## Course Descriptions: Fall 2006

### Format:
- **Course Number - COURSE TITLE, Instructor**
- **Time Block**
- **Course Description**

### PS 11 INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN POLITICS - Glaser
- **Block E (Mon, Wed, Fri 10:30-11:20) Barnum 008**
- A study of governmental politics, functions, and programs. Emphasis given to political behavior, both at the mass level and in institutions. Survey of public opinion and political culture, parties, and elections. Congress, the presidency, the bureaucracy, the federal courts, and interest groups.

### PS 21 INTO TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS - Art
- **Block E+ (Mon, Wed, 10:30-11:45) Anderson 112**
- Theories and evidence in comparative politics, preparing students for upper-level courses that focus on specific regions, countries, and themes. The rise and fall of democracy in selected countries from different regions such as Western Europe, Eastern Europe and Russia, East Asia, South Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America.

### PS 43 INTRO TO POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY - Kelly
- **Block D (Mon 9:30-10:20; Tue, Thu 10:30-11:20) Terrace Room**
- An introduction to the central concepts and problems in the foundations of political order, including the nature of the state, rights, justice, equality, representation, property, law, and coercion. Readings from classic and contemporary thinkers. Cross-listed as Philosophy 43.

### PS 45 WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT I - Evrigenis
- **Block D (Mon, Wed 3:00-3:50) Barnum 008**
- Central concepts of ancient, medieval, and early modern political thought. Ideas of Thucydides, Plato, and Aristotle during the rise and fall of Athens. Subsequent transformations of political philosophy related to the decline of the Roman Empire and the origins and development of Christian political doctrine, and the new political outlook of those who challenged the hegemony of Christianity. Analysis of how pre-modern political thought helped structure future political debate. Please note that students must also register for a recitation section.

### PS 61 INTRO TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS - Taliaferro
- **Block B+ (Mon, Wed, Fri 3:00-3:50) Barnum 008**
- Examination of several conceptual designs intended to make order out of the essential anarchy in international relations, from a theoretical assessment of the nation-state and the nature of national power to an exploration of behavior among nation-states, including the ultimate problem of war and peace and an appraisal of the factors that give an age its particular characteristics. Please note that students must also register for a recitation section.

### PS 72 SOPH SEM: RETHINKING THE COLD WAR - Taliaferro
- **Block 7 (Wed 1:30-4:00) Block 7**
- Reexamination of the 50-year rivalry between the United States and Soviet Union with emphasis on the "crisis years," 1945-1963. Consideration of orthodox, revisionist, and post-revisionist scholarship in international relations and history. Origins of the Cold War, the division of Germany, the Korean War, the 1961 Berlin crisis, covert action in the Third World, superpower intervention in Vietnam and Afghanistan, and the Cold War's end. Prerequisite: Political Science 51.

### PS 78 SOPH SEM: POLITICS OF ETHNICITY & AMERICAN IDENTITY - Schildkraut
- **Block 5 (Mon 1:30-4:00) Miner 221**
- This seminar examines current political issues that stem from the nation's changing ethnic composition, especially with regard to the growing Latino and Asian populations. Particular attention is paid to the meaning of American national identity, how it has changed over time, and what role it plays in shaping ethnicity-related policy debates. Topics covered include: immigration policy, public opinion, racial and ethnic profiling, language policy, the U.S. census, and bilingual education.

### PS 79 SOPH SEM: THE 2006 CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS - Fitzgerald
- **Block 6 (Tue 1:30-4:00) Block 6**
1:30-4:00) Eaton 209
This course focuses on the dynamics surrounding the 2006 Congressional and Gubernatorial Elections. We will investigate the role of the media, interest groups, and political parties, along with the role of campaign consultants and the nature of campaign strategy. Also, we will examine the impact of redistricting in U.S. House races, the nature of policy issues, public opinion, and voting behavior. Additional topics will include candidate image and message, campaign finance, and election reform.

PS 80 SOPH SEM: ISRAELI FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL SECURITY - Olesker Block 2 (Wed 9:00-11:30)
The purpose of this course is to learn about the formation of foreign policy and the prioritization of national security interests in Israel. During the course we will explore the events post-1948 independence through the Oslo Peace process in the 1990s leading to the current developments with the Gaza Disengagement. We will explore future prospects in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. While the readings cover the historical background of the aforementioned events, the discussion in class will focus on the policy decisions and security considerations leading to those decisions, rather than the historical events themselves.

