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ADVISING HANDBOOK

SPRING 2023



# ADVISING HANDBOOK

Hello Political Science Major,

This digital handbook has been designed with you in mind. It is meant to help you prepare for the coming semester. It includes:

- An outline of the typical 4-year sequence for POLS majors
- A complete list of POLS courses being offered in Spring 2023
- Information on our BA/MA and JD/MA programs
- Departmental scholarship information
- And more

If you have any questions or concerns, be sure to contact your advisor.

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## SPRING 2023



# FOUR YEAR PLAN

## Freshman Year

- ENGL 1010 - English Composition\*\* (3)
- POLS 1030 - American Government\*\* (3)
- Math Gen Ed\* (3-4)
  - (Must complete ALEKS Placement test)
- Intermediate Foreign Language I /B.A. (3)
- Elective (3)
  
- ENGL 1020 - English Comp/Analysis\*\* (3)
- POLS 1501 - International Relations\*\* (3)
- POLS 1101 or 1102 - Intro Ancient or Modern Political Thought\*\* (3)
- Intermediate Foreign Language II /B.A. (3)
- Elective (3)

Total: 30 hrs

## Sophomore Year

- ENGL 2201 or 2202 - Literary Heritage or Lit Heritage: African-American \*\* (3)
- POLS 1301 - Intro to Comparative Politics \*\* (3)
- History Gen Ed\* (3)
- Natural Science Gen Ed\* (4) [must include lab]
- Fine Arts Gen Ed\* (3)
  
- COMM 2381 - Oral Communication \*\* (3)
- UD POLS Political Theory (3)
- Natural Science\* (4) [must include lab]
- Elective (3)
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Total: 32 hrs

## Junior Year

- UD POLS American Government & Policy (3)
- UD POLS International Relations (3)
- UD POLS Comparative Politics (3)
- UD Elective (3)
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Total: 30 hrs

## Senior Year

- POLS 4212 - Const Law Civil Liberty \*\* (3)
  - OR
- POLS 4405 - Origin/Dev Amer Pol Thought \*\* (3)
- UD Elective (3)
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- POLS 4101 - Political Statistics \*\* (3)
- UD Elective (3)
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- Elective (3)

Total 28 - 31 hrs

Total Hours: 120 – 122

Total Hours Required for Graduation: 120



# IMPORTANT DATES

## Registration

November 14, 2022: Registration Opens for:

- Honors Students
- Veterans
- Students Registered with DRS
- UofM Global

November 15, 2022: Registration Opens for:

- Seniors
- Juniors

November 17, 2022: Registration Opens for:

- Sophomores
- Freshmen

January 13, 2023: Last Day of Regular Registration!

January 14 - 20, 2023: Late Registration Period (\$100 fee assessed)

## Drop / Withdraw Deadlines

January 20, 2023: Last Day to Add or Change Section

January 30, 2023: Last Day to Drop a Course

March 17, 2023: Last Day to Withdraw from a Course (a "W" will be assessed)

## Schedule

January 16, 2023: Martin Luther King Day (No Classes)

January 17, 2023: First Day of Classes

March 7 - 13: Spring Break (No Classes)

April 26, 2023: Last Day of Classes

April 28 - May 4: Exam Period

## Graduation

November 9, 2022: Last Day to Apply for Spring 2023 Graduation

April 5, 2023: Last Day to Apply for Summer 2023 Graduation

July 5, 2023: Last Day to Apply for Fall 2023 Graduation

**For more information go to:**

<https://www.memphis.edu/registrar/calendars/dates/23s-dates.php>



# COURSE OFFERINGS

**SPRING 2023**

# I WANT YOU TO TAKE **POLS 1030**



Development, structure, and processes of American system of government, including framing principles of U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights; structure and roles of President, Congress, and Supreme Court, and citizen participation in governing.



Inquire into the fundamental questions that have concerned  
humanity since the very beginning

