

GVPT - GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

GVPT101 Introduction to Political Science (3 Credits)

A study of the basic principles and concepts of political science.

GVPT105 Introduction to Political Ethics (3 Credits)

An examination of major theories of political life and politics as they pertain to international politics, conflict, and culture. Emphasis will be given to theories of ethics and morality that pertain to international studies, such as human rights.

Restriction: Must be in the College Park Scholars program; and must be in International Studies program or Public Leadership program.

GVPT158 Special Topics in Study Abroad I (1-6 Credits)

Special topics course taken as part of an approved study abroad program.

Repeatable to: 15 credits if content differs.

GVPT170 American Government (3 Credits)

A comprehensive study of national government in the United States.

GVPT200 International Political Relations (3 Credits)

A study of the major factors underlying international relations, the causes of conflict and cooperation among international actors, the role of international institutions, the interactions of domestic and foreign policies, and major issues in security, economy and the environment.

GVPT201 Scope and Methods for Political Science Research (3 Credits)

An introduction to empirical research in political science.

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT100 or GVPT201.

Formerly: GVPT100.

GVPT202 Law or Politics? The U.S. Supreme Court and Individual Rights (3 Credits)

A thorough examination of the state of individual rights before the U.S. Supreme Court. The course will consider how recent cases the Court has decided and current pending cases have shaped the meaning of the U.S. Constitution. A critical component will involve peer deliberation over the proper roles of law and politics and their impacts on the current state of individual rights in the United States. Students will examine constitutional case studies throughout the semester and contribute to group and classroom discussions of issues being considered by the sitting Court. Students will also learn the foundational concepts of how the Court operates as both a legal and political institution, as well as its place in the larger political system. Special emphasis will be given to the social scientific study of the Supreme Court.

GVPT203 The Challenge of Authoritarianism (3 Credits)

An introduction to the persistent challenge of authoritarianism. The course explores the nature of authoritarianism and its evolution from ancient through modern times. Students will study how authoritarian regimes vary, why citizens sometimes comply with them, and when and how citizens rebel. The course concludes with a review of contemporary authoritarianism, focusing on its resilience in the Middle East and East Asia and its potential for a resurgence in the US and Europe.

GVPT204 Uncertain Partners: US and China in a Changing World (3 Credits)

The rapid ascent of the People's Republic of China (PRC) as a major political and economic power has meant that its relationship with the United States has become central in contemporary international politics. To an increasing extent, some of the biggest global challenges—ranging from nuclear proliferation, to climate change, to economic growth—require U.S.-China cooperation if they are to be managed effectively. Yet the U.S.-China relationship is at times turbulent, and its future remains highly uncertain. Will the U.S. and China be able to forge a closer partnership that will enable them to cooperate in dealing with some of the vexing challenges facing the international community? Or are they more likely to drift toward a more adversarial relationship, as China's growing power—and the US reaction—generate a vicious cycle of mutual mistrust? In this class, students will grapple with these questions as they learn about the history of U.S.-China relations, and about many of the current issues facing the relationship.

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT204 or GVPT289J.

Formerly: GVPT289J.

GVPT206 Appetite for Change: Politics and the Globalization of Food (3 Credits)

An overview of the major forces transforming the food system—political, economic, technological, environmental—and the political debates surrounding them.

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT206 or GVPT289A.

Formerly: GVPT289A.

GVPT207 Racial and Ethnic Politics in the Obama Era (3 Credits)

This course seeks to understand the meaning and significance of Barack Obama as the first African American president. The course examines the extent to which the United States of America has entered into a post-racial society. We also examine the policy challenges Obama has faced as the first African American president. One example is the passing of comprehensive health care reform. We discuss whether opposition to health care is driven by people's racial attitudes or their different views about the role of government. Other topics that the course will examine are: how Obama became the first African American president; the strategies his campaign used to motivate citizens to the voting booth; the public's reaction to Obama's election; racial group identity during the Obama era; Trump's victory as a response to Obama.

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT207 or GVPT289O.

Formerly: GVPT289O.

GVPT208 Political Science Topics in Study Abroad (3 Credits)

The study of topics in political science taken as part of an approved study abroad program.

Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

GVPT210 Religions, Beliefs, and World Affairs (3 Credits)

Introduces students to an increasingly important question: what is the relationship between religion and politics around the world? For a long period in the 20th Century, religion seemed to be decreasing in importance. Eventually, it was thought, religion would simply go away and secularism, development, and rationality would rule the day. In the last generation, however, events like the Iranian Revolution, the rise of the Christian Right, 9/11, the Tibetan monks protest, the spread of Truth and Reconciliation Commissions, and numerous wars fought in the name of God have brought religion back to prominence in world affairs. In this course, we will explore the contemporary impact of religions on politics around the world, through four broad themes: how to understand religion in politics, the relationship between religion and the state, religious groups as sources of conflict and peace, and contemporary religio-political challenges.

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT210 or GVPT289L.

Formerly: GVPT289L.

GVPT211 Peace in Our Time? Conflict and Conflict Resolution in International Politics (3 Credits)

Why do wars happen and what can be done to stop them? Wars rage in much of the world, leading millions of people to flee as refugees or internally displaced persons. Terrorist attacks kill thousands, and can occur in any corner of the planet. At the same time many actors use strategies such as peacekeeping, mediation, and human rights promotion to resolve conflicts and build peace. In this big question course, we examine conflict, peace, and conflict resolution in contemporary international politics. We discuss theoretical explanations for why individuals and groups have disputes and why they choose to use violence (or not) in these disputes. We analyze conflict resolution strategies such as mediation, peacekeeping, sanctions, and development aid theoretically and empirically. This discussion prepares students to develop an argument for why wars happen when and where they do, and whether and how international action can work to manage them.

Credit Only Granted for: HNUH228A or GVPT211.

Formerly: HNUH228A.

GVPT217 Mock Trial (3 Credits)

Experience the excitement and reward of arguing, and perhaps winning your client's case in court. Mock Trial is designed for students who are interested in learning practical techniques for shaping the evidence, using the law, and exploiting the courtroom to create a coherent and convincing case theory.

Cross-listed with: MLAW217.

Credit Only Granted for: MLAW217, GVPT217, or GVPT319A.

Formerly: GVPT319A.

GVPT221 Introduction to Formal Theories of Political Behavior and Politics (3 Credits)

An introduction to the theories of rational choice including theories of negotiation and bargaining, elections and voting in democracies, community organizing and the contrast between the roles and performances of government and market.

GVPT228 The Craft of Political Science Research (4 Credits)

An introduction to research design and statistics applicable to political science.

Restriction: Must be in a major in BSOS-College of Behavioral & Social Sciences; and sophomore standing or higher.

Repeatable to: 8 credits if content differs.

Formerly: GVPT227.

GVPT241 The Study of Political Philosophy: Ancient and Modern (3 Credits)

Examines some of the salient continuities and breaks between the ancient and modern traditions in Western political philosophy.

GVPT258 Introduction to Political Science Topics in Study Abroad (3 Credits)

The study of topics in political science taken as part of an approved study abroad program.

Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

GVPT273 Introduction to Environmental Politics (3 Credits)

An overview of modern environmental philosophy, politics, and policy, exploring environmental politics in the US by way of comparison with other developed and developing countries.

GVPT280 The Study of Comparative Politics (3 Credits)

An introduction to the comparative study of politics and governance, including the analytical concepts for studies of politics and a survey of the major types of regimes, including democratic and authoritarian/communist regimes.

GVPT282 The Politics of Global Development (3 Credits)

A study of the domestic governmental institutions; processes and problems such as conflict and economic development; and the socio-economic environments that are common to lower-income countries around the world.

GVPT289 Special Topics in Government and Politics (1-6 Credits)

Substantive issues of and theoretical approaches to political phenomenon. Topics and credit vary.