PS 81 SOPH SEM: TERRORISM AND COUNTERTERRORISM - Howard Block 1 (Tue 9:00-11:30)
Topics include ideology; religion and terrorism; finance; suicide tactics; organizing to fight terrorism; and the challenge of terrorism for liberal democracies. Readings are extensive and will be applied to an analysis of the current situation in Iraq.

PS 82 SOPH SEM: DECISION MAKING IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY - Rezvani Block 3 (Thu 9:00-11:30)
This seminar will examine the framework, patterns, and practice of decision making in American foreign policy. It will explore traditional foreign policy frameworks that have been largely discredited (such as isolationism), those that have been used successfully (such as containment), and those that are now being implemented (such as the anti-terror and state-building policies in the post-September 11th world). The course will also focus on U.S. foreign policy as it relates to imperialism, bureaucratic impediments, constitutional rules, nuclear proliferation, and humanitarian emergencies.

PS 99 FIELDWORK IN POLITICS - Rabieh
(BY ARRANGEMENT) Block 6 (Tue 1:30-4:00)
This course enables you to obtain credit for an internship related to political science. This is a chance to take the political ideas and ambitions you have developed while at Tufts and stack them up against real-world conditions. You will learn about the opportunities and compromises that those involved in the daily activities of politics face and deepen your understanding of the goals and possibilities of political action. The internship must be unpaid, and it requires a minimum of 10 hours a week. You are also required to complete a written assignment devised in consultation with the instructor. Prerequisite: consent.

PS 101 PRESIDENCY AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH - Berry
Block E+ (Mon, Wed 10:30-11:45) Eaton 206
Study of the constitutional development of the presidential office, its power, prestige, and functions, as well as the influences of the person occupying that office. Major emphasis is on the process of policy formulation in the executive branch. Analysis of the president's relations with his staff, the bureaucracy, the Congress, the press, and the public.

PS 103 POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH METHODS (M) - Schildkraut
Block D (Mon 9:30-10:20; Tue, Thu 10:30 11:20) Eaton 204
The study of quantitative methods for investigating political issues and policy controversies. Focuses on collecting, analyzing, and presenting data. Emphasizes hands-on training that provides useful skills for academic and professional settings. Topics covered include: measurement, hypothesis development, survey design, experiments, content analysis, significance tests, correlation, and regression. No prior statistics background necessary. Coursework includes problem sets and a final team project. A methodologically focused course. Satisfies a mathematical sciences distribution requirement, but not a social sciences distribution requirement. Prerequisite: Any introductory Political Science course (11, 21, 45, 46, or 61).

PS 105 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW - Glater
Block J+ (Tue, Thu 3:00-4:15) Eaton 333
The development and application of American constitutional law as interpreted in the leading decisions of the Supreme Court. Included are citizenship, the commerce power, due process of law, and the equal protection of the laws. Recent trends in constitutional doctrine.

PS 106 CIVIL LIBERTIES - Munoz
Block F+ (Tue, Thu 12:00-1:15) Anderson 212
The meaning of freedom and the fashioning of the law of civil liberties by the U.S. Supreme Court. Rights and obligations of individuals and groups under the Bill of Rights. The legal issues involved in maintaining national security and in preserving and broadening freedoms, with particular attention to
freedom of religion and freedom of expression. Offered in alternate years. Spring.

**PS 112 MEDIA, POLITICS, AND LAW** - Goldman  
**Block 4 (Fri 9:00-11:30) Eaton 206**  
The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the natural integration of history, communication, politics, and law. Central themes of the course will include: relationships between advocates and media; lawmakers and the media; the public as consumers of media; and the ongoing cultural wars impacting our society. Our method of analysis will be to examine the various constituent parts of our communication model (sender, receiver, message, and medium), and how they together reach their target audience.

**PS 115 PUBLIC OPINION & SURVEY RESEARCH (M)** - Portney  
**Block D+ (Tue, Thu 10:30-11:45) Eaton 202**  
Foundations of survey research as used in political polls, election analysis, and public opinion research. Overview of major survey methodologies and techniques. Emphasis on development and execution of survey projects, from questionnaire construction to sampling and interviewing.