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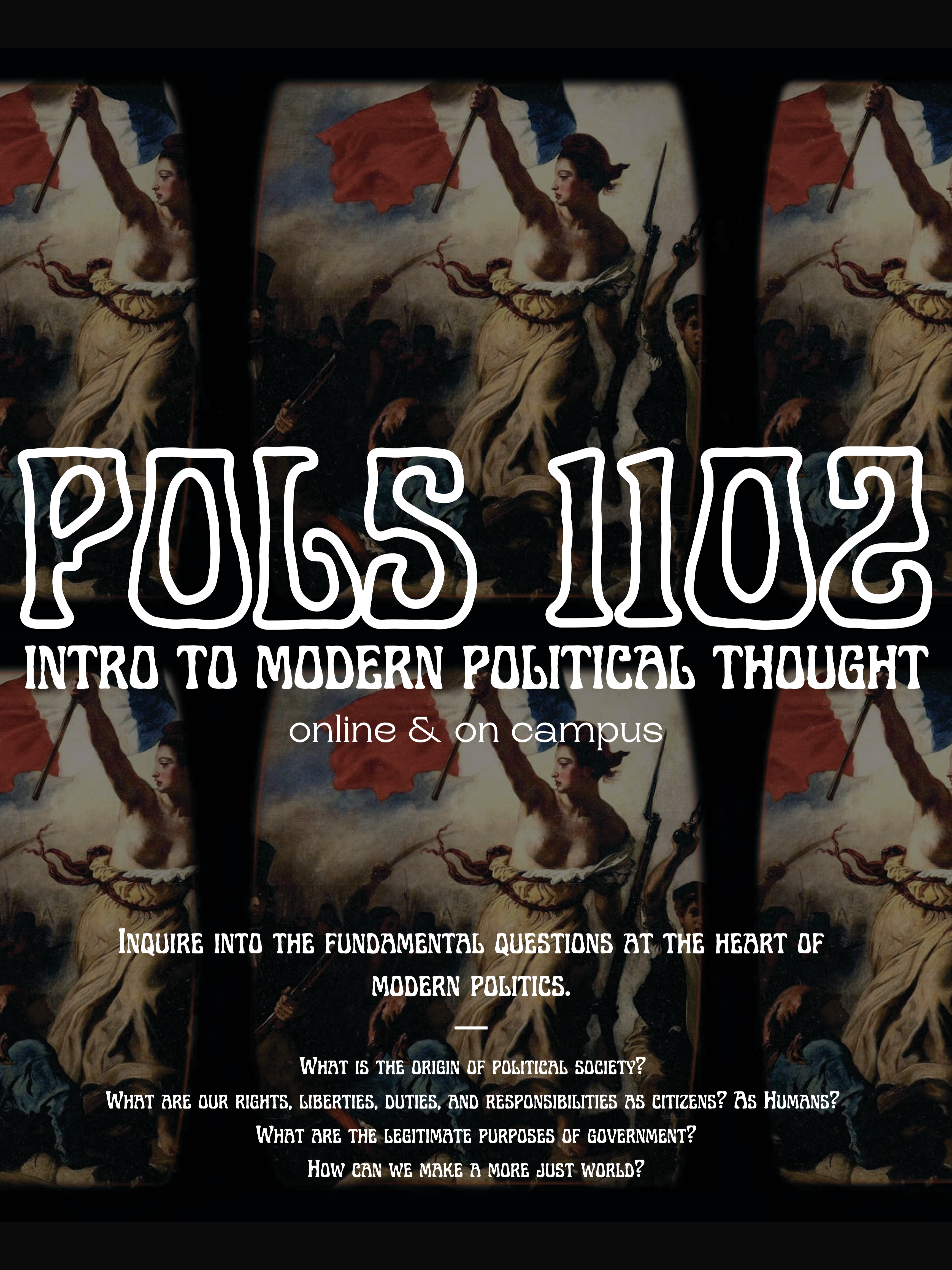
What is justice?  
Who should rule?  
What is the ideal political order?  
How do we find the good life?

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# POLS 1101

intro to ancient political thought

– online –



# POLS 1102

INTRO TO MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

online & on campus

INQUIRE INTO THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS AT THE HEART OF  
MODERN POLITICS.

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WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF POLITICAL SOCIETY?

WHAT ARE OUR RIGHTS, LIBERTIES, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS CITIZENS? AS HUMANS?