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GVPT289D How to Make Better Decisions (3 Credits)

The problem with decisions is that we rarely, if ever, find out if our decisions were good or bad. Was choosing your major, for instance, a good decision or could you have made a better one? I don't think most of us would ever know the answer to this question. So, is it possible that we regularly make bad decisions but don't know that we do? And, if so, how can we fix something if we don't know it is broken? In fact, we do regularly make bad decisions. This has been shown in many experimental studies some of which will be covered in this class. What is more, for some types of decision problems we are hardwired to make mistakes. This means that we are bound to go wrong regardless of how much we know or how smart we are. So, what can we do to remedy this problem? Quite a bit, as it turns out.

GVPT301 Identity and Conflict (3 Credits)

An examination of identity as a source of civil conflict. The course explores how identity is embedded in context, how identity is manipulated for political ends, and how identity conflict may be resolved.

GVPT306 Global Environmental Politics (3 Credits)

Focus on three processes of international environmental policy development- identifying problems, negotiating solutions, and implementing agreements- through a range of case studies, including global climate change.

Prerequisite: GVPT200.

Restriction: Must be in one of the following programs (Government & Politics; Government & Politics: International Relations, Env Politics & Policy); or permission of BSOS-Government & Politics department.

GVPT308 Political Science Topics in Study Abroad II (3 Credits)

The study of topics in political science taken as part of an approved study abroad program.

Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

GVPT309 Topics in International Relations (3 Credits)

The study of topics in international relations.

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GVPT317 Mock Trial II: Advanced Trial Advocacy (3 Credits)

Development of trial advocacy skills through participation in practice trials and intercollegiate mock trial competitions. Student may have an opportunity to represent the university in intercollegiate mock trial tournaments, including the National Mock Trial Championships.

Prerequisite: GVPT217.

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT317 or GVPT319B.

Formerly: GVPT319B.

GVPT318 Classroom to Careers (1 Credit)

Embarking on a career post-college is both an exhilarating and a challenging journey. This course is designed to demystify the transition from university to professional life for GVPT students. Throughout the course, students will engage in a structured process to identify their professional interests and navigate through potential career avenues. Additionally, weekly sessions will feature in-person meetings with GVPT alumni from diverse sectors, offering students a unique opportunity to gain insights from several real-world professional trajectories. By the course's conclusion, students will not only have a framework for career planning but also gain firsthand narratives that bridge the gap between academic study and professional endeavor.

Restriction: Must be in Government and Politics program.

Repeatable to: 2 credits if content differs.

GVPT319 Topics in Social Advocacy (1-3 Credits)

Reading, research and discussion of variety of topics related to social advocacy.

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GVPT320 Advanced Empirical Research (3 Credits)

Allows students to build on the knowledge of statistical inference they gained from GVPT201. Topics include data collection, data cleaning, data analysis, and data visualization. By the time students complete this class, they will be able to do basic statistical modeling using OLS regression independently.

Prerequisite: GVPT201.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics, Government & Politics: International Relations, or Social Data Science-Government & Politics.

GVPT331 Courts, Law and Justice (3 Credits)

An introductory course to the study of law with emphasis on how lawyers and judges think and argue. Topics include, contract law, property, family law, torts, and criminal procedure.

Prerequisite: GVPT170.

GVPT339 Topics in Public Law (3 Credits)

The study of topics in public law.

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GVPT349 Topics in Political Philosophy (3 Credits)

The study of topics in political philosophy.

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GVPT354 International Development and Conflict Management (3 Credits)

Serves as the gateway course for the Minor in International Development and Conflict Management. Provides an introductory foundation in the theory and practice of international development and conflict management. Introduces the structures, key players, intersections, and main trends in the evolution of the fields. Explores causal factors that drive economic growth, poverty, inequality, and conflict, as well as the resources, methods, and tools available to track and address these issues.

Restriction: Sophomore standing or higher; and must be in one of the following minor programs (International Development and Conflict Management; Global Engineering Leadership; Global Poverty, Global Terrorism Studies) or have permission from the Center for International Development and Conflict Management program director, or must be in the Government and Politics major with permission of the Government and Politics department.

Additional Information: Students enrolled in MIDCM are expected to take the course during the Fall semester after admission to the program.

GVPT355 Capstone in International Conflict Management (3 Credits)

Serves as one of the two capstone courses for the Minor in International Development and Conflict Management. Focuses on advanced theory and the practice and profession of international conflict management and is designed to provide students an introduction to, and a chance to engage with, a core set of practical skills relevant to the field.