**PPS 118 SEM: JUDICIAL SOLUTIONS** - Winslow  
**Block 12 (Wed 7:00-9:30) Eaton 209**  
"The judicial system is the most expensive machine ever invented for finding out what happened and what to do about it," according to one prominent court observer. This seminar course will review the mission and ability of the judicial system to provide prompt, affordable, fair and accessible civil and criminal justice. Weekly discussions with key players in the Massachusetts state and federal justice systems, coupled with written materials on court reforms by the National Center for State Courts, Institute of Court Management, American Judicature Society and others, will focus on the process, problems and solutions to various challenges in the third branch of government. Topics the course will address include judicial independence and activism, jury management, probation and sentencing, domestic violence, juvenile offenders, gender and racial perception, dispute resolution, criminal and civil litigation, judicial selection and court administration. Completion of Judicial Politics course (PS 116) is helpful but not required. Jr. Standing.

**PPS 118-03 SEM: THE CLINTON PRESIDENCY** - Solomont  
**Block 8+ (Thu 1:30-4:30) Eaton 209**  
This seminar will examine the modern American Presidency through the lens of one president's administration, that of William Jefferson Clinton. Through an in-depth view of specific initiatives undertaken by the Clinton White House, students will examine the power and grandeur of this unique institution, the intense scrutiny it receives, and the opportunities for leadership as well as the constraints for action that its steward confronts. Topics include the 1992 and 1996 campaigns, health care reform, national service, the Middle East peace process, the balanced budget and the "Clinton legacy." With the help of outside guests who served in the Clinton administration and through an examination of events that are still fresh in mind, we will explore the Clinton Presidency in a very up-close and personal way.

**PS 121 SEM: POLITICAL CULTURE IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE** - Cruz  
**Block 11 (Tue 6:30-9:30) Eaton 209**  
How cultural meanings and practices shape political struggles and institutions. Survey of culturalist theories of political dynamics and structures, and assessment of theories against a range of empirical case studies from Asia, the Middle East, Western Europe, Latin America, and the United States.

**PS 126 CHINESE POLITICS** - Remick  
**Block F+ (Tue, Thu 12:00-1:15) Eaton 201**  
Survey of the domestic politics of the People's Republic of China. The development of Communist Party power through the political campaigns of the 1950s and 1960s. The political, cultural, economic, and social challenges faced by post-Mao reformers. Brief consideration of foreign policy.

**PS 127 LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS** - Cruz  
**(Mon, Wed 7:00-8:15) Pearson 104**  
Introduces established and changing patterns in Latin American politics. Offers a brief historical background before concentrating on twentieth-century populist politics, corporatist modes of interest representation, authoritarian rule, civil-military relations, democratization, and social movements.

**PS 129 AFRICAN POLITICS** - Robinson  
**Block I+ (Mon, Wed 3:00-4:15) Eaton 202 (Tue, Thu 6:00-7:15) Block N+**  
This course examines issues of political identity, gender relations and citizenship in contemporary Africa- through the prism of democratization and the political dynamics of inclusion and exclusion. It explores political struggles to reverse authoritarian rule, to overturn discriminatory legal and racial orders, and to end various forms of exclusion from citizenship rights. Particular emphasis is paid to the relationship between politics and culture.

**PS 131 DEMOCRACY AND CAPITALISM IN JAPAN** - Fujihira  
**Block M+ (Mon, Wed 6:00-7:15) Eaton 202**  
Survey of the world's second largest economy and postwar Asia's most stable democracy.
Investigation of whether Japan’s democracy is fundamentally different from the one practiced in the West; whether Japan’s capitalism offers an alternative model that is more efficient and fair; and whether Japan should adopt a more assertive foreign policy in the post-cold war world.

PS 135 COMPARATIVE REVOLUTIONS (M) - Remick
Block L+ (Tue, Thu 4:30-5:45) Eaton 206
The causes, processes, and outcomes of revolution. Student development of a theory of revolution’s causes through comparative examination of revolutions in France, Russia, China, Iran, and one other case chosen by the class. Discussion of whether the causes of revolution have changed in the late twentieth century.

PS 138 SR SEM: FASCISM AND THE FAR RIGHT IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE - Art
Block 7 (Wed 1:30-4:00) Eaton 123
Examines far right politics and political parties in democratic states. Compares and contrasts fascist movements in interwar Europe, seeking to understand their success in some states and failure in others. Special attention will be paid to Germany and Italy. Also explores the rise of radical right parties in Western Europe and other non-Western democracies over the last two decades. The overarching goal is to understand the conditions that produce far-right parties and their influence on the broader political environment.

