

Public Administration Elective Courses

POLSC 607, Administrative Law: Legal analysis of the rule-making, adjudicatory, and enforcement functions of administrative agencies, with emphasis on constitutional framework, judicial review, requirements of procedural fairness, and rights of public employees.

POLSC 711, Administrative Ethics: This course focuses upon the ethical issues, approaches, and strategies in public service.

POLSC 736, Strategic Management of Public Organizations: Strategic management in the public sector of democratic societies. This course provides a set of tools and research skills to focus thinking, judgment and decision making in order to act strategically.

POLSC 740, Nonprofit Financial Management: An introduction to the major issues in nonprofit management. Course highlights include the unique nature of the nonprofit sector with government (public) and business (for-profit) sectors. Issues may include governance roles and responsibilities, ethics and risk management, financial management and resource generation, managing staff and volunteers, performance measurements, and the emerging trends that threaten nonprofits' tax-exempt status.

POLSC 799, Executive Leadership in Public and Nonprofit Agencies: Explores the enabling and constraining factors of politics and the public interest that shape the work of being a leader in a public or non-profit agency.

Political Science Seminar Elective Courses

POLSC 805, Seminar in American Politics: This seminar introduces students to the methods and the theories used to study American politics. Topics to be addressed include the constitution and the American founding, political and electoral processes, institutional structure and function, and public policy. Exams and a seminar paper are required.

POLSC 811, Seminar in International Politics: The seminar introduces students to the different school of thought in international relations as well as the different methods used to study the subject. It also analyzes middle range theories on subjects such as the causes of interstate conflict, the democratic peace, and foreign policy decision-making. Exams and a seminar paper are required.

POLSC 821, Seminar in Political Thought: A study of the history of political philosophy as well as contemporary scholarship. Political philosophy as a subdiscipline of political science and its relevance for other subdisciplines as well as for leadership and administration. Class discussion and research training will focus on textual analysis, or exegesis. Course requirements include a major research paper.

POLSC 841, Seminar in Comparative Politics: The seminar introduces students to the methods and theories of comparative politics as well as critical analysis of various topics in political science such as institution and institutional change, social movements and state building, regime and development, political parties and electoral processes, policy making and political performance. Course requirements include two exams, book reviews, research design, and a major research paper.