Prerequisite: GVPT354.

Restriction: Enrollment is restricted to students in the Minor in International Development and Conflict Management; and sophomore standing or higher; and permission of BSOS-Government & Politics department.

GVPT356 Capstone in International Development (3 Credits)

Serves as one of the two capstone courses for the Minor in International Development and Conflict Management. Focuses on advanced theory and the practice and profession of international development and is designed to provide students an introduction to, and a chance to engage with, a core set of practical skills relevant to the field.

Prerequisite: GVPT354.

Restriction: Enrollment is restricted to students in the Minor in International Development and Conflict Management; and sophomore standing or higher; and permission of BSOS-Government & Politics department.

GVPT357 IDCM Practicum Course (1 Credit)

Fulfills the practicum requirement for students who are completing the International Development and Conflict Management (IDCM) minor program. A main purpose of the course is to amplify the value of each student's practical experiences - typically an internship - by reflecting on, consolidating, and translating that background in preparation for pursuing post-graduation paths that relate to the fields of international development and conflict management. It is taken in conjunction with the student's practicum experience, either concurrently or afterward.

Prerequisite: GVPT354.

Restriction: Must be in the International Development and Conflict Management minor; and permission of the Program Director for International Development and Conflict Management.

Credit Only Granted for: BSOS388E or GVPT357.

Formerly: BSOS388E.

Additional Information: Students must have requested and received approval for their practicum experience prior to enrollment.

GVPT358 Study Abroad Seminar in Political Science (3 Credits)

The study of topics in political science.

Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

GVPT359 Topics in Comparative Politics (3 Credits)

The study of topics in comparative politics.

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GVPT368 Special Topics in Government and Politics (3 Credits)

The study of topics in government and politics.

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GVPT368C Asian American Politics (3 Credits)

Students will gain a greater understanding of 1) the role of Asian Americans in US politics, 2) the political attitudes and behaviors of Asian Americans and 3) how to conduct research on Asian American politics. Though the class will concentrate on Asian Americans, issues related to Asian American politics will be examined within the larger context of America's multicultural political landscape.

Cross-listed with: AAST443, AMST498J.

Credit Only Granted for: AAST498T, AAST443, GVPT368C or AMST 498J.

Formerly: AAST498T.

GVPT373 Geographic Information Systems for Redistricting (3 Credits)

Local, state and federal governments must periodically draw and redraw political boundaries to account for shifts in the population. This course will be an introduction and overview of district drawing and redistricting as an important application of GIS research in political science and public policy. This class will equip students to use convenient GIS tools to create and consider alternative district scenarios to find the best possible solution. After finishing this class students will be able to draw districts to define police beats, sales territories, congressional and state legislative districts, school and fire protection districts, and numerous other boundaries.

Recommended: GVPT392 and at least one course in statistics.

GVPT376 Applied Field Research in Government and Politics (3-6 Credits)

Students in this course participate as interns in an agency of government or in some other appropriate political organization. Assignments are arranged to provide students with insights into both theoretical and practical aspects of politics. Under the tutelage of the host agency and an academic advisor, students conduct a major research project of mutual interest to the student and his or her host agency in the field of government and politics.

Corequisite: GVPT377.

GVPT377 Experiential Learning: Government and Politics Internship Program (3 Credits)

The application of major concepts of political science to the realities of the political process. The course connects internship experiences with larger themes of political science. Students must be admitted to the GVPT Internship Program.

Prerequisite: GVPT170.

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT377 or GVPT388W.

Formerly: GVPT388W.

GVPT379 Topics in American Politics (3 Credits)

The study of topics in American politics.

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GVPT386 Experiential Learning (3-6 Credits)

Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Government & Politics department; and junior standing or higher.

GVPT388 Topical Investigations (1-3 Credits)

Independent research and writing on selected topics in government and politics.

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GVPT389 Experiential Learning II (3-6 Credits)

Experiential credit for working in government & politics related internships, research, and teaching opportunities.

Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Government & Politics department; and junior standing or higher.

