medical care and other elements of the overall health system and identify the government’s unique contributions through federal, state, and local public health agencies. Public health broadly involves an array of biological, environmental, social, cultural, behavior, and service utilization factors that are all associated with health. Underlying this is an understanding that the success or failure of the collective actions and decisions thus we are all accountable to each other in order to produce the best results. To that end the class, through case studies, will also focus on ways in which positive changes can be made in order to improve these systems and individuals within them in order to move them towards improved quality and quantity of health for all.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Grounds for Change
Prerequisites: ENG 102

POS 280 - SPECIAL TOPICS
Topics vary, check schedule
Credits: 3
Course Notes: .

POS 290 - RESEARCH IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
An introduction to research method, research design, and the analysis of political data. The course is intended to introduce students to the fundamentals of scientific inquiry as they are employed in the discipline. The course will consider the philosophy of scientific research generally, the philosophy of social science research, theory building and theory testing, the components of applied (quantitative and qualitative) research across the major sub-fields of political science, and basic methodological tools.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Prerequisites: 6 Credit Hours of Political Sci.
Course Notes: w/ min grade of C.

POS 295 - INDEPENDENT STUDY
Credits: 1-3

POS 301 - INTRO TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
Overview of field and profession of public administration. Survey of social and historical environment of public agencies. See Padm 300.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 101

POS 302 - PROBLEMS IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY
Organization of US government for conduct of foreign policy. Case studies of military, economic, and political foreign affairs.
Credits: 3
Attributes: International Studies, Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 101 or POS 102 or POS 103

POS 303 - COMPARATIVE DEMOCRATIZATION
Democracy from a theoretical perspective; the process of transition to democracy from some other form of government; development and maintenance of a democratic government. Focus on nations in Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America that have most recently experienced democratization.
Credits: 3
Attributes: International Studies, Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 203 or POS 102

POS 306 - POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH
This course investigates the remarkable variation in economic, social, and political development in post-colonial countries (often termed 3rd World, Developing, Global South). Drawing on debates between modernization theory and dependency theory, this course explores why some countries are rich and others are poor through structural, institutional, and policy lenses. We conclude with promising and practical avenues to alleviate poverty and promote development.
Credits: 3
Attributes: International Studies, Non-western Culture, Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 203 or POS 102
Course Notes: consent
POS 310 - APPLIED SOCIAL RESEARCH
This course guides students through an independent research project on a topic of their choosing. It ensures students are able to write a high-quality thesis using sophisticated research methods. Learning objectives include: research design, practical data analysis skills, critical and analytical thinking skills, sophisticated quantitative literacy, including the ability to critique social science methods. The course will prepare students to go beyond being consumers of knowledge to being producers of knowledge.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Honors Program, Social Science
Prerequisites: ENG 222

POS 311 - POVERTY POLICY
This course focuses on the policy processes, historical context, and sociocultural issues surrounding antipoverty policy in the United States, including how poverty is defined and applied. In understanding poverty and antipoverty policy in the United States this course pays particular attention to issues of place, gender, and race.
Credits: 3
Attributes: International Studies, Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 101 and ENG 102

POS 312 - POLITICS OF LGBT COMMUNITIES
Historical development and impact of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer movement in the US from WWII to the present; issues, debates, and organizing that constitute the LGBTQ movement today; the place of sexuality and how it intersects with class, gender, and racial dynamics, in contemporary US culture and politics.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: POS 101
Course Notes: consent

POS 320 - UNITED STATES CONGRESS
Give students an understanding of the US Congress and its nature of representation within a representative democracy. It will examine the origin and development of Congressional institutions. It will also explore the effects of parties, committee leadership, lobbying, elections, the bureaucracy, media, and constituent’s demands on Congress. Additionally, will cover the impact of the other branches of government such as the judiciary and executive branches in relationship to how Congress governs.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 101 and ENG 102
Course Notes: consent

