

Special Topic Classes Spring 2008

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-001 SP TOP: Environmental Policy

PSC 405Z-001 SP TOP: Assessing Global Futures

PSC 409Z-001 SP TOP: The Rule of Law

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

PSC 411Z-002 SP TOP: Constitutional Development

Experimental Courses

PSC 411X-001 Law In Action--The Peacekeeping Function of Civil Law

PSC 403Z-001 SP TOP: Environmental Policy-Pirages

An overview of domestic and global environmental issues and policies. Includes an assessment of current environmental issues and regulations, an overview of emerging global environmental issues such as global warming, and an assessment of the challenges associated with moving toward more sustainable societies.

PSC 405Z-001 SP TOP: Assessing Global Futures-Pirages

An exploration of factors shaping potential global futures. The course is offered in a lecture-seminar format and requires a significant term paper. It includes an introduction to futures methodologies, an overview of key futures perspectives and theories, and an assessment of likely and possible regional and global futures.

PSC 409Z-001 SP TOP: The Rule of Law-Lutz

This course examines the character and aims of the rule of law by reading classic works on law, such as Plato's *Laws* and Montesquieu *The Spirit of the Laws*.

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.

PSC 411Z-002 SP TOP: Constitutional Development-Hays

Experimental Courses

PSC 411X-001 Law In Action-The Peacekeeping Function of Civil Law-Course will be team taught by Professors Bradley Hays, Elaine Shoben & Terrill Polman

Examines how the civil law channels the conflicts of private actors away from violence and disorder and toward peaceful resolution. Provides a unique opportunity to learn both the basic tools of legal analysis and a theoretical understanding of the function and operation of legal rules in society. Political Science majors & minors may count this towards the Public Law area.