

POLS 3206 Government and Politics of Japan (3,2,1) (tbc)

Prerequisite: POLS 1005 Foundations of Political Science and
POLS 2005 Government and Politics of China

The course focuses on the political development of Japan since 1945. It begins with a historical overview of the rise of modern Japan and an examination of the legacies of the Second World War. The workings of the major political institutions, central and local, are studied, with particular reference to the process of policy-making. It goes on to identify the main political actors, political parties, business groups and labour unions and examines political culture and mass electoral behaviour. The role of Japan in the international system is also assessed.

POLS 3207 Government and Politics of the United Kingdom (3,2,1) (tbc)

Prerequisite: *For GIS/ES major:* POLS 1005 Foundations of Political Science or EURO 1008-9 Europe: Unity and Diversity

For GIS minor: Year III standing

This is a course which intends to examine the growth and workings of the British system of parliamentary government. It identifies the key features of the British political and administrative systems, seeks to explain both the changes and the continuities within British politics, and examines the various pressures and challenges to which it is currently exposed under the New Labour government from Blair to Brown. It also discusses the British approach to European integration since 1945.

POLS 3215 Government and Politics of the United States (3,2,1) (tbc)

Prerequisite: POLS 1005 Foundations of Political Science

This course aims to introduce students to American politics and government by examining the foundational principles and ideas, institutional structures, political processes, and policy-making patterns of the American political system.

**POLS 3216/ Ideology and Socialism in China (3,2,1) (tbc)
CHSP 3216**

Prerequisite: POLS 1005 Foundations of Political Science

Political history can be most meaningfully analysed as a monumental struggle between opposing ideas and ideologies concerning the most appropriate manner to organize human societies. Socialism/Communism once was a powerful ideology that shaped Chinese society as well as some others in the world. How did this ideology become the foundation of Chinese political system? How did it affect Chinese social, economic and political life? To what extent has this ideology been changed in the reform? How do we characterize China's current "socialism"? Are there new ideologies that pose challenges to socialism/communism in China? These are the questions that this course is going to examine.

POLS 3217 Political Philosophy: Chinese and European (3,2,1) (tbc)

Prerequisite: POLS 1005 Foundations of Political Science or
EURO 1008-9 Europe: Unity and Diversity

This course is designed to introduce major issues of political philosophy and approaches to these issues offered by major Chinese and European thinkers. Particular attention will be paid to theories of state, rights, and liberty. This course is a study of the major political thinkers and issues in European and Chinese political philosophy.

Political philosophy would be focused on the lives and ideas of selected political philosophers. The course will teach the Chinese political philosophy of Confucianism, Mohism, Taoism and Legalism, Neo-Confucianism. Moreover, European political philosophers of Plato, Hobbes, John Locke, Karl Marx, and John Stuart Mill will also be taught respectively.

POLS 3591-2 Honours Project (3,*,*) (E/P/C)

Prerequisite: Year III standing in GIS major

A final year project is required from all prospective graduates of the GIS major. The project is an extended written report on a specific topic within the field of political science, produced by the student under the supervision of a member of staff.

**POLS 3610 Political Cultures and Economies (3,2,1) (tbc)
in Transition**

Prerequisite: *For GIS major:* POLS 1120 Introduction to Political Economy, POLS 1510 Foundations of Political Science or POLS 1530 Government and Politics of Hong Kong

For ES major: EURO 1111-2 Europe: Unity and Diversity and EURO 2140 The Political Economy of the European Union

This is an interdisciplinary third-year course which explores the recent political and socio-economic evolution of selected societies in the East and the West. Specifically, it focuses on the dynamic interplay of political, economic and cultural forces at the state level of the international system. It also considers similar forces at the regional and global levels which may link or interact with them. While attention is given to the Third World, emphasis will be on Hong Kong and Greater China, Eastern Europe and the Soviet successor states, and the European Union in exploring such transitional currents.

POLS 3620 Contemporary Europe and Asia (3,2,1) (E)

Prerequisite: *For GIS major:* (1) POLS 1510 Foundations of Political Science; and (2) POLS 1520 Government and Politics of China, or POLS 1530 Government and Politics of Hong Kong, or POLS 2160 European Politics and Society: French Political and Government System, or POLS 2170 European Politics and Society: German Political Systems and Society

For ES major: EURO 1111-2 Europe: Unity and Diversity and EURO 2140 The Political Economy of the European Union

A course designed to integrate the study of Europe with a knowledge of Europe's relations with Asia since 1945. Emphasis is on the post-colonial development of Asian states' ties with Europe, and with Europe's economic, political, and cultural exchanges with Asia. The problems posed to Euro-Asian relations by relict anti-colonialism, by Cold War rivalries and by geo-strategic political economic competition will be examined within the framework of both continents' internal/external dynamics and the development of world trade, communication, and cultural interchange. The increased movement of Asian peoples to Europe and Europeans' renewed movement into Asia as part of the global processes and trends of the forecast "Asia-Pacific 21st Century" will be examined.

POLS 3630 Advanced Research Methods (3,2,1) (tbc)

Prerequisite: POLS 2110 Statistical and Survey Methods for Political Science

An elective course devoted to applied research methods, research design, theory building, advanced quantitative and qualitative analysis—particularly computer applications and methods appropriate for advanced work—network analysis, research methods for sensitive topics, and cross-sectional, longitudinal, and multi-method approaches. The use of data gathered from electronic databases and fieldwork will be emphasized. This course is open to GIS and European Studies majors only.

POLS 3650 International Organizations and Regimes (3,2,1) (tbc)

Prerequisite: POLS 1120 Introduction to Political Economy, POLS 1510 Foundations of Political Science and POLS 2130 Foundations of International Relations

Increasingly over the last century, nation-states have agreed to found, fund, and join international organizations whose task is to oversee and organize the myriad global interactions which have increasingly become a part of daily life. From transport to environmental pollution, from drug smuggling to AIDS, international organizations play a vital part in protecting life and imparting order to international intercourse. This course examines these international organizations and regimes which play such a vital role in today's world. This course is open to GIS majors only.