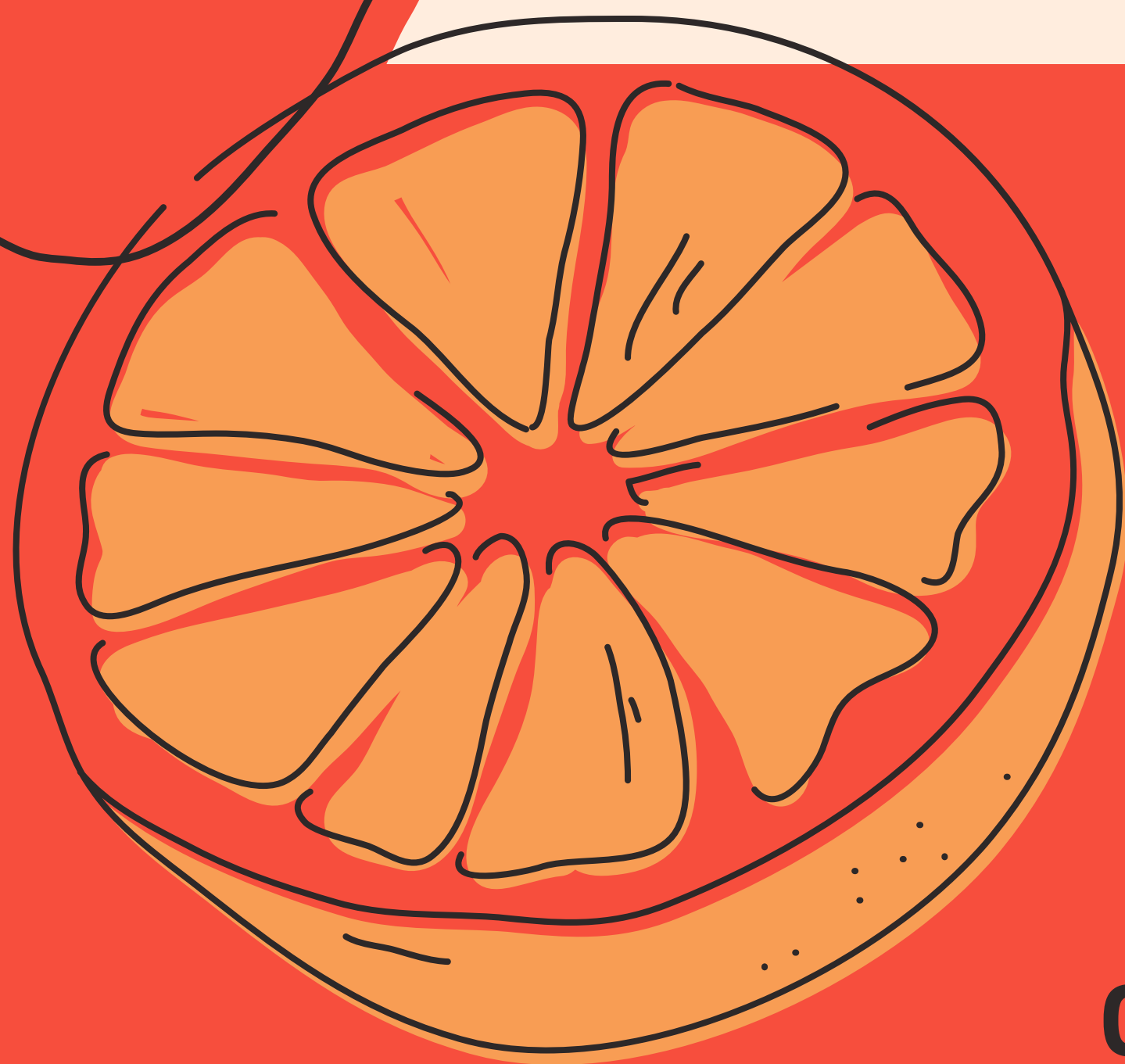
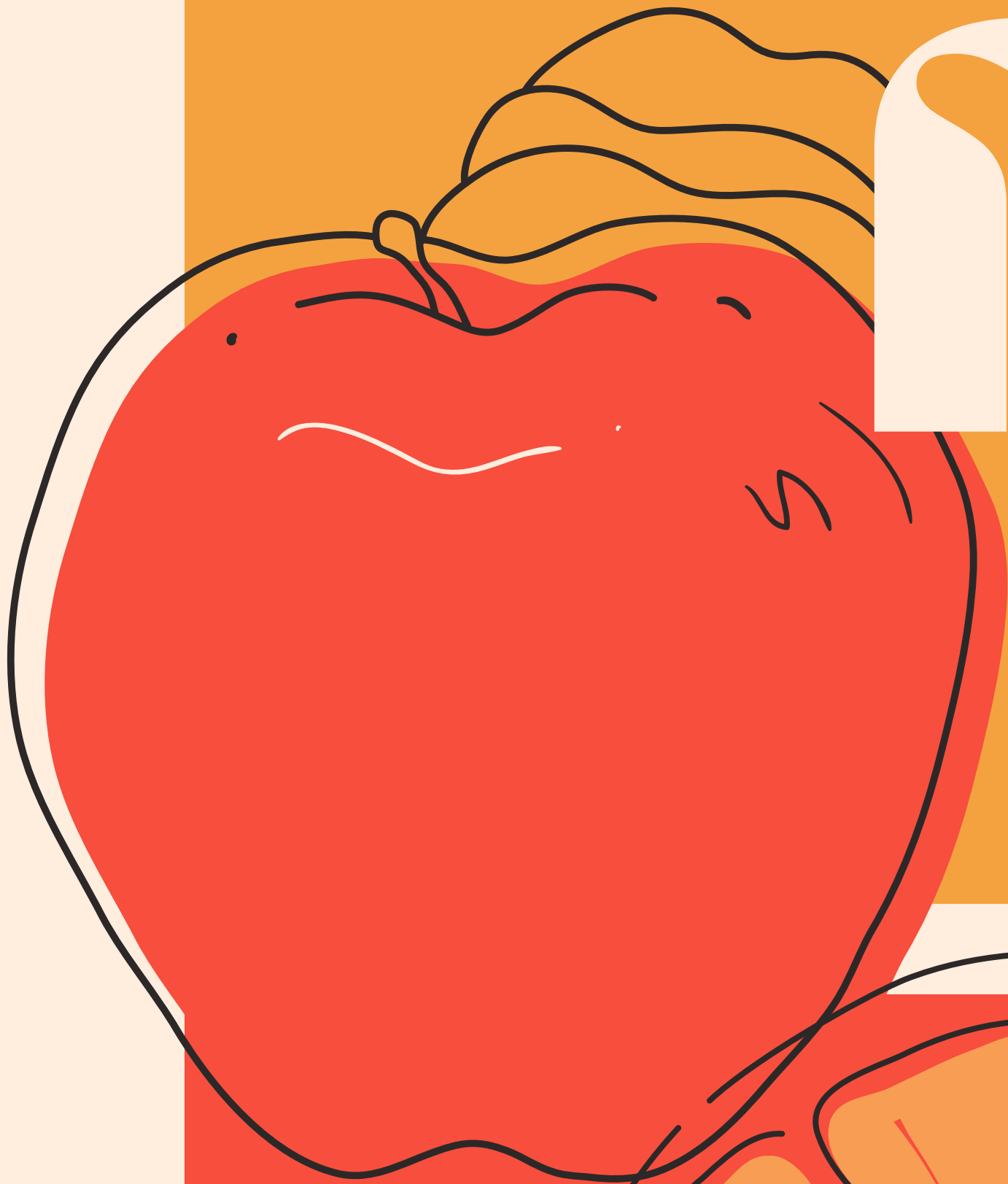
WHAT ARE THE LEGITIMATE PURPOSES OF GOVERNMENT?

HOW CAN WE MAKE A MORE JUST WORLD?



**COMPARATIVE  
POLITICS**

**POLS  
1301**



**ONLINE &  
ON CAMPUS**

**COMPARE INSTITUTIONS, ISSUES, PROCESSES, AND  
POLICIES IN A VARIETY OF POLITICAL SYSTEMS RANGING  
FROM ASIA, AFRICA, EUROPE, AND THE AMERICAS**



# POISS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 1501

Consider all the ways states interact with one another - war, peace, conflict competition, and cooperation. Of course, they're not alone. Other actors on the global stage, such as IGO's, NGO's, and MNC's, also help to shape and inform the complex world in which we live.

This course examines those interactions to help give students a better understanding of the world around them.

