

Government

GOVT S-1900. American Foreign Policy (CRN: 30164)

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This course covers major trends, problems, and decisions in American foreign policy from 1945 to the present: the origins and demise of the cold war; evolution of US national security policy; military intervention during and after the cold war; human rights issues and democracy; US policies toward Europe, East Asia, Africa, and Latin America; and post-cold war challenges and responses. Special topics include the Korean, Vietnam, Gulf, Balkans, and Afghanistan Wars, and US relations with Japan and China.

GOVT S-1505. Building the Activist State: US Public Policy since 1960 (CRN: 31597)

Paul Pierson PhD, Professor of Government, Harvard University

The role of the federal government in American society is now highly controversial. These contemporary conflicts over domestic policy play out against the backdrop of a dramatic expansion of government activity that occurred over the past four decades. This course examines the causes and consequences of the gradual growth of activist government, focusing on three domains: the expansion of social spending programs such as Medicare and Social Security, the emergence of "new" social regulation in areas such as the environment and consumer protection, and the expansion of protections for particular groups (often termed the "rights revolution").

GOVT S-1510. Environmental Politics (CRN: 31527)

Stacy D. VanDeveer PhD, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of New Hampshire

The course explores numerous environmental issues and policymaking themes in domestic and international environmental politics. Issues and themes covered include pollution control in the US; US environmental foreign policies; global climate changes; environmental justice; sustainable development; marine protection efforts; and the roles of nongovernmental organizations, scientific and technical advisors, and policymakers.

GOVT S-1130. Intellectual Property (CRN: 31596)

Allan A. Ryan, Jr. JD, Director of Intellectual Property, Harvard Business School Publishing

This course examines the concept of intellectual property and the legal and social means that have developed over time to encourage and control it. We will consider copyright, patent and trademark regimes, together with related areas such as licensing and trade secrets. We will pay particular attention to the challenges posed by the digital environment, such as Napster, MP3 technology, and digital databases, and to the emerging international law of intellectual property.

GOVT S-30. Introduction to American Government (CRN: 30153)

Mark Silverstein PhD, Professor of Political Science, Boston University

A general introduction that provides an analysis of the institutional framework of American politics and the relationship between political processes and national institutions.

GOVT S-40. Introduction to International Relations (CRN: 30155)

John F. Garofano PhD, Professor of National Security Affairs, National Security and Decision Making, Naval War College

This course focuses on the essential characteristics and patterns of international relations, including: the causes of war and

pathways to peace; new threats to international security; the role of international organizations; and globalization. Special topics include the causes of major wars and of ethnic conflicts, humanitarian intervention, weapons of mass destruction, international terrorism, and the future of stability in East Asia.

GOVT S-10. Introduction to Political Philosophy (CRN: 30154)

Peter G. Stillman PhD, Professor of Political Science, Vassar College

An introduction to the central questions of political philosophy: What makes authority legitimate? What liberties can citizens claim? What does justice require? Readings will include both classic authors such as Plato, Aristotle, Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, David Hume, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and John Stuart Mill, as well as work by present-day political philosophers and legal theorists that illustrates differing ways of thinking about such issues as free speech, privacy rights, and equality of opportunity. No philosophical background is presumed.

GOVT S-1240. Politics and Social Policy in Post-Communist Russia (CRN: 31306)

David E. Powell PhD, , , Lecturer on Health Policy Management and Fellow of the Kathryn W. and Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Russian Research, Harvard University

The course deals with political conflict, policy-making, and social policy in post-Soviet Russia. We will briefly examine the major developments and institutions of the Soviet era, but our focus will be on the period since Boris Yeltsin and Vladimir Putin came to power. We will devote particular emphasis to five issues: (1) attempts to transform the political system from one based on authoritarianism to one based on democracy; (2) efforts to shift from a centrally planned economy to one based on market forces; (3) relations between Russians and non-Russians (including the Chechens) in Russia; (4) the role of the Federal Security Service (the successor to the KGB) and the military; and (5) social questions such as the position of women, the crisis in public health (including an examination of alcoholism, drug abuse, AIDS, and environmental deterioration), and the state of organized religion. We will look not only at the factors promoting change, but also at those which impede it.

GOVT S-1248. Theorizing Ukraine: Politics, Theory, and Political Theory (CRN: 31654)

Alexander J. Motyl PhD, Professor of Political Science, Rutgers University

A historical and comparative examination of social science approaches to conceptualizing and theorizing politics and political developments in Ukraine. The course investigates concepts and theories of the state, revolution, nation, nationalism, empire, elites, socialism, totalitarianism, transition, civil society, modernization, political culture, and democracy. Both concepts and theories will be discussed in relation to one another, in light of modern Ukrainian history, and with reference to other countries.

GOVT S-1461. Urban Politics and Government (CRN: 30161)

Arnold M. Howitt PhD, Executive Director, A. Alfred Taubman Center for State and Local Government, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

This course will survey politics and government in American cities. It will analyze the structure and functioning of government institutions; the roles of political parties; the mobilization of economic, racial, ethnic, and neighborhood interests; forms of political participation, such as voting, citizen participation, and riots; and patterns of political power and decision making. The course also will consider the city's web of relationships with federal, state, and special-purpose regional institutions, and it will examine selected policy areas such as physical and economic development.

GOVT S-1732. War Crimes, Genocide, and Justice (CRN: 31212)

Allan A. Ryan, Jr. JD, Director of Intellectual Property, Harvard Business School Publishing

This course examines the legal regulation of warfare from medieval times to the present, including the historical evolution of the law of war; war crimes and crimes against humanity, and their punishment; the Geneva conventions, and the concept of genocide in the twentieth century. We will examine the trial of Nazi war criminals at Nuremberg, the 1968 massacre at My Lai in Vietnam, the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, the International Criminal Court, and issues raised by the events of September 11, 2001. The focus

is on broad concepts of law and justice in warfare and genocide. No prior knowledge of legal or military systems is required.

GOVT S-1180. Western European Politics (CRN: 30157)

Aline M. Kuntz PhD, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of New Hampshire

This course offers an analysis of the institutions, political processes, and social movements in contemporary Western Europe. Although the course will focus on Britain, Germany, France, and Italy, attention also will be given to smaller states and to the regional issues facing Western Europe in the new century.