PS 144 THE MEANING OF AMERICA - Munoz
Block H+ (Tue, Thu 1:30-2:45) Eaton 202
Analysis of founding political principles of the U.S. through a study of the debates that animated the Revolution, the founding of the national government, and the Civil War. Among the themes analyzed are the tension between the rights of communities and the liberties of the individual, the relations between democracy and leadership, the American idea of human excellence, the role of political virtue in a republic, and the relations among empire, commerce, and corruption. Discussion of how America’s foundational principles have helped structure future political debate.

PS 147 SEM: THE POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY OF FREDERICH NIETZSCHE Block 13 (Thu 6:30-9:00) Eaton 209 Devigne
Nietzsche’s views of philosophy, nature, morality, religion, art, science, and politics. Analysis of view that “God is dead” and that we are no longer capable of distinguishing whether one value is better than another. Assessment of the qualities that must exist—both the individual and society—for human creativity to regenerate. Exploration of whether Nietzsche successfully broke from Western political philosophy.

PS 151 THE POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY OF HOBBES
Block 11 (Tue 6:30-9:00) Eaton 123 Evrigenis
A comprehensive examination of Hobbes’s political thought through detailed study of his theory of human nature and the main political works, The Elements of Law, De Cive, and Leviathan. The seminar will consider Hobbes’s alleged atheism and relativism, the role of the state of nature and of fear in his political theory, his views on the sources of conflict and his proposed remedies, as well as the implications of his theory for international relations.

PS 169 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION - Rezvani
Block J+ (Tue, Thu 3:00-4:15) Anderson 212
Examination of governance in international relations, including both formal and informal institutions. The functioning of organizations such as the United Nations, International Monetary Fund, World Trade Organization, European Union, and multinational development banks. Case studies of humanitarian intervention, peacekeeping, and environmental protection. The course begins with an overview of the dominant theoretical explanations for how and why states enter not such organizations.

PS 173 ENCOUNTERS WITH THE MIDDLE EAST - Mufti
Block K+ (Mon, Wed 4:30-5:45) Eaton 123
This course is an innovative cross-cultural education program that will enable Tufts students and students in Middle Eastern and American universities to explore collaboratively relationship between the US and the Middle East, with the aim of improving awareness and understanding. Students will delve into themes and questions within an interdisciplinary framework that combines international relations, conflict resolution, and media studies. These range from the role of religion in society to an investigation of the part media plays in our understanding of the conflict. The course combines a more traditional in-class approach with an on-line discussion forum that utilizes the newest web-camera and videoconferencing technologies.

PS 176 US FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY - Chase
Block K+ (Mod, Wed 4:30-5:45) Eaton 206
Survey of the history and politics of foreign economic policy in the United States. Evaluation of how political and economic considerations influence the domestic actors and institutions (the presidency, executive agencies, Congress, interest groups) involved in the formulation of monetary and financial policy, trade policy, and policy toward foreign direct investment.

PS 178 SEM: FOREIGN POLICY IN THE ARAB WORLD - Mufti
Block 5 (Mon 1:30-4:00) Eaton 209
Investigation of those factors, domestic and external, that influence the foreign policy decisions reached by Arab governments. Students will be asked to evaluate the applicability of various theoretical approaches (balance-of-power, domestic politics, institutionalism) in understanding how Arab states practice foreign policy.

PS 181 PUBLIC OPINION AND FOREIGN POLICY (M) - Eichenberg
Block F+ (Tue, Thu 12:00-1:15) Eaton 209
Study of the domestic politics of foreign policy, especially the relationship between leaders and people, which is central to democratic theory and practice. Examination of public and elite opinions on international issues: nuclear weapons, arms control, military intervention, and defense spending; historical and comparative focus. Inquiry into the determinants of attitudes, the impact of public opinion, the role of the media, and the effects of foreign policy events on domestic politics. Prerequisite: Political Science 61.

PS 184 POLITICS OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY - Portney
Block H+ (Tue, Thu 1:30-2:45) Eaton 206
Examines the recent history and contemporary political debates surrounding governmental decisions affecting the environment. Environmental policy making in the general context of U.S. policy-making processes and institutions, emphasizing the roles of federal, state, and local actors, including the president, executive and regulatory agencies (especially the Environmental Protection Agency), the legislature, and the courts, as well as their state and local counterparts, in defining environmental policy. Addresses such issues as policies toward air pollution, water pollution, hazardous waste management, environmental justice, sustainability, and public opinion toward the environment.

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