POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

POLS 5300  U.S. Government institutions
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
A survey of the major institutions of the U.S. national government, with
special attention to the presidency, Congress, and the U.S. Supreme
Court. Some comparative discussion of federalism, parliamentary
systems of government, and proportional representation. Brief review
of the U.S. Constitution, the federal court structure, and the role of
Federal Reserve System. (Credit may not be given for both this course and
PADM 5300.)

POLS 5302  Policy Making and Public Administration
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
Relationship of politics and administration with reference to the
influence of administration and bureaucracy, legislative bodies, parties,
political leadership, interest groups and other forces in the formation
and execution of public policy in various levels of, primarily, American
government. (Credit may not be given for both this and PADM 5302.)

POLS 5308  Administrative Law
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
Analysis of the nature of law, especially the law of administrative
procedure. The course examines the separations and delegation
of powers, the meaning and functioning of the Administrative
Procedures Act, the scope of judicial review, and other remedies against
administrative actions. (Credit may not be given for both this and
PADM 5308.)

POLS 5330  Public Policy Analysis
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
A survey of the approaches and analytical tools available in policy
analysis. Special attention is given to the role of policy analysis in
informing the process of change and reform in American society. The
course gives students opportunities to research policy issues and
teaches them how to think about any area policy. Students should
gain an understanding of the various approaches of inquiry into policy
problems. (Credit may not be given for both this and PADM 5325.)

POLS 5340  Environmental Policy
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
A study of the political factors that influence the environmental policy
of the United States. Emphasis is on the policy process rather than the
details of environmental regulations. South Texas issues are studied in
order to understand the complexities facing public administrators at the
local level. Offered on sufficient demand. (Credit may not be given for
both this and PADM 5340.)

POLS 5396  Individual Study
3 Semester Credit Hours
Individual study, reading or research with faculty direction and evaluation.
Offered on application to and approval of the program coordinator.