POS 321 - CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THOUGHT
This course explores emerging (and re-emerging) political theories that seek to challenge and offer alternatives to contemporary Western neoliberal political economy. We will focus on theoretical works that are grounded in a relational perspective, drawing from theorists working in or influenced by feminist, ecological, indigenous, anarchist, process and pragmatist traditions.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 104 or 9 Credit Hours of Soc. Sciences

POS 324 - POLITICS & LITERATURE
Works of literature that explore significant political themes, such as alienation, revolutionary movements, utopias, and anti-utopias and the development and expression of political, social, economic, religious, and philosophical ideas.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 202
Course Notes: Cross-listed with PHIL 324

POS 327 - SEXUALITY, GENDER, AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
Contemporary issues of gender and sexuality in international human rights theory, law, and practice.
Credits: 3
Attributes: International Studies, Social Science, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: (POS 101 and POS 102) or (POS 103 or POS 201 or POS 203) and ENG 102
Course Notes: consent.

POS 329 - PHILOSOPHY OF LAW
Philosophic issues and theories concerning the nature of law, the role of the judiciary, justifications of punishment, types of liability, and considerations of justice. Practical application of theory is made to cases considering such policy topics as the death penalty, equal protection, workplace discrimination, and class-based discrimination.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Legal Studies, Social Science
Prerequisites: 9 Credit Hours of Soc. Sciences
Course Notes: or consent; Political Science and/or Philosophy recommended

POS 334 - TOPICS IN POLICY MAKING
Content varies. Please select the red CRN in Course Schedule for a description of this course.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Course Notes: Content varies. Please select the red CRN, for a description of this course.

POS 336 - THE CONTESTED CITY
This course explores contemporary conflicts over labor rights and regulation, education, economic development, housing, infrastructure, taxation, policing, and public space in the urban context. We address the following questions: What is driving contemporary elite efforts to remake cities in a “neoliberal” mold, across multiple policy areas, and what are their strategies? How and why is the city crucial to neoliberalism as well as to its opposition? What are the prospects for ordinary people to shape the city to conform to their own needs, values, and dreams?
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Justice Studies, Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 101 and ENG 102
Course Notes: consent

POS 338 - FIELD INTERNSHIP IN POLITICS AND LAW
Students work in Chicago-area political and legal organizations. Required paper based on relevant readings and analysis of work experiences. Early consultation necessary to arrange appropriate placement.
Credits: 3
Attributes: International Studies, Social Science, Transformational Service Learning
Course Notes: Six courses in major and consent of instructor.
POS 339 - POLITICAL VIOLENCE & TERRORISM
This course explores the nature, causes and effects of contemporary terrorism. What is terrorism and who defines it? Is terrorism modern or is it a recurring feature of global political history? What are the goals of terrorism, and who is the audience? What causes terrorism, and what strategies have governments and organizations pursued to diminish or end it? The course addresses the long history of terrorism, the role of states in promoting and fighting it and then focuses primarily on the global rise of terrorism beginning in the 1960s through 9/11 and the "War on Terror.
Credits: 3
Attributes: International Studies, Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 101 or POS 203 or POS 103 or POS 201 and ENG 102
Course Notes: consent

POS 340 - THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENCY
Contemporary and historical perspectives on the presidency. Elements of presidential power, presidential selection; politics of the presidency; presidential personality; president and media; relations of president with courts, Congress, and bureaucracy. See Libs 340.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 101 and ENG 102

POS 342 - CONTEMPORARY CIVIL WARS
This course introduces students to the scientific study of modern civil wars, with specific focus on their inception, the dynamics of violence, and the challenge of political order. In the process, the course will address the principal debates of the subfield, including, but not limited to, the role of class, ethnicity, regime type, and repression. Although principally within political science, the course draws on theory and scholarship from related disciplines, especially sociology and economics. Credits: 3
PREREQUISITES: POS 102 (with a min grade of C) OR POS 203 (with a min grade of C)
Credits: 3
Attributes: International Studies, Non-western Culture, Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 102 or POS 203

