

Graduate Course Offerings (numerical)

**5300 Topics in Ancient and Medieval Political Thought.** (3-0) Selected topics in Greek and Roman political theory, patristic understanding of politics, and the political theory of the Middle and High Middle Ages. Includes study of the writings and thought of Thucydides, Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, Seneca, Augustine, Gelasius, Al-Farabi, Avicenna, Averroes, Maimonides, John of Salisbury, Aquinas, Marsilius of Padua, William of Occam, and others.

**5301 Problems in American Foreign Relations.** (3-0) Seminar based on selected topics in American foreign policy and United States involvement in international relations. May be repeated once with different emphasis and professor for additional credit.

**5302 Topics in Modern and Contemporary Political Thought.** (3-0) Selected topics of political theory from the Renaissance, Reformation, Post-reformation, Enlightenment, and contemporary periods. Includes study of the writings and thought of Machiavelli, Luther, Calvin, Hooker, Bacon, Grotius, Hobbes, Descartes, Spinoza, Locke, Hume, Rousseau, Kant, Smith, Burke, Bentham, Mill, Hegel, DeTocqueville, Marx, Nietzsche, Husserl, Heidegger, Strauss, Voegelin, and others.

**5302A Contemporary Perspective in Modern Liberalism.** (3-0) Brief review of history/development of modern/classical liberalism and the ensuing response and contemporary alternatives.

**5303 Political Research and Methodology.** (3-0) Topical seminar for the exploration of problems in the scope and methods of political science and public administration. The course emphasizes quantitative methods.

**5311 Public Finance Administration.** (3-0) Study of the formation, management, and administration of fiscal policy at the levels of government in the United States, particularly budgeting as the ultimate expression of public policy.

**5312 Public Sector Economics.** (3-0) Advanced study of allocation, tax, and tax incidence theories; distribution policy, fiscal federalism; public debt and debt management. Evaluation of stabilization policy and its impact on unemployment, inflation, and economic growth.

**5314 Organization Theory.** (3-0) Analysis of the theoretical perspectives of organizations, with particular reference to public organizations and public administration.

**5315 Problems in Public Personnel Administration.** (3-0) Analyses and evaluations of major personnel management problems in government; employee-management relations; interagency and inter-governmental relationships. Impact of automation. Evaluation of personnel systems.

**5316 Labor Management Relations.** (3-0) An examination of the historical development of public employee unions and the reaction of public employers and the effect of collective bargaining agreements on personnel policy development. The legal position of public laws concerning collective bargaining arguments as well as analysis of organizing procedures and strategy on the part of public managers will be covered.

**5317 Management Practices in Public Personnel Administration.** (3-0) Examines recent developments in Public Personnel Administration. Special attention will be paid to the use of the Personnel Office as a center for job assignment, employee development, organizational development, and affirmative action. In addition, students will become familiar with specific personnel practices including the development of pay plans, job classifications, and employee manuals.

**5318 Public Management and Ethics.** (3-0) Analysis of public management principles and functions in the context of ethics and accountability, including bureaucratic discretion, constitutional values, and professionalism.

**5319 Seminar in Constitutional Law and Theory.** (3-0) In-depth analysis of selected issues in constitutional theory including the theory of judicial review, and constitutional interpretation. Examines the debate on constitutional interpretation in light of cases dealing with the First Amendment Freedom of Speech, Press & Religion, and with substantive due process and the equal protection clause.

**5321 Introduction to Public Policy & Administration.** (3-0) An introduction to the policy and administration institutional environment with special emphasis on intergovernmental relations in the federal system

**5325 Roots of American Constitutionalism.** (3-0) An examination of the origins and evolution of the ideas which inform the American constitutional system, includes examination of the strands of thought in the classical, Christian, medieval, Renaissance, and Enlightenment periods that combined with the British liberal tradition, laid the groundwork for the American experiment. Examines the pre-independence evolution of the American Constitutional tradition that informed the constitutional debates.

**5326 Topics in Democratic Theory.** (3-0) An examination of selected issues in democratic theory including various models of democracy, the pluralist/elitist debate, the role of liberal individualism in democracy, the tension of individual rights and collective responsibilities, the place of religion in the public realm, and the tension between freedom and equality. May be repeated once with different emphasis and professor for additional credit.

**5326A Religion and American Public Life.** (3-0) A thorough examination of the ways in which religion and groups have influenced the course of American democracy. The on-going debates in constitutional law and democratic theory regarding the proper role of religion in American public life is analyzed.

**5327 Topics in State and Local Government.** (3-0) An in-depth analysis of topics and issues in state or local governments including examination of the relationship of these governments to one another. May be repeated once with different emphasis and professor for additional credit.

**5327A Texas Politics and Administration.** (3-0) The course examines both the theory and practice of Texas politics and administration. The focus is on how policy is formulated and implemented by the governor, the legislature, and the state bureaucracy. It also examines how that policy is influenced by external factors such as political and interest groups.

