

GVPT - GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

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.

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.

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.

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

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: GVPT241 and GVPT170.

Recommended: GVPT270.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program.

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GVPT420 The Logic and Practice of Measuring Political Behavior (3 Credits)

Introduction to concepts and practices used for measuring political behavior. Political analysis is an increasingly quantitative field. It is crucial for students of political behavior to learn how to define concepts in concrete ways, examine different methods of measuring concepts, learn how to test the quality of chosen measures, learn how to construct richer measures out of multiple questions, and finally how to examine the relationship between multiple measures of similar concepts. Common pitfalls, errors, bias, and ethics will be examined along the way.

Prerequisite: GVPT201.

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

GVPT421 Advanced Quantitative Methods (3 Credits)

Advanced quantitative methods for political science research.

Prerequisite: GVPT201.

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

GVPT422 Quantitative Political Analysis (3 Credits)

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

Prerequisite: GVPT241 and GVPT170.

Recommended: GVPT220.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program.

Credit Only Granted for: BIOM301, BMGT230, CCJS200, ECON230, ECON321, EDMS451, GEOG306, GEOL351, GVPT422, INST314, JOUR405, PSYC200 or SOCY201. (These courses do not necessarily meet the same major requirements-check with your advisor to see which of these courses will count for your major).

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.

GVPT424 Quantitative Study of International Relations (3 Credits)

A comprehensive introduction to the quantitative study of international conflict. Students will perform statistical analysis of international conflict data using the R software platform.

Prerequisite: GVPT201.

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

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT409H (Fall 2015 and Fall 2016) or GVPT424.

Formerly: GVPT409H (Fall 2015 and Fall 2016).

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: GVPT241 and 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).

GVPT433 The Judicial Process (3 Credits)

An examination of judicial organization in the United States at all levels of government, with some emphasis on legal reasoning, legal research, and court procedures.

Prerequisite: GVPT241 and GVPT331.

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program.

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: GVPT241 and GVPT170.

Recommended: GVPT331.

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

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GVPT441 History of Political Theory: Ancient and Medieval (3 Credits)

A survey of the principal political theories set forth in the works of writers before Machiavelli.

Prerequisite: GVPT241.

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

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: GVPT200; and (GVPT282 or GVPT280).

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: GVPT241 and 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.

GVPT462 Urban Politics (3 Credits)

Urban political process and institutions considered in the light of changing social and economic conditions.

Prerequisite: GVPT241 and GVPT170.

Recommended: GVPT260.

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: GVPT241 and 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: GVPT241 and 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: GVPT241 and 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: GVPT241 and 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 and GVPT241.

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: GVPT241 and GVPT170.

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

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GVPT481 Government and Administration of Russia and the States of the Former Soviet Union (3 Credits)

A comparative study of the governmental systems and political processes of the states of the former Soviet Union.

Prerequisite: GVPT200; and (GVPT282 or GVPT280).

Restriction: Must be in Government & Politics program.

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 the African 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.

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.

GVPT622 Quantitative Methods For Political Science (3 Credits)

Introduction to quantitative methods of data analysis, with emphasis on statistical methods and computer usage. Measures of association, probability, correlation, linear regression estimation techniques, introductory analysis of variance, and use of package computer programs.

GVPT629 Seminar in Research Design (1 Credit)

This is designed to extend and deepen graduate students understanding of research design in empirical political science. Focus is placed on major issues in planning a research project: developing strong theories, formulating clear hypotheses, and crafting strategies to test theories and rule out rival, alternative explanations. Also, issues of effective communication of research will be considered. To get beyond abstractions, examples of research in American politics will be considered and evaluated. Technical issues of statistical analysis or broader epistemological questions in social science will not be covered.

GVPT700 Scope and Method of Political Science (3 Credits)

Required of all Ph.D. candidates. A seminar in the methodologies of political science, and their respective applications to different research fields. Interdisciplinary approaches and bibliographical techniques are also reviewed.

GVPT702 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: GVPT368I, GVPT702, or GVPT729D.

Formerly: GVPT729D.

GVPT708 Seminar in International Relations Theory (3 Credits)

An examination of the major approaches, concepts, and theories in the study of world politics with special emphasis on contemporary literature.

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GVPT718 Selected Topics in Political Science (3 Credits)

Selected topics in the field of political science.

Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

GVPT722 Advanced Quantitative Methods For Political Science (3 Credits)

Introduction to multivariate analysis. Elementary matrix algebra, multiple linear and curvilinear correlation and regression, analysis of variance, canonical correlation and regression, discriminant analysis, and several types of factor analysis.

Prerequisite: GVPT622; or permission of instructor.

GVPT729 Special Topics in Quantitative Political Analysis (3 Credits)

An intensive examination of special topics in quantitative methods of political analysis in such areas as survey research methods, exploratory data analysis, advanced data management techniques, or advanced methods of policy analysis.

Prerequisite: GVPT622; or permission of instructor.