**ONLINE & ON CAMPUS**

# RELIGION & POLITICS

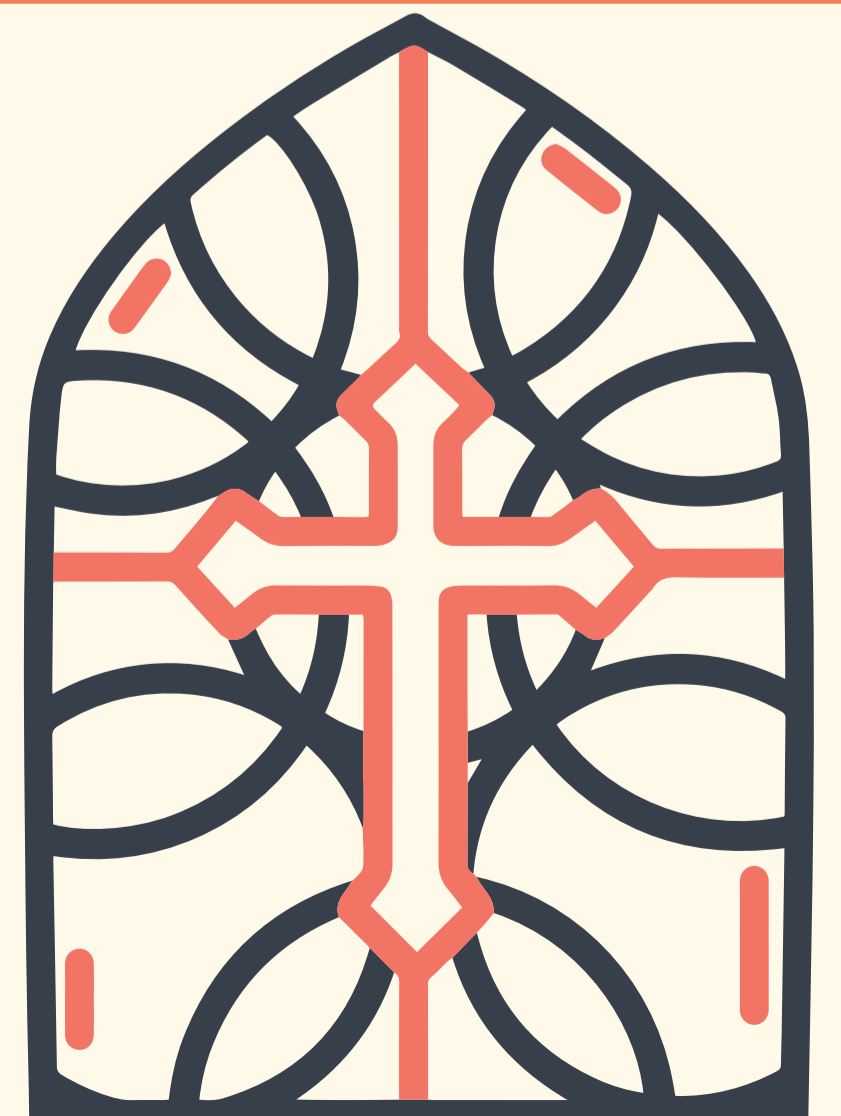
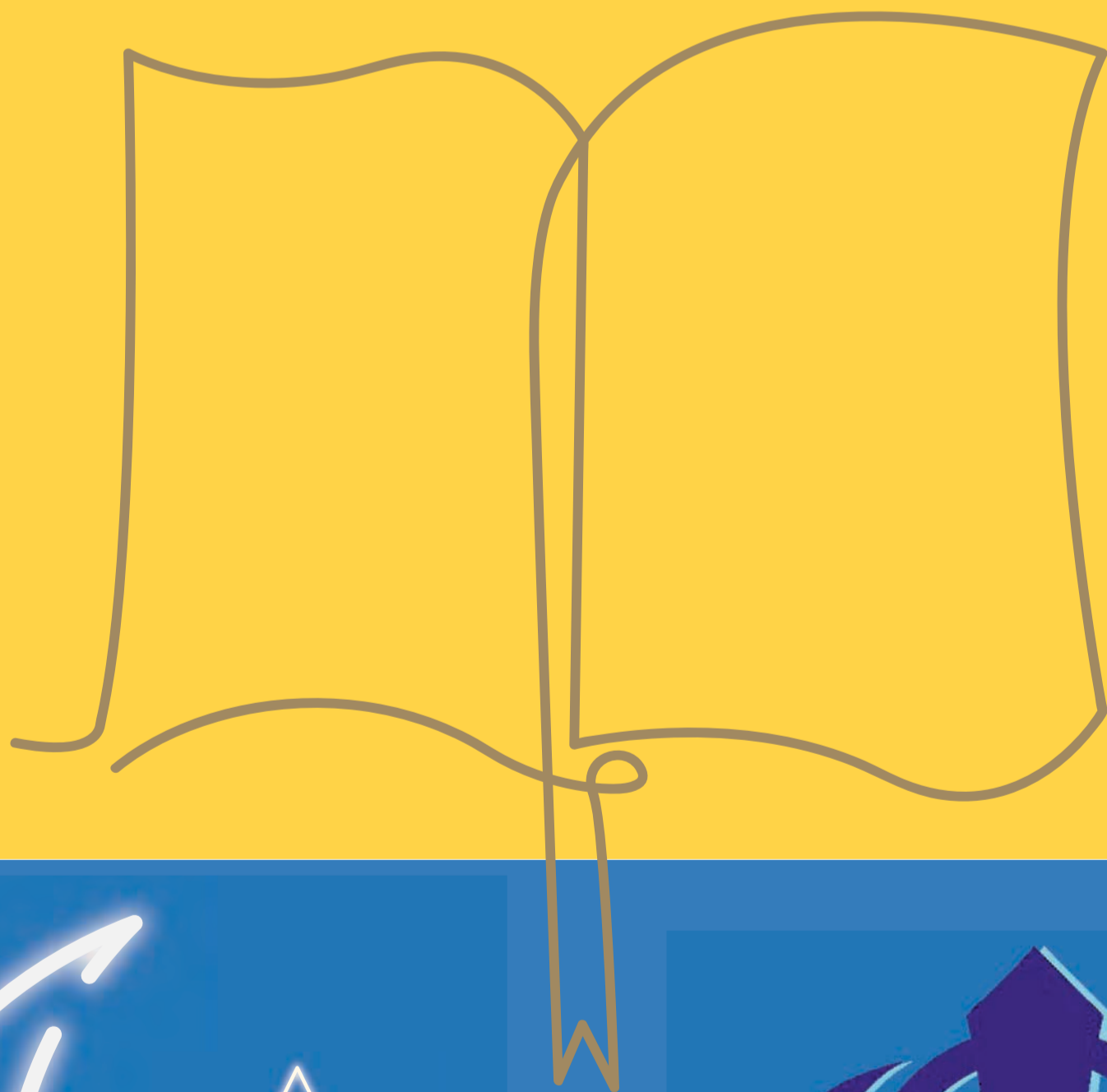
POLS 3102

MWF 11:30 - 12:25

Emily Fulmer



**WHAT ROLE DO RELIGION AND RELIGIOUS BELIEF PLAY IN POLITICS? THIS COURSE EMPHASIZES THE PLACE OF RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA AS WELL AS IN NATIONAL POLITICS. IT ALSO CONSIDERS THE EFFECTS OF RELIGION ON BEHAVIOR AND POLITICAL BELIEFS**





# POLLS 3216

POLITICAL PARTIES & ELECTIONS

ONLINE

DR. ERIC GROENENDYK

Political parties and elections in the American political system; emphasis on party organization and activities, campaign strategies and techniques, voting behavior, and two-party system.

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# POLS 3217



## THE POLITICAL MEDIA

DR. MOLLY HENDERSON

**ONLINE**

Examine the interactions between the political world and commercial media, emphasizing the variety of methods used by political elites to influence political perceptions



# PUBLIC OPINION

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Explore political attitudes and behavior while considering the sources of political knowledge as well as the the formation of political attitudes. Learn how public opinion is measured and consider why people vote the way they do.

**Online**  
**Dr. Kris-Stella Trump**

# POLS 3221

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ONLINE

# P O L S 3 2 2 3

EXTREMISM IN AMERICA



ANALYSIS OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN AMERICA,  
INCLUDING TERRORISTS INSPIRED BY LEFT-WING, RIGHT-  
WING, ENVIRONMENTAL, RELIGIOUS, AND ISLAMIST  
IDEOLOGIES.

# **POLES** } } 12

**MUSIC & POLITICS**

**GRANT BEATTY**

**MWF 10:20 - 11:15**

**LIKE MUSIC? INTERESTED IN POLITICS?  
IF SO, WE'VE GOT THE CLASS FOR YOU.**



# POHLS

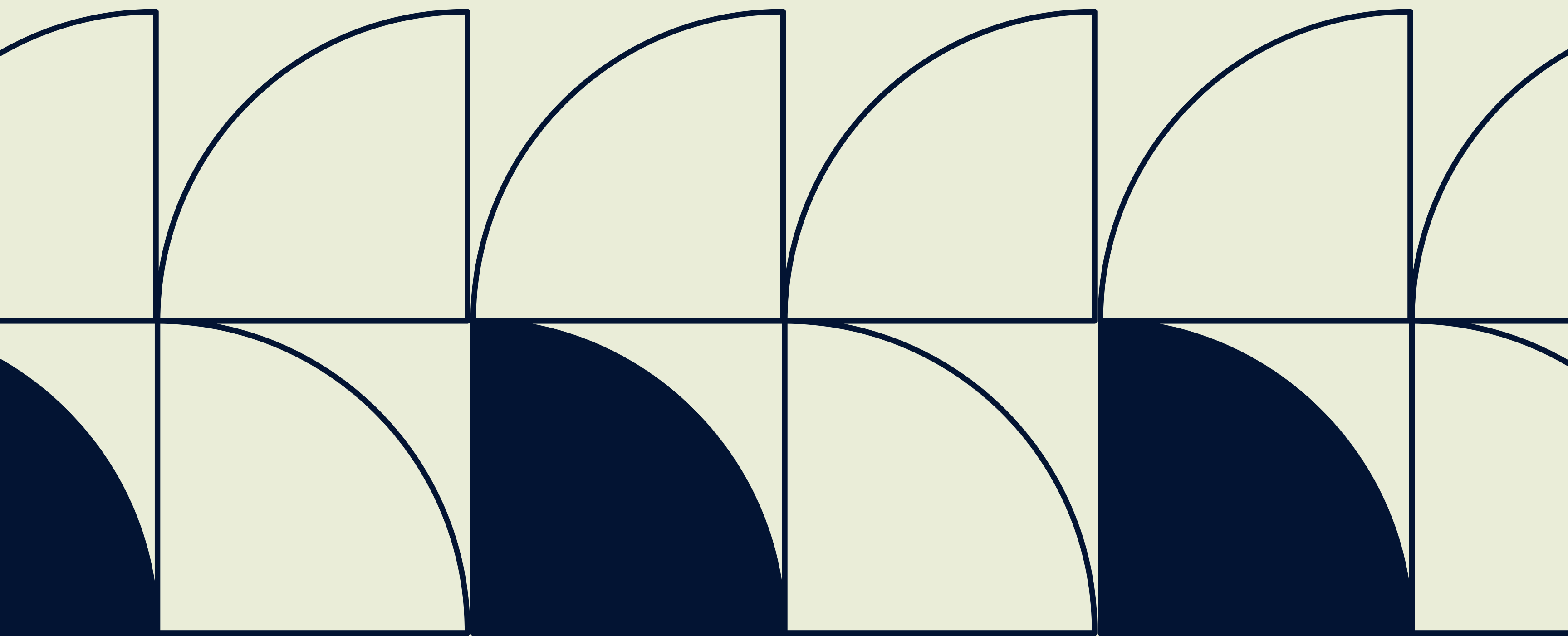
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POLITICS OF  
THE DEVELOPING WORLD

**ONLINE**

GRANT BEATTY

Exploration of politics of regions and countries typically labeled as “developing”; democratization, corruption, role of military in politics, debt, poverty, conflict, globalization, activities of non-governmental organizations.





MODERN LEGAL & POLITICAL THOUGHT

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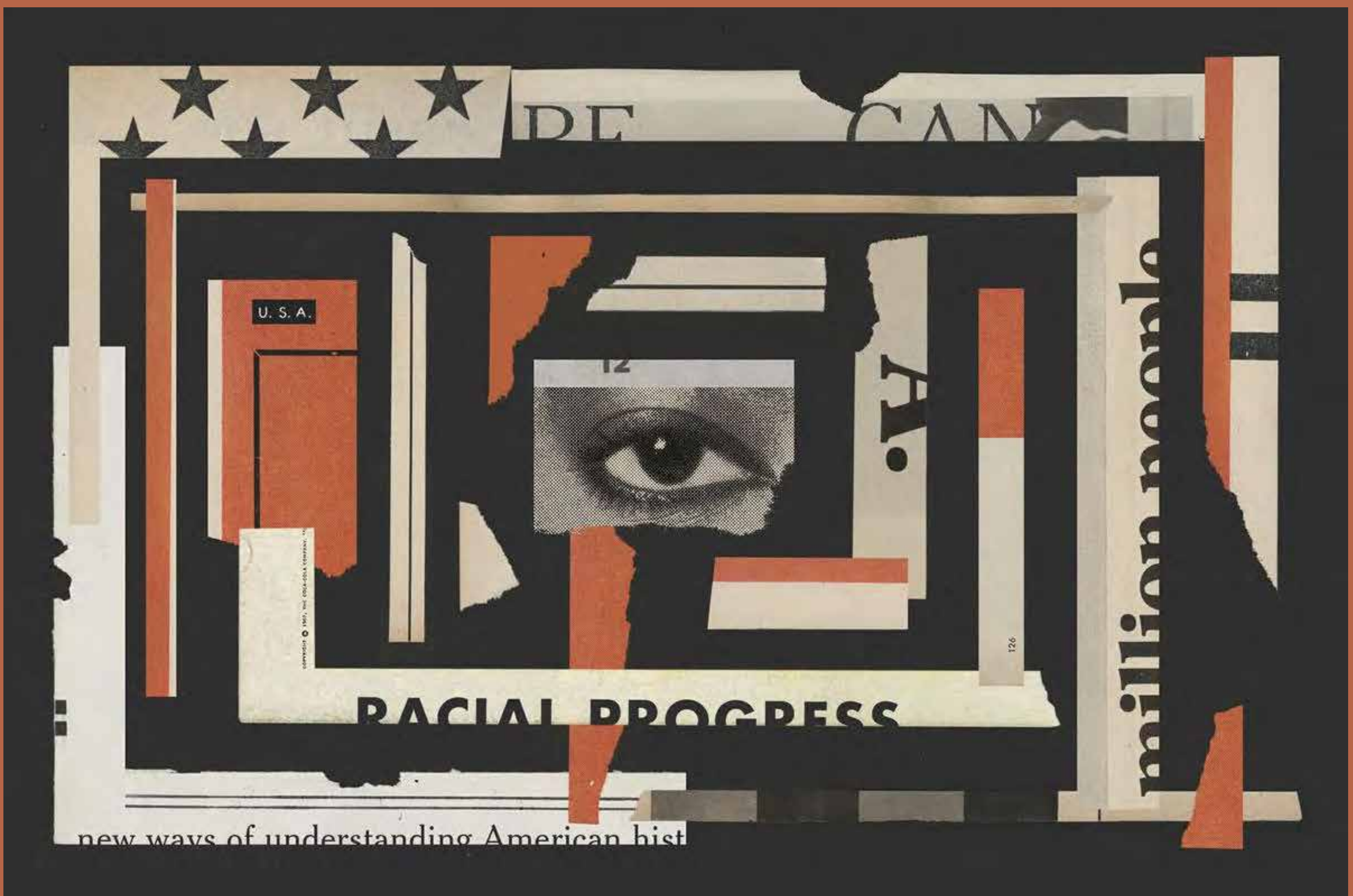
MW 12:40 - 2:05

**DR. DEREFE CHEVANNES**

CONSIDER QUESTIONS OF JUSTICE AND ITS  
RELATION TO LAW AND POLITICS. THIS COURSE  
EMPHASIZES CONFRONTATION BETWEEN EARLY  
AND RECENT MODERNITY.

# CRITICAL RACE THEORY

This course provides an in-depth analysis of the relationship between the law and race; raising fundamental questions about concepts of freedom, justice and equality.



**DR. DEREFE CREVIERES**

**MW 2:20 - 3:45**

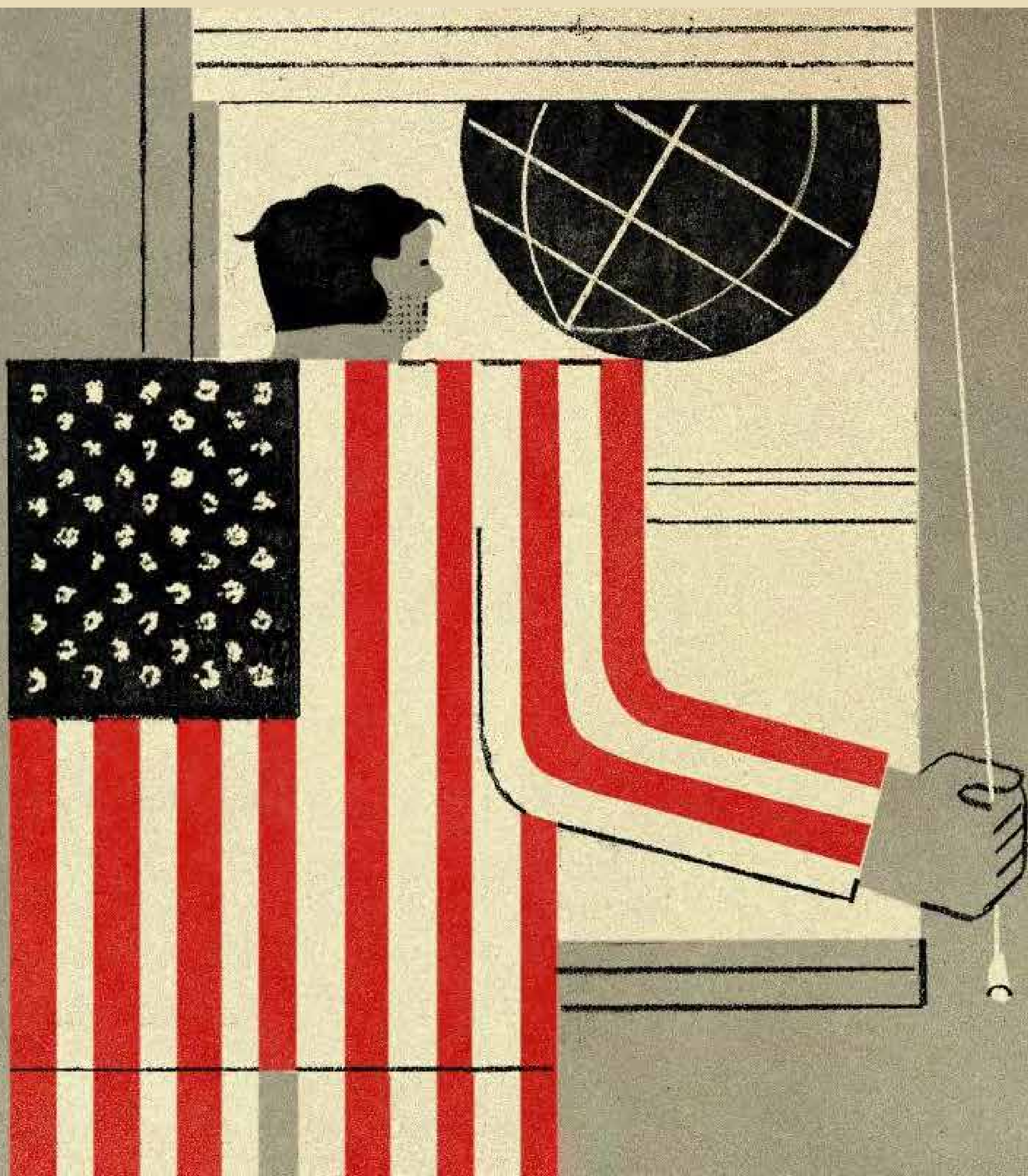
# POLS 3506

## AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

EXAMINE DOMESTIC SOURCES, IMPLEMENTATION,  
AND CONTENT OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY.

DR. DURSUN PEKSEN

TR 100 - 2:25





POLITICAL STATISTICS

# POLS 4101



**MWF 10:20 - 11:15**

W/ JEFF LEEDHAM

OR

**ONLINE**

W/ DR. KRIS-STELLA TRUMP

INTRODUCTION TO ANALYSIS OF QUANTITATIVE DATA AND STATISTICAL  
HYPOTHESIS TESTING IN THE FIELDS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE.



TR 11:20 -12:45

Ebony Dawkins-Meeks, JD

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

# POLS 4211

NATIONAL POWERS

CONSIDER THE SYSTEM OF CHECKS AND  
BALANCES FOUND IN THE U.S.  
CONSTITUTION AS WELL AS THE SYSTEM  
OF FEDERALISM IT CREATES. EMPHASIS  
ON ROLE OF SUPREME COURT AS  
ARBITER IN CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM.

TR 9:40 - 11:05  
Dr. Sharon Stanley

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW  
**POLS 4212**  
CIVIL LIBERTY

CONSIDER THE BACKGROUND, ROLE, AND  
LEGITIMATE EXTENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS  
AND LIBERTIES IN THE UNITED STATES.