POS 343 - TOPICS: ECONOMIC JUSTICE IN URBAN SETTING
Examination of selected human rights problems and efforts to address them in Chicago, followed by comparisons with conditions and efforts in another city abroad. Comparisons are used by students to generate solutions to difficult local problems. For more details, please click the highlighted CRN for this course on the specific term schedule.
Credits: 3-6
Attributes: International Studies, Social Justice Studies, Social Science, Transformational Service Learning
Prerequisites: POS 101 or POS 102 or POS 103
Course Notes: Or instructor consent., An international trip to Vancouver is part of this course; financial aid is available.

POS 344 - POLITICS OF INDIA
This course seeks to understand the politics of India by couching it in the study of comparative politics. It applies the primary theories and approaches from comparative politics to India and makes direct comparisons to other countries in the region and elsewhere. In the process, the course covers the historical development of India’s political and economic institutions as well as its contemporary politics, policies, and problems.
Credits: 3
Attributes: International Studies, Non-western Culture, Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 102

POS 345 - GLOBAL DIGITAL ACTIVISM
Global Digital Activism offers students an exploration of global digital activism through campaigns and mobilizations - including the Arab Spring and recent cases like #BringBackOurGirls. Students will study the history of the digital public sphere, grapple with questions about the cat-and-mouse game between authoritarian governments and opponents, and explore theories and ideas about the importance of social media technologies in both democratic and non-democratic contexts.
Credits: 3
Attributes: International Studies, Social Science, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: POS 102 or POS 203 and ENG 102
Course Notes: or instr. consent

POS 346 - COUNTERTERRORISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS
This course will examine critical and contemporary issues within the fields of counter-terrorism and human rights. Discussed will be the nature and history of terrorism around the world, types of domestic and foreign terrorism, American and international responses, the impact of human rights concerns, and the structure as well as function of law enforcement and intelligence agencies. The course will highlight the global impact of terror attacks on populations, governments, and the international community. The responses will be examined and debated while taking a critical view of the various human rights violations and methods adopted by counter terrorism agencies.
Credits: 3
Attributes: International Studies, Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 102 or POS 103
Course Notes: consent.

POS 347 - ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS
This course examines the relationship between poverty, development, and environmental sustainability in a variety of national settings. It examines examples of sustainable and unsustainable development and analyzes the outcomes of different developmental paths. Finally, it explores responses through both national and international conservation movements.
Credits: 3
Attributes: International Studies, Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 101 and POS 103

POS 348 - POLITICS OF CLIMATE CHANGE
This course examines the domestic and international causes of, and responses to, climate change. We will discuss international legal and scientific responses, battles over control of the scientific agenda, responses within both developed and developing nations, and proposed strategies of adaptation.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 101 or POS 103

POS 349 - POLITICS OF CONSERVATION
This course examines the politics of the domestic and transnational conservation movement, as well as the costs and benefits of conservation efforts. We will discuss international legal and scientific responses, and responses within both developed and developing nations.
Credits: 3
Attributes: International Studies, Social Science, Transformational Service Learning
Prerequisites: POS 101
**POS 350 - COMMUNITY ORGANIZING**
Examination of community organizing theories and approaches. Focuses on case studies and hands-on experience.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Non-western Culture, Social Science
Prerequisites: SOC 101
Course Notes: or consent of instructor.