**5330 Problems in Public Law.** (3-0) Problems in American Public law and judicial processes. Addresses the policy environment in which the American judicial system operates.

**5333 Ecology and the Politics of Scarcity.** (3-0) An examination of major issues, theoretical, involved in the crisis areas of declining energy resources, arable land, water, and food, amidst increasing population and pollution of the environment.

**5334 Problems in Quantitative Analysis.** (3-0) Topics in political science and public administration methodology with special emphasis on quantitative techniques.

**5335 Problems in Research Methodology.** (3-0) A course that emphasizes qualitative and conceptual aspects of research. Topics include: social science research paradigms, defining the research question, linking theory to methods, field research the focus group technique, literature review and research prospectus development.

**5340 Problems in American Public Policy.** (3-0) Problems arising in the areas of political decision-making, executive-legislative relationships, functions of government, and regulatory activities of the government. May be repeated once with different emphasis and professor for additional credit.

**5341 Seminar in the Policy Process.** (3-0) Critical examination of the policy process with emphasis on analytical applications in the administrative and management environment.

**5343 Seminar in Program Evaluation.** (3-0) An advanced course in the application of quantitative methods to the evaluation of public policies and programs with emphasis on the administrative and management environment.

**5345 Conceptual Foundations of Government Information Systems.** (3-0) A study of the theoretical assumptions, conceptual foundations, and design of government information systems.

**5346 Technology of Government Information Systems.** (3-0) A study the technological foundations and implications of computer-based government information systems in government.

**5347 Public Finance Information Systems.** (3-0) Advanced theory and application of computer-based financial information systems in government; system analysis and design; hardware configurations and software attributes.

**5350 Problems in American Politics.** (3-0) Problems arising with respect to parties, legislation, the presidency, and political behavior. May be repeated once with different emphasis and professor for additional credit.

**5360 Problems in International Politics.** (3-0) A course dealing with selected topics in the field of international politics. May be repeated once with different emphasis and professor for additional credit.

**5364 Problems in International Organization.** (3-0) This course is an analysis of the structure, functions, and role of the international organizations in the international system. It assesses the reasons for the emergence of international organization as a means on international interaction, evaluates the historical evolution of this phenomenon from the Ancient Greeks through the Middle Ages to the Concert of Europe, as well as its modern manifestations in the League of Nations and United Nations. The course addresses the role of international regions, regional organizations, functional agencies, and bilateral organizations. The procedures and processes of international argument and policy-making are studied through participation in a Model Security Council.

**5365 Problems in International Law.** (3-0) This course examines the nature, functions, scope, and practice of international law. It addresses several major areas of the law including legal sources, diplomatic practice, territorial jurisdiction, legal personality, the law of state responsibility, asylum law, human rights, and the law of war. The major legal principles and theories, as well as the political context in which they operate are studied. The course is heavily research oriented and includes moot court arbitration.

**5370 Internship in Government.** (3-0) Practical experience in the on-going work of a selected governmental unit. The student will be assigned to a unit of federal, state, regional, or local government. A research paper and journal dealing with the Internship experience must be written under direction of a faculty member. Evaluation will be based on the research paper, journal, and work performance. Special approval must be obtained before registering.

**5374 Intellectual Property Law.** (3-0) This course covers principal tenets of intellectual property, including trademarks, copyrights, patents, and trade secrets. Students will analyze a wide variety of intellectual property issues, the impact of intellectual property in our current society, and the practical and theoretical concerns raised by the interplay of state and federal laws.

**5375 Comparative Public Administration.** (3-0) This course studies and compares the public administration systems in countries through out the world

**5376 Alternative Dispute Resolution.** (3-0) This course will be offered every third semester and is an in-depth study of procedural and substantive legal principles of alternative dispute resolution. Emphasis will be placed on procedures and practical applications of negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and alternative adjudicative processes with integration of ethical and policy issues.

**5377 Criminal Law and Procedure.** (3-0) Study of the state and federal statutory and common law relative to the criminal justice system. Course includes the study of the criminal litigation process and procedure with emphasis on theory and practical legal assistant skill development.

**5378 Social Legislation.** (3-0) Study of Texas and federal laws established by statute to remedy various social problems including worker's compensation, unemployment compensation, bankruptcy, and commercial transactions. Course will include a study of statutory and case law development. May be repeated with different emphasis for additional credit.

**5379 Legal Drafting.** (3-0) Study of legal drafting styles, forms and techniques, including legal document drafting, objective, informative document drafting, and persuasive-style drafting of trial and appellate briefs.

Prerequisite: POSI 5387 Legal Research.

5380 Problems in International Political Economy. Deals with selected topics in international political economy.

**5381 Advanced Legal Research & Writing.** (3-0) This course will be offered once a year and has three related components: (1) Refinement of skills in computer-assisted and manual legal research; (2) Legal analysis, legal writing, and organizing complex legal documents; (3) Techniques of persuasive argument; and (4) Applied research project, persuasive brief and oral examination of course work.