Repeatable to: 6 credits.

GVPT390 Game Theory (3 Credits)

Introduction to game theory with applications to political science, economics and sociology. Topics include preference theory, expected utility theory, Nash equilibria, subgame perfection, repeated games, folk theorems, and evolutionary stability.

Restriction: Must not have completed ECON414.

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT399A, GVPT390, CMSC474 or ECON414.

Formerly: GVPT399A.

GVPT392 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems for Social Science Research (3 Credits)

Introduction to the use of Geographic Information Systems for conducting research in the social sciences. Overview of spatially embedded nature of many social science phenomena and content of theories common to spatial thinking. Students will obtain hands-on experience with various GIS tools and methods most frequently employed by social scientists.

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT392, GVPT429A, or GVPT729D.

Formerly: GVPT429A, GVPT729D.

GVPT396 Introduction to Honors Research (3 Credits)

A required course for all honors students designed to emphasize library research, methodology, and writing skills in political science and political philosophy. A written proposal, bibliography and research design for an honors paper required of all students as a final project.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics Honors Program; and must have permission of the Government & Politics Honors Program.

GVPT397 Honors Research (3 Credits)

Individual reading and research. Preparation of an original paper.

Prerequisite: GVPT396.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics Honors Program.

GVPT399 Seminar in Government and Politics (3 Credits)

Reading, research, discussion, analysis, and writing in the area of politics. Both substantive issues and methodological approaches will be considered. Primarily for government and politics undergraduate majors.

Prerequisite: 1 course from GVPT200-299 course range.

GVPT402 International Law (3 Credits)

A study of the basic character, general principles and specific rules of international law, with emphasis on recent and contemporary trends in the field and its relation to other aspects of international affairs.

Prerequisite: GVPT200.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program; and junior standing or higher.

GVPT404 Political Economy of Foreign Aid (3 Credits)

The world spends hundreds of billions of dollars on foreign aid every year. The effects of this aid spending are controversial. Research supports both pessimistic and optimistic views of foreign aid's effectiveness, with little consensus. Where does aid money go? What are the motivations of aid donors? Is foreign aid effective at achieving its goals? Why or why not? This course is designed to survey the promise and the challenges of foreign aid as a policy tool. The first half of the course will focus on the motivations and goals of foreign aid. We will consider various foreign aid donors, such as countries, institutions, and individuals, to understand the motivations behind and effects of foreign aid. We will create a typology of foreign aid agendas, motivations, and donors. The second half of the course will consider the challenges specific to foreign aid. This includes both technical challenges and political challenges. We will consider the strategies that aid donors and organizations have taken to try to overcome these challenges.

Recommended: GVPT200.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics or Government & Politics: International Relations program.

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT409R or GVPT404.

Formerly: GVPT409R.

GVPT406 International Organizations (3 Credits)

A basic introduction to the full range of international organizations that have come into being over the past century and one-half, including those that aspire to be universal or global, those with a geopolitical or regional focus, and those that address specific structural or functional areas of human endeavor or issue areas.

Prerequisite: GVPT200.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program; and junior standing or higher. Or must be in Government & Politics: International Relations program; and junior standing or higher.

GVPT407 International Political Economy (3 Credits)

Introduces the field of international political economy, which analyzes the ways in which economic and political changes produce both economic and political reactions.

Prerequisite: GVPT200.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program; and junior standing or higher.

GVPT409 Seminar in International Relations and World Politics (3 Credits)

Reading, writing, and research on topics in international relations and world politics. Both substantive issues and methodological approaches will be considered.

Prerequisite: GVPT200.

Restriction: Must be in one of the following programs (Government & Politics; Government & Politics: International Relations); and junior standing or higher.

Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

GVPT410 Politics of Nationalist and Ethnic Conflict (3 Credits)

An examination of the major causes and consequences of ethnic, nationalist, and separatist conflict. The course will focus on both theories of ethnicity and nationalism, as well as theories of conflict related to these issues. The course will also explore empirical trends in ethnic and nationalist politics.

Prerequisite: GVPT200.

Restriction: Must be in one of the following programs (Government & Politics; Government & Politics: International Relations).

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT409M or GVPT410.

Formerly: GVPT409M.

GVPT411 Conflict in the International System (3 Credits)

In this course, we will examine conflict, peace, and conflict resolution in contemporary international politics. We will interrogate what we mean by concepts such as peace, conflict, and violence, the different forms that these phenomena can take, and how we can measure their occurrence. We will discuss theoretical explanations for why individuals and groups have disputes, why these actors choose to use violence (or not) in these disputes, and ways in which violent disputes can be resolved peacefully. We will examine these arguments in a detailed study of conflicts in the Middle East, as well as by evaluating published articles that examine the effectiveness of conflict management strategies such as peacekeeping.

Prerequisite: GVPT200.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics or Government & Politics: International Relations program.

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT409P or GVPT411.

Formerly: GVPT409P.

GVPT413 Conflict and Peace Processes (3 Credits)

How do we conceptualize conflict? Why do armed actors fight and how do they fight? What are the ways in which conflict ends? This course focuses on the central concepts in peace and conflict research and the key theoretical assumptions on the causes, dynamics, and resolution of armed conflict. We begin by examining the root causes of interstate and intrastate conflicts. Close attention will be paid to identifying the armed actors and understanding how they strategically interact with each other. We then turn to the various ways in which armed actors resolve their conflict and achieve peace. We will explore and assess the effectiveness of bilateral and multilateral approaches of conflict management and the role of third-party actors such as international organizations, mediators, and peacekeepers in bringing about peace.

Recommended: GVPT200.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics or Government & Politics: International Relations program.

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT409A or GVPT413.

Formerly: GVPT409A.

GVPT414 International Relations of East Asia (3 Credits)

An examination of international relations in East Asia, focusing mostly on Northeast Asia. The course will provide some background on the evolution of international politics in the region over the past several decades, and will examine several contemporary issues—including the North Korean nuclear issue, the relationship across the Taiwan Strait, and maritime disputes in the East and South China Seas—in depth.

Prerequisite: GVPT200.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics or Government & Politics: International Relations program.

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT409E or GVPT414.

Formerly: GVPT409E.

GVPT417 Seminar in Advanced Topics in Environmental Policy Analysis (3 Credits)

A series of critical tools and methods used to analyze environmental policy. This class should be of interest to students who are either considering a career or graduate studies in environmental protection.

Prerequisite: GVPT273 or ENSP102.

Restriction: Must be in one of the following programs (Government & Politics; Environmental Sci&Policy-Env Politics & Policy, or International Relations).

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT419B or GVPT417.

Formerly: GVPT419B.

GVPT419 Seminar in Public Policy (3 Credits)

Reading, writing, and research on topics in public policy. Both substantive issues and methodological approaches will be considered.

Prerequisite: GVPT170.

Recommended: GVPT270.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program.

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GVPT422 Quantitative Political Analysis (3 Credits)

Introduction to quantitative methods of data analysis, including selected statistical methods, block analysis, content analysis, and scale construction.

Recommended: GVPT220.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program.

GVPT423 Elections and Electoral Behavior (3 Credits)

An examination of various topics relating to elections; the focus includes the legal structure under which elections are conducted, the selection and nomination process, the conduct of election campaigns, and patterns of political participation and voting choice in different types of elections.

Prerequisite: GVPT241 and GVPT170.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program.

GVPT426 Social Media Politics (3 Credits)

This seminar presents students with an integrated view of media politics, combining political psychology, computational social science, and network analysis. The goal is to provide students with the technical know-how to work with social media data and the knowledge to interpret relevant information. In this seminar, students will learn to process social media data, program survey experiments, and identify political narratives in a multiplatform environment. The seminar will introduce students to the computational techniques required for big social media data analyses.

Prerequisite: GVPT201.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics or International Relations program.

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT429T or GVPT426.

Formerly: GVPT429T.

GVPT428 Topics in Formal Theories of Political Behavior and Politics (3 Credits)

An evaluation of theories of political behavior such as game, social choice and voting theory, and their applications to problems of distribution and social justice, community organizing, responsive public policy, institutional design, and alliance and coalition formation.