**POS 351 - POLITICS OF CHICAGO**
Relation of City of Chicago, State of Illinois, forms of local government, party machines, judicial organization; interrelationships between Chicago politics and reform movements.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 101

**POS 354 - POWER AND POLITICS IN THE MIDDLE EAST**
This course introduces the formal and informal institutions, histories, cultures, and economic systems of the contemporary Middle East. Students will weigh in on the most controversial and difficult questions about politics in the Middle East, including the effect of oil wealth on domestic institutions in the Gulf, the role of political Islam in Algeria, Egypt, and Turkey, the persistence of regional authoritarianism, and the varieties of democratic practice in Lebanon, Israel, and Iraq. By demystifying politics in the Middle East, the course seeks to build an understanding of the region and its diverse inhabitants, and to help foster critical dialogue across cultures.
Credits: 3
Attributes: International Studies, Non-western Culture, Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 203 or POS 102

**POS 355 - US AND IL ELECTIONS**
Course offered in Presidential election years, covering statewide (Illinois) and Presidential elections: how campaigns are mounted; the role of money and elections; voter decision making and voting blocs; primary and general elections procedures.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 101

**POS 356 - URBAN POLICY**
Policies and policy-making processes at all levels of government that shape quality of life in metropolitan areas; relationship between political and market processes; class, gender, racial, and regional consequences of different policies.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 101 and ENG 102

**POS 363 - URBAN POLICY**
The historical development of the political economy of major cities; political institutions and participation; changing conceptions of urban crisis; contemporary issues, especially economic development; study of community power.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 101 and ENG 102
Course Notes: consent

**POS 367 - SOCIAL MOVEMENTS**
Central analytical problems in the study of social movements; dynamics and significance of social movements in contemporary US politics and society.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 101 and ENG 102

**POS 370 - PROBLEMS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**
Major problem areas in public administration including ethical considerations and political aspects of policy implementation.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 101 and POS 203 and ENG 102
Course Notes: consent

**POS 372 - ISSUES IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC POLICY**
Interaction of policy making and implementation; selected issues in public policy; impact of politics on administration.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 101 and ENG 102
Course Notes: consent

**POS 374 - UNITED STATES CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**
This course focuses on two major aspects of American constitutional law; separation of powers (relationship between and limits on the legislature, executive, and judiciary) and federalism (relationship between and roles/limits of the federal and state governments). Particular attention is given to how the Supreme Court's interpretation of the Constitution shapes these relationships.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Legal Studies, Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 101 and ENG 102
Course Notes: consent.
POS 375 - CIVIL RIGHTS & CIVIL LIBERTIES
This course examines the relationship between the government and individuals by focusing on the Supreme Court's interpretation of the Bill of Rights and includes consideration of topics such as discrimination on the basis of race or sex, freedoms of speech and religion, and the right to privacy.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Legal Studies, Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 101 and ENG 102
Course Notes: consent.

POS 380 - INTERNATIONAL LAW I: HUMAN RIGHTS
Theoretical and institutional basis for a modern understanding of human rights and liberties. The philosophical justifications for a concept of human rights and the idea and practice of international law as a whole.
Credits: 3
Attributes: International Studies, Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 101 and POS 201 and ENG 102
Course Notes: consent.

POS 388 - INTERVENTION AND PEACEKEEPING
This course introduces students to the study of international conflict resolution as viewed through the lens of civil wars (i.e., violent conflict by armed organizations within a recognized state). We address the obstacles to conflict resolution, why some civil wars last longer than others, and international attempts (e.g., UN, US, NATO, EU, etc) to build sustainable post-conflict peace. We nest international peacemaking within the context of global politics and use the main theoretical perspectives therein (e.g., realism, liberalism, constructivism, Marxism, among others).
Credits: 3
Attributes: International Studies, Social Science
Prerequisites: (POS 102 or POS 203) and (POS 103 or POS 201)

POS 390 - TOPICS: AMERICAN POLITICS
Topics vary by semester.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Prerequisites: 9 Credit Hours of Political Sci.
Course Notes: with min grade of C.

POS 392 - TOPICS: INTERNATIONAL POLITICS
Topics vary by semester.
Credits: 3
Attributes: International Studies, Social Science
Prerequisites: POS 103

POS 395 - INDEPENDENT STUDY
Individual projects pursued under an instructor's supervision.
Credits: 1-4
Attributes: Social Science

POS 397 - INDEPENDENT STUDY
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science