

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.