Prerequisite: GVPT221.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program.

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GVPT429 Problems in Political Behavior (3 Credits)

The problem approach to political behavior with emphasis on theoretical and empirical studies on selected aspects of the political process.

Prerequisite: GVPT241.

Recommended: GVPT220.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program.

GVPT431 Introduction to Constitutional Law (3 Credits)

A systematic inquiry into the general principles of the American constitutional system, with special reference to the role of the judiciary in the interpretation and enforcement of the federal constitution.

Prerequisite: GVPT170 and GVPT331.

Restriction: Must be in one of the following programs (Government & Politics; Government & Politics: International Relations); and junior standing or higher.

GVPT432 Civil Rights and the Constitution (3 Credits)

A study of civil rights in the American constitutional context, emphasizing freedom of religion, freedom of expression, minority discrimination, and the rights of defendants.

Prerequisite: GVPT170 and GVPT331.

Restriction: Must be in one of the following programs (Government & Politics; Government & Politics: International Relations).

GVPT439 Seminar in Public Law (3 Credits)

Reading, writing, and research on topics in public law. Both substantive issues and methodological approaches will be considered.

Prerequisite: GVPT170.

Recommended: GVPT331.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program; and junior standing or higher.

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GVPT442 History of Political Theory--Medieval to Recent (3 Credits)

A survey of the principal theories set forth in the works of writers from Machiavelli to Nietzsche.

Prerequisite: GVPT241.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program.

GVPT443 Contemporary Political Theory (3 Credits)

A survey of the principal political theories and ideologies set forth in the works of writers from Karl Marx to the present.

Prerequisite: GVPT241.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program.

GVPT445 Marxism and Postmarxism (3 Credits)

The study of Marxist thought and an assessment of the critical transformations and reassessments of the theory and practice of Marxism.

Restriction: Must be in a major within BSOS-Government & Politics department.

GVPT448 Non-Western Political Thought (3 Credits)

Examination of works by major authors and general themes of political thought originating in Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. This is not a survey of all non-Western political thought, but a course to be limited by the professor with each offering.

Prerequisite: GVPT241.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program.

Additional Information: Permission of department required for repeat.

GVPT449 Seminar in Political Philosophy (3 Credits)

Reading, writing, and research on topics in political philosophy. Both substantive issues and methodological approaches will be considered.

Prerequisite: GVPT241.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program.

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GVPT454 Seminar in the International Relations of China (3 Credits)

Explores the foreign relations behavior of the People's Republic of China, with focus on the contemporary era.

Prerequisite: GVPT200.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program; and junior standing or higher. Or must be in Government & Politics: International Relations program; and junior standing or higher.

GVPT456 The Politics of Terrorism (3 Credits)

Examination of the definition, causes and organization of terrorist activity, along with key domestic and international counter- and anti-terrorism responses. Special emphasis on challenges and opportunities to the scientific study of terrorism.

Prerequisite: GVPT200.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program; or must be in Government & Politics: International Relations program.

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT456 or GVPT459T.

Formerly: GVPT459T.

GVPT457 American Foreign Relations (3 Credits)

The principles and machinery of the conduct of American foreign relations and an analysis of the major foreign policies of the United States.

Prerequisite: GVPT200.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program; and junior standing or higher.

GVPT458 Special Topics in Study Abroad IV (1-6 Credits)

Special topics course taken as part of an approved study abroad program.

Repeatable to: 15 credits if content differs.

GVPT459 Seminar in Comparative Politics (3 Credits)

Reading, writing, and research on topics in comparative politics. Both substantive issues and methodological approaches will be considered.

Prerequisite: GVPT282 or GVPT280.

Recommended: GVPT200.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program; or must be in Government & Politics: International Relations program.

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GVPT460 State Politics and Government (3 Credits)

A study of the structure, procedures and policies of state governments with special emphasis on intergovernmental relationships, and with illustrations from Maryland governmental arrangements.

Prerequisite: GVPT170.

Recommended: GVPT260.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program; or must be in Government & Politics: International Relations program.