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GVPT741 Ancient and Medieval Political Philosophy (3 Credits)

Major writings from the tradition of ancient and medieval political philosophy are studied. The goal is to identify and critically analyze the perennial or persistent questions about political life posed by philosophers in diverse times and places.

GVPT742 Modern Political Theory (3 Credits)

The influence of the Enlightenment on political thought, beginning with Machiavelli and ending around the time of Mill and Marx, in which the Enlightenment worked itself out in the hopes and fears of these and other authors.

Recommended: GVPT741.

Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Government & Politics department.

GVPT743 Contemporary Political Theory (3 Credits)

Theorists from Nietzsche (1884-1900) to the present will be covered with a focus on the apparent failure of the Enlightenment to usher in an age of peace and reason.

Restriction: Must have graduate standing.

GVPT761 International Political Economy (3 Credits)

Major issues in international political economy including such matters as the monetary system, trade, debt, and development.

Recommended: GVPT708.

GVPT770 Seminar in American Political Institutions (3 Credits)

This is the core institutions seminar in American politics. The course surveys the primary literature in the field and addresses substantively significant topics related to the study of political institutions in the American context.

GVPT771 Seminar in American Political Behavior (3 Credits)

This is the core seminar in American political behavior. The course will deal with prominent theoretical and empirical issues in the areas of voting, public opinion, political participation and other aspects of political behavior in the American context.

GVPT780 Seminar in the Comparative Study of Politics (3 Credits)

An examination of the salient approaches to and conceptual frameworks for the comparative study of politics, followed by the construction of models and typologies of political systems.

GVPT799 Master's Thesis Research (1-6 Credits)**GVPT803 Seminar in International Political Organization (3 Credits)**

A study of the forms and functions of various international organizations.

GVPT808 Selected Topics in Functional Problems in International Relations (3 Credits)

An examination of the major substantive issues in contemporary international relations.

GVPT828 Selected Problems in Political Behavior (3 Credits)

Individual reading and research reports on selected problems in the study of political behavior.

GVPT831 Formal Theories of Politics I (3 Credits)

Survey of major formal theories of politics, with emphasis on those theories based on the assumptions of rationality. The theory of public goods, game theory, coalition theory, and the theoretical properties of voting systems.

GVPT838 Topics in Formal Political Theory (3 Credits)

An examination of selected topics in formal theory.

Prerequisite: GVPT831; or permission of instructor.

GVPT848 Current Problems in Political Theory (3 Credits)

Intensive examination of the development of political theory since the Second World War.

Prerequisite: GVPT443.

GVPT849 Readings in Government and Politics (3 Credits)

Guided readings and discussions on selected topics in political science.

GVPT859 Selected Topics in Public Policy (3 Credits)

An examination of selected topics in public policy, such as judicial education, health, welfare, and resources policy.

Restriction: Permission of instructor.

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GVPT868 Problems of State and Local Government (3 Credits)

Report of topics assigned for individual study in the field of state local government throughout the United States.

GVPT869 Seminar in Urban Administration (3 Credits)

Selected topics are examined by the team research method with students responsible for planning, field investigation, and report writing.

GVPT870 Interest Groups Politics in the United States (3 Credits)

The theory and practice of interest group politics in the United States.

Recommended: GVPT770.

GVPT873 Seminar in Legislatures and Legislation (3 Credits)

Reports on topics assigned for individual study and reading about the composition and organization of legislatures and about the legislative process.

GVPT874 Seminar in Political Parties and Politics (3 Credits)

Reports on topics assigned for individual study and reading in the fields of political organization and action.

GVPT877 The Politics of the Presidency (3 Credits)

The major research topics and issues pertaining to the United States presidency.

Recommended: GVPT770.

GVPT878 Problems in American Government and Politics (3 Credits)

An examination of contemporary problems in various fields of government and politics in the United States, with reports on topics assigned for individual study.

GVPT879 Topics on International Security (3 Credits)

A detailed and advanced analysis of particular regional problems on defense policy and arms control.

Recommended: GVPT876.

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GVPT884 Field Methods in Comparative Politics (3 Credits)

A practical designed for graduate students interested in field research. Research design, case selection, developing surveys and experiments, analysis of original data, and some qualitative methods will be emphasized, with the aim that students develop the practical skills to conduct their own field research.

GVPT887 Seminar in the Politics of Developing Nations (3 Credits)

An examination of the programs of political development in the emerging nations with special references to the newly independent nations of Asia and Africa, and the less developed countries of Latin America. Individual reporting as assigned.

GVPT888 Selected Topics in Comparative Governmental Institutions (3 Credits)

An examination of special topics in comparative politics.

GVPT889 Selected Topics in Area Problems in International Relations (3 Credits)

Special topics concerning regional problems in the relations of states.

GVPT898 Pre-Candidacy Research (1-8 Credits)

Guided readings and discussions on selected topics in political science.

GVPT899 Doctoral Dissertation Research (1-8 Credits)