

# Summer 2009

## Semester

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\*A Session            05-11-2009 thru 08-07-2009  
 \*B Session            05-11-2009 thru 06-23-2009  
 \*C Session            06-25-2009 thru 08-07-2009  
 \*D Session            06-15-2009 thru 08-07-2009

Course Number	Course Title	Session	Professor	Day & Time	Location Bldg/Rm
<b>Undergraduate Courses</b>					
POS 2041 / 5780	American Politics	C	Dr. Melissa Neal	Internet Course	Internet Course
POS 3122/6021	Issues in American Government and Politics	B	Dr. Melissa Neal	Internet Course	Internet Course
INR 3225/6014	Vietnam	B	Col. Leo Weeks	T & R 8:30 – 11:50	74/103
INR3990/ 6241	Diplomacy	B	Jay Smoot	T & R 2:30 – 5:10	52/162
CPO 4990/ 6119 5990/	Geopolitics	D	Capt. Fred Levin	M & W 2:30 – 5:10	52/162
POS 4941 /5783 (P)	Internship	A	Dr. Alfred Cuzán		
<b>Graduate Courses</b>					
POS 6006/5784	Study of Politics	A	Dr. Alfred Cuzán	T & R 5:30p – 7:05p	51/148
POS 6704 /5785	Political Science Research Methods	A	Dr. Bill Tankersley	Internet Course	Internet Course
PAD 6053/ 5683	Public Administration Professional	A	Dr. Bill Tankersley	Internet Course	Internet Course

## **Course Descriptions**

### **Undergraduate**

#### **POS 2041 – American Politics – Dr. Neal**

This course consists of a study of the constitution, government, and federal structure of the United States. Federal, and state issues are considered in the context of American political culture and history with an emphasis on the United States Constitution. Practical assignments give students insight into the workings of government, and provide them with tools to educate themselves on current events and politicians. By the end of the course, the student should have gained insight into the political forces and institutions that shape our society and the social forces that influence our government. Additionally, the student should understand the historical context in which the United States Constitution was written and the role it plays today in the federal government.

#### **POS 3122 -- Issues in American Government & Politics – Dr. Neal**

This course will examine current political issues in the U.S through the lenses of ideology and partisanship. After a brief overview of policy evaluation methods, the course will focus on critically analyzing contrasting partisan views on key issues of the day. To do this, students will study published party platforms as well as ideological magazines, think tank reports, and other partisan resources. Each issue will be studied systematically by examining the main facts being marshaled, the arguments being made, and the empirical or logical connections that are hypothesized between what is being advocated and the goals that are being pursued. By the end of the semester, students will have honed their critical thinking skills while at the same time gaining a better understanding of the costs and benefits of the differing policies currently being advocated by the two major political parties.

### **INR3990 – Diplomacy – Jay Smoot**

This course is designed to familiarize students with the craft of international diplomacy and the role played by diplomats in advancing their governments' objectives. As used here, the term "diplomats" is a broad one, encompassing heads of government and other high-ranking officials as well as professional diplomats working in foreign ministries and embassies abroad. Diplomacy and foreign policy are not synonymous, but they are closely linked. Accordingly, the course includes segments on foreign-policy making and the forces that drive it, as well as on the practice of diplomacy. Emphasis, in both areas will be on the practical level--the way policy is carried out and the roles of individuals and institutions that perform this function. In addition to increasing understanding of foreign policy making and implementation as outlined above, the course is intended to sharpen skills in drafting, oral presentation, and critical thinking--all key components of the practice of diplomacy.

### **INR 3225 – Vietnam & American Politics – Col. (Ret) Weeks**

This course investigates the Vietnam War and its impact upon the political experience and social values of the United States. It begins with a historical overview of the major international players and then proceeds to analyze the associated major events that took place during the 30 years (1945-1975) of American involvement in Vietnam. The course then concludes with discussions of the impact and lessons of the Vietnam War for America, its people, and other nations in the international system. The instructor served two tours of military duty in Vietnam during the war.

## **CPO4990/5990 – Geopolitics – Capt. Levin**

This course will explore patterns of conflict, cooperation and change in world politics in the post-Cold war period. The fundamental problem in world politics is the creation of order under conditions that are anarchic. Following the collapse of communism, there was an enormous optimism about the spread of democracy, around the world and euphoria about the creation of a new world order based upon democratic norms and institutions. Nearly eighteen years have passed since the end of the Cold War, and much of that optimism has dissipated. It is now clear that large portions of the world are in the midst of religious, cultural, and economic crises which revolve about the larger issue of state power.

In this course our primary concern will be the future of state power in the international context and the implications of the erosion of state power for theories of geopolitics. Is the state losing power and sovereignty everywhere or only certain states affected? Is globalization weakening the power of states? Why are some states failing? What are the causes of civil wars and state breakdown? The main themes we will explore are ethnic and civil wars, democratization, globalization, political transitions, theories of nationalism, political geography; and, all these are related directly to the larger question of state power. We will try and come to some understanding of the competing visions of geopolitics in our contemporary world.

## **Graduate**

### **POS 6006 Study of Politics – Dr. Cuzán**

This course, POS 6006 The Study of Politics, is an overview of the discipline. This summer we will read carefully, think, discuss, and write about three recently published books, one each in American, comparative, and international politics. These books represent some of the very best work done in their respective fields. We will also read selections from the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue in *The American Political Science Review*, which includes articles on the evolution and development of the discipline, along with commentaries on “classic” contributions to the field. The objective of the course is twofold: to familiarize yourselves with the principal things that political scientists claim to know about the principal subjects we study and that you convey this understanding as clearly as you are capable, both orally and in writing. In the process of acquiring substantive knowledge about the science of politics, you will develop or sharpen analytical and communication skills that have applications in the practical world of work in your life after UWF.

### **POS 6704 – Political Science Research Methods – Dr. Tankersley (ONLINE)**

POS 6704, Political Science Research Methods provides students with the knowledge and skills required to analyze and critique, as well as design, applied research in public policy and public affairs. The course introduces the student to the enterprise of academic research in these areas, provides the student with knowledge and understanding of the various philosophical and methodological approaches to applied research and allows the student to develop and hone analytical skills. Accepted social science research designs will be introduced and an analysis of threats to the validity and reliability of these different designs will be considered. Sampling theory and statistical analysis will be introduced.

### **PAD6053 Public Administration Professional – Dr. Tankersley (ONLINE)**

The course will address the scope and nature of the field of public administration with attention given to the intellectual tradition of the field as well as to elements of the current conceptual framework within which American Public Administration is practiced. The impact of democratic values on administration will be discussed. The general format for the class will be online discussion/participation with student analysis of selected articles and case studies taken from the American Public Administration literature. In lieu of a class research paper, specific written assignments relating to concepts and/or cases included in the course material will be made.