GVPT461 Local Politics and Government (3 Credits)

An introduction to local government and politics in the U.S. context. The course explores the evolution of local jurisdictions, particularly cities, and the politics of local level decision making.

Prerequisite: GVPT170.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program; or must be in Government & Politics: International Relations program.

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT461 or GVPT479L.

Formerly: GVPT479L.

GVPT473 The U.S. Congress (3 Credits)

A detailed survey of lawmaking and the legislative process, emphasizing the U.S. Congress, and its members.

Prerequisite: GVPT170.

Restriction: Junior standing or higher. And must be in Government & Politics program; or must be in Government & Politics: International Relations program.

GVPT474 Political Parties (3 Credits)

A descriptive and analytical examination of American political parties, nominations, elections, and political leadership.

Prerequisite: GVPT170.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program.

GVPT475 The Presidency and the Executive Branch (3 Credits)

An examination of the U.S. presidency in historical and contemporary perspective: nomination and electoral politics and the president's place in policy-making, administration, and public opinion.

Prerequisite: GVPT170.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program; and junior standing or higher.

GVPT476 The Business Government Relationship (3 Credits)

Examines the structures, process, and outcomes of business and government and the politics and products of their cooperative-adversarial relationships in the United States. The design integrates interest group and administrative politics and the public policy process.

Prerequisite: GVPT170.

Recommended: GVPT270.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program.

GVPT477 Voting and Participation (3 Credits)

A study of the factors that influence individual vote choice and voter participation in the U.S. The course will introduce political science research pertaining to both topics and will engage current controversies over such things as political campaign laws and the various state and federal rules that govern election administration.

Prerequisite: GVPT170.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program.

GVPT479 Seminar in American Politics (3 Credits)

Reading, writing, and research on topics in American politics. Both substantive issues and methodological approaches will be considered.

Prerequisite: GVPT170.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program; and junior standing or higher.

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GVPT480 Comparative Political Ideology (3 Credits)

A comparative survey of leading political ideologies, including their origins, core tenets, and implications. Specific attention is given to ideology's relationship to material practice, both western and non-western interpretations, and ramifications for contemporary politics. Includes nationalism, populism, religious fundamentalism, liberalism, socialism, and neoliberalism, among other influential ideologies.

Recommended: GVPT280 and GVPT282.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics or International Relations program.

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT459Y or GVPT480.

Formerly: GVPT459Y.

GVPT481 Democracy and Democratization (3 Credits)

This course surveys the big debates about the nature of democracy and democratization. The course is organized around five broad themes:

1) core concepts and definitions of democracies and non-democratic regimes, 2) the nature and causes of democratization, 3) democratic principles, 4) democratic forms and institutional variation, and 5) contemporary issues in democratic politics, including democratic backsliding. Throughout the course, we will be exploring how these different elements of democracy exist around the world by using cases from Europe, Asia, the Middle East and the United States.

Prerequisite: GVPT280 or GVPT282.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics or International Relations program.

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT459D or GVPT481.

Formerly: GVPT459D.

GVPT482 Government and Politics of Latin America (3 Credits)

A comparative study of the governmental systems and political processes of the Latin American countries.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program; or must be in Government & Politics: International Relations program.

GVPT484 Government and Politics of Africa (3 Credits)

A comparative study of the governmental systems and political processes of the African countries, with special emphasis on the problems of nation-building in emergent countries.

Prerequisite: GVPT282 or GVPT280.

Restriction: Must be in one of the following programs (Government & Politics; Government & Politics: International Relations).

GVPT485 Government and Politics of the Middle East (3 Credits)

A comparative study of the governmental systems and political processes of Middle Eastern countries, with special emphasis on the problems of nation-building in emergent countries.

Prerequisite: GVPT200; and (GVPT282 or GVPT280).

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program.

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT485 or GVPT459E.

Formerly: GVPT459E.

GVPT487 Government and Politics of China (3 Credits)

Discussion of major issues in the study of the domestic politics of the People's Republic of China.

Restriction: Must be in one of the following programs (Government & Politics; Government & Politics: International Relations) ; and junior standing or higher.

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT359A or GVPT487.

Formerly: GVPT359A.