

Special Topic Classes Spring 2007

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 405Z-001 SP TOP: Intelligence

PSC 405Z-002 SP TOP: Contemporary Political Thought in International Relations

PSC 407Z-001 SP TOP: Comparative Politics of China

PSC 407Z-002 SP TOP: Northern Irish Politics

PSC 407Z-003 SP TOP: Politics of Roman Catholicism

PSC 411Z-001 SP TOP: Supreme Court and Capitalism

PSC 405Z-001 SP TOP: Intelligence-Hanks

This course provides an introduction to the United States intelligence establishment. The emphasis will be on strategic, as opposed to tactical, intelligence and its use by policy-makers. We will explore what intelligence is, the organizations that make up the intelligence community, counterintelligence, covert action, and oversight of intelligence activities. Concerns related to intelligence activities in a democratic society, including civil liberties and freedom of the press, and the challenges of the post-9/11 environment will also be addressed.

PSC 405Z-002 SP TOP: Contemporary Political Thought in International Relations-Sasaki

The goal of this course is to acquire the frameworks to understand what is going on in the world. We will examine the answers to the questions such as: What affects the international relations, military force, human rights, international laws, or something else? Which matters more, balance of power, institutions, or ideology in maintaining peace? Did September Eleven change the relations of the states? Are people powerless in international politics? Are we progressing in international relations compared with centuries ago?

To answer these questions, we will examine various views of interpreting international relations to know which views best explain today's world. Not only contemporary views but classical views will be examined.

PSC 407Z-001 SP TOP: Comparative Politics of China-Sasaki

China, the most populous country in the world, is developing very quickly. And this development is affecting the world significantly. Where China is heading for even determines where the world is heading for. Following China's thinking and doing is, therefore, critical to think about our own future. In this course, we will learn China's politics, economy, society and foreign policy comprehensively to assume what the world, not only China, is going to be.

PSC 407Z-002 SP TOP: Northern Irish Politics-Pardoe

This course traces the 30 year conflict of the troubles in Northern Ireland from a political and cultural perspective, and investigates its origins. It also outlines the process of political dialogue and democratic device used to establish peace, analyses the prospects for the continuation of the latter, and assesses what lessons may be drawn from the Northern Ireland case in relation to other conflict resolution processes.

PSC 407Z-003 SP TOP: Politics of Roman Catholicism-Jelen

A description and analysis of the role of the Roman Catholic Church in a variety of national and regional settings. Particular attention will be paid to the role of the Church in the political life of Eastern Europe and the Third World.

PSC 411Z-001 SP TOP: Supreme Court and Capitalism-Simich

A cases and materials approach to the role of the United States Supreme Court in cases dealing with the economy. Cases arising mainly out of the Commerce, General Welfare, Taxing and Spending, Contracts, Due Process and Takings clauses will be covered.