Prerequisites: POSI 5379 Legal Drafting and POSI 5387 Legal Research.

**5382 Seminar in International Relations Theory.** (3-0) A course dealing with selected topics in geopolitics and world political geography. May be repeated once with different emphasis and professor for additional credit.

**5383 Advanced Litigation.** (3-0) Study of the use of the American legal system to resolve disputes between individuals and entities. Emphasis will be on trial advocacy planning, analysis, preparation, and strategy. Students will develop skills necessary to understand and to participate as an advocate in the trial process.

Prerequisites: POSI 5387 Legal Research and POSI 5394 Litigation.

**5384 Topics in Modern Democratic Systems.** (3-0) This course in comparative politics examines the development and interaction of political institutions, policy processes, political culture, public opinion, legal settings and theoretical underpinnings of modern democratic governments. Countries of focus vary with instructor, and include governments of Western, Central and Eastern Europe, Canada, Japan and Australia.

**5385 Topics in Third World Policies.** (3-0) This course in comparative politics examines the range of political systems of various regions of the Third World, including Latin America, the Middle East, Asia, and Africa. Themes include the politics of the colonial era, the nature of traditional political systems, modernization and development, political institutionalization, interest groups articulation and participation. Topics vary by region. May be repeated once with different emphasis and professor for additional credit.

**5386 Legal Theories And Analysis.** (3-0) Study of statutory and case law development of basic legal theory including tort theory, contract theory, and evidence theory. Course is intended to assist the student in gaining knowledge of fundamental legal theory, reasoning, and analysis.

**5387 Legal Research.** (3-0) A study of the American and Texas legal system including the courts and legislature; primary and secondary sources of the law including finding tools; judicial reports including court, federal and state reports and citation forms, case finding including federal, state, and supreme court digests and encyclopedias; citations, such as Shepard Citations, and digests; annotated law reports; legal periodicals, including periodical indexes and research procedure; the nature, function, and characteristics of treatises; research procedures; state and federal administrative law; federal, state, and local court rules; English legal research of great Britain and Canada; research aids.

**5389 Law Office Internship.** (3-0) Includes lecture and seminar discussion of topics relating to problems, procedures, and ethics in the legal-working environment. Student is

involved in voluntary on-the-job internship consisting of approximately 10-15 hours a week to gain actual experience in the legal-working environment. Course is required unless the student has prior law-related experience and has, with the permission of the program director, elected to take a practicum in lieu of the internship. Graded on a credit (CR), no credit (F) basis.

**5390 Administrative Law.** (3-3) Course deals with the origin, development, and theory of Administrative Law and the agencies and tribunals established to administer the law. Emphasis is on enforcement, quasi-legislative and quasi-judicial powers of federal administrative agencies and state tribunals.

**5391 Family Law.** (3-0) Emphasis is on Texas law, dealing with pre-marital contracts, marriage relationships, annulment, abortion, adoption, juveniles, Family Code, divorce, support for children, custody, separation agreements, etc.

**5392 Business Organizations.** (3-0) A study of the federal and Texas law relative to corporations with particular emphasis on the preparation of initial and amended articles of incorporation, satisfaction of state filing requirements, preparations of drafts of stock certificates and securities, the maintaining of stock ledgers and books, the preparation of draft resolutions authorizing cash and stock dividends and stock splits, the drafting of employment agreements, and other activities necessary to the maintenance, merger, and closing corporations.

**5393 Estates and Trust.** (3-0) Study of Texas law regarding estates and trusts with emphasis on preparation of documents relating to the administration of estates.

**5394 Litigation.** (3-0) Study of statutory and case law relative to civil and criminal procedure in order to develop an understanding of litigation.

**5395 Real Estate.** (3-0) Study of Texas laws concerning real properties, conveyances, recordation, taxation, and sales regarding real property. Student will become familiar with various records maintained dealing with real property by public officials and will develop an understanding of the procedures by which titles are searched. May be repeated with a different emphasis.

**5396 Law Office Management.** (3-0) Course will cover management concepts, with emphasis on time keeping, minimum fee schedules, billing, library and retrieval systems, ethics, and other management practices applicable to utilization of Legal Paraprofessionals in law-related positions

**5397 Applied Research Project.** (3-0) Problem-oriented applied research project for Master of Public Administration degree. Student will prepare a prospectus to include a statement of the problem, research design, specification of data, questions to be answered concerning problem, and a representative bibliography, and submit it to the supervising instructor prior to registration for the course. Prerequisite: A grade of "B" or better in POSI 5335.

**5398 Directed Reading and Research.** (3-0) Advanced reading and/or research on various topics in political science under the direction of a graduate faculty member. May be repeated once with different emphasis and professor for additional credit.

**5399A Thesis.** (3-0) This course represents a student's initial thesis enrollment. No thesis credit is awarded until a student has completed the thesis in Political Science 5399B. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis.

**5399B Thesis.** (3-0) This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollment. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis.