

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 Politics, Constitutional Policy, and the Institution of the U.S. Supreme Court (3 Credits)

A thorough examination of the U.S. Supreme Court in the American political system. Focusing on the Court as an institution-the set of norms, rules, and policymaking processes that lead to the Supreme Court's decisions-and how justices' decision-making processes critically determine substantive legal policy and the meaning of the U.S. Constitution.

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.

GVPT205 Special Topics in International Ethics, Conflict, and Immigration (3 Credits)

An examination of issues in international ethics, conflict generated at the international level, and problems in immigration policy and law, including theories of rights and immigration, and ideological sources of international violence.

Prerequisite: GVPT105.

Recommended: GVPT241.

Restriction: Must be in College Park Scholars program; and must be in GVPT international Studies program.

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. Others 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.

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.

Prerequisite: GVPT170.

GVPT228 The Craft of Political Science Research (4 Credits)

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

Prerequisite: GVPT100 and GVPT170.

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.

GVPT260 State and Local Government (3 Credits)

A study of the functioning and problems of state and local government in the United States, with illustrations from Maryland jurisdictions.

Prerequisite: GVPT170.

GVPT272 The Politics of Race Relations in the United States (3 Credits)

Political dimension of historical and contemporary racial cleavage in the United States with particular emphasis on the post-World War II period.

Prerequisite: GVPT170.

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 Politics and the Developing World (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 developing countries of Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and Latin America.

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.

GVPT289A 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.

GVPT289J Uncertain Partners: US and China in a Changing World (3 Credits)

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Credit Only Granted for: GVPT204 or GVPT289J.

Formerly: GVPT289J.

GVPT289O Racial and Ethnic Politics in the Obama Era (3 Credits)

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Credit Only Granted for: GVPT207 or GVPT289O.

Formerly: GVPT289O.

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) ; 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.

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.

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.

GVPT351 Model United Nations (3 Credits)

Students are prepared for the model United Nations Conference.

Restriction: Must be in College Park Scholars program; and must be in GVPT International Studies program.

Formerly: GVPT388S.

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

Additional Information: Students 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.

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.

GVPT360 International Negotiations (3 Credits)

A study of the complexities of international negotiation and cross-cultural decision-making. Students will apply advanced computer technology in an interactive simulation involving actual negotiations.

Prerequisite: GVPT200.

GVPT368 Special Topics in Government and Politics (3 Credits)

The study of topics in government and politics.

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

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: at least one course in statistics.

Prerequisite: GVPT392.

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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.

Prerequisite: GVPT170.

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.

Prerequisite: 1 course from GVPT200-299 course range.

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.

GVPT393 Intermediate Geographic Information Systems (3 Credits)

Part II of a two-semester course that integrates Geographic Information Systems with social science research. Lectures and readings will motivate the use of GIS by exposure to research applications in international relations; political and non-profit fundraising; environmental justice; public health; race relations; business and economics.

Prerequisite: Must have completed one GIS course and at least one course in statistics.

Credit Only Granted for: GVPT368I, GVPT393 or GEOG498W.

Formerly: GVPT368I.

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 Peace, Justice, and Conflict Resolution (3 Credits)

An examination of classic and contemporary perspectives on peace, justice, and conflict, resolution after armed conflict. The goal of this course is to expose students to the advantages, risks, and challenges of the most prominent methods of conflict mitigation and resolution, including mediation and arbitration; peacekeeping, peacemaking, and peacebuilding; the protection of civilians, Responsibility to Protect, and humanitarian assistance; elections, democratization, and power-sharing; and transitional reconciliation and justice. We will do this by reading, discussing, and synthesizing classic and cutting-edge Political Science research on these topics.

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.

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.

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 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.