

Special Topic Classes Fall 2006

The following classes are Special Topic Classes. It is important to realize before registering for these classes that often these classes are not offered again as the same topic.

PSC 403Z-210 SP TOP: Morality Policy

PSC 405Z-001 SP TOP: Globalization

PSC 405Z-002 SP TOP: International Human Rights

PSC 403Z-210 SP TOP: Morality Policy-Jelen

Deals with public policy relating to moral issues, such as abortion, death penalty, school prayer, and gay rights.

PSC 405Z-001 SP TOP: Globalization-Strand

There are divergent views in the public discourse regarding what globalization represents. If globalization is a distinct and unique socio-economic force, then what are the implications for governments, labor, and transnational corporations? Is globalization eroding state sovereignty? Are workers disadvantaged vis-à-vis globalizing capital? Can more equitable and/or effective global institutions be constructed to manage globalization? This course provides a systematic understanding of the political, economic, and social aspects of globalization. We will first examine how globalization is conceptualized. Following this we will assess the empirical evidence regarding the spatiotemporal bounds of globalization. We will then focus on economic, political, and cultural aspects of globalization. The last few weeks of the course will investigate special problems often associated with globalization.

PSC 405Z-002 SP TOP: International Human Rights-Brahm

This course examines the rise of human rights as an important issue in international relations. Topics will include an exploration of the nature of human rights and their origins, analysis of the uneven protection of human rights around the world, and different means through which the international community has sought to deal with gross human rights abuses.