**POLS 4230**

**LEGISLATIVE  
INTERNSHIP**

**INTERN AT THE STATE CAPITOL  
EARN COLLEGE CREDIT  
GET PAID!**

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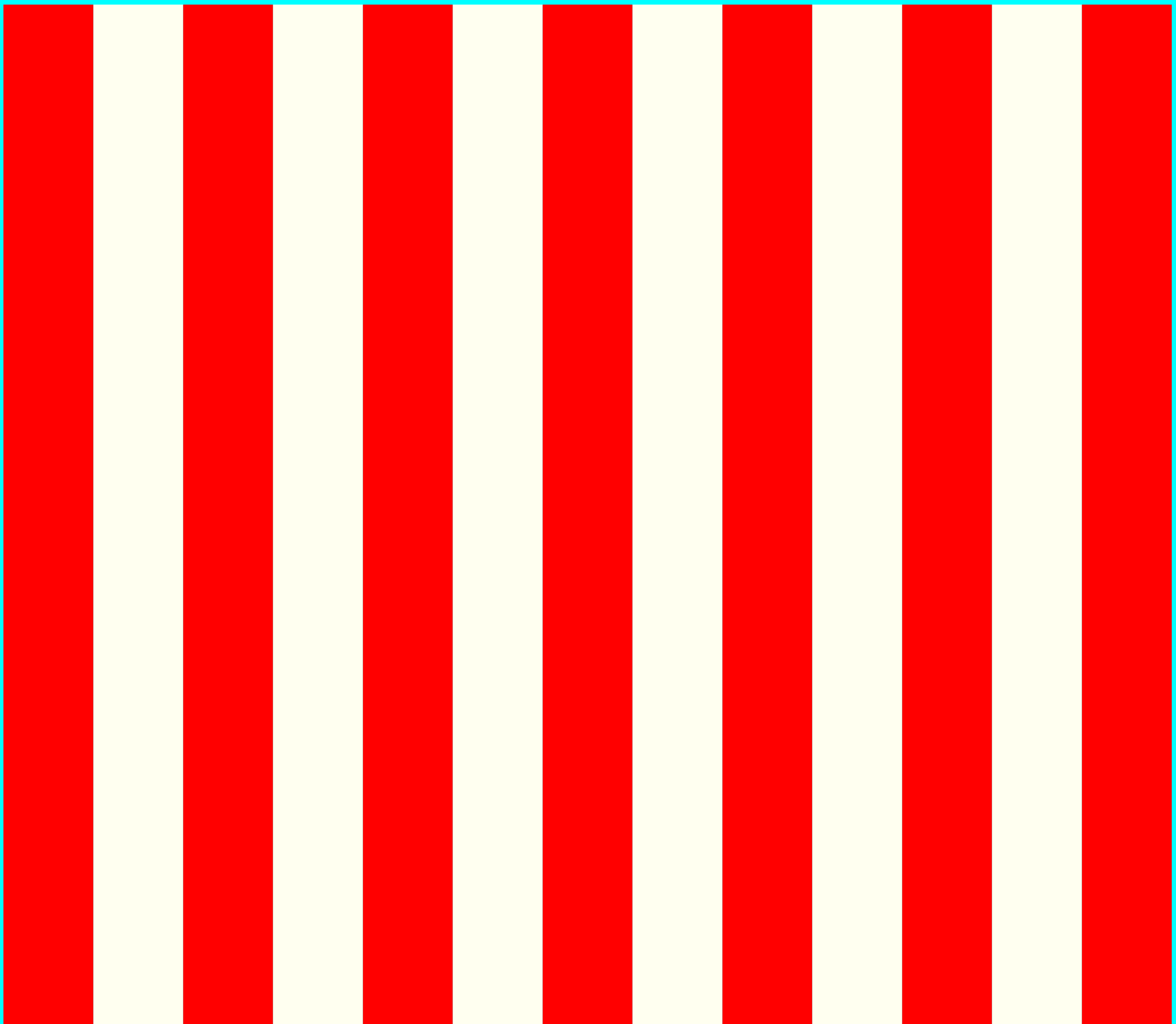
[capitol.tn.gov/intern](http://capitol.tn.gov/intern)



ORIGIN & DEVELOPMENT OF

POLS 4405

*American Political Thought*



**- online -**

explore the origin and development of political thought in the  
united states from the colonial past to the present day.

[polisci.memphis.edu](http://polisci.memphis.edu)

A black and white close-up photograph of a man's face. He has a serious, contemplative expression, looking directly at the camera. His right hand is raised to his face, with his fingers resting against his cheek and chin. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of his skin and the intensity of his gaze. The background is dark and out of focus.

MWF 9:10 - 10:05  
David Madlock

# POLS 4416

AFRICAN-AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT  
FROM 1900

Thought of representative African-Americans upon  
fundamental questions of justice, right, persuasion, power  
and accommodation in the twentieth century.



# **POIS 4504**

**INTERNATIONAL LAW**

**- ONLINE -**

*take an in-depth look at the nature, scope, duties, rights, and evolutionary trends of international law.*

ONLINE  
W/ EMILY FULMER



**THEORIES  
OF  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

Theoretical approaches to study of international politics; consideration of various schools of thought, methods, and substantive literatures.



# POLS 4510

## POLITICS OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

- ONLINE -

Consider the manner in which political processes affect and are affected by economic processes at the global level.

**LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION?**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:**

- Internships?
- Earning your MA?
- Law School?
- Scholarship opportunities?

**BE SURE TO  
TALK TO YOUR ADVISOR!**

INTERNSHIP

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# LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP

**INTERN AT THE STATE CAPITOL  
EARN COLLEGE CREDIT  
GET PAID!**

[capitol.tn.gov/intern](http://capitol.tn.gov/intern)



The Tennessee Legislative Intern Program was established in 1972 to provide Tennessee College and University students with an opportunity to work and learn in a hands on legislative environment. Each year 70 to 80 students from around the state participate in this program to learn about leadership responsibilities as well as develop legislative process skills. The interns assist legislative offices with their Legislative activities and work functions.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Juniors, Seniors, and Graduate Students in law, political science, history, administration, social work, economics, sociology, journalism, and related fields are eligible for this program.

Selection is based upon academic performance  
Qualified applications should have a minimum 3.0 GPA.  
The ideal applicant is also expected to show the ability to conduct professional research, demonstrate a committed work-ethic, and possess strong intrapersonal skills.

### BENEFITS

A stipend of \$400 per week will be paid to each intern,  
Interns will receive reimbursement for travel as well as a one-time advance to help cover relocation expenses

### ACADEMIC CREDIT

Interns can earn up to six hours of academic credit.

### DUTIES

Interns will be assigned to legislative leadership offices and committees. Duties will vary from office to office, but will include bill analysis, constituent work, research and general office work. Interns will also be expected to attend weekly meetings.

### PROJECTS, TOURS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

The intern class participates in various projects and tours. Some samples of tours are, a maximum-security prison, the State Capitol, the Bicentennial Mall and The Tennessee Supreme Court. Past projects included the Great Strides Project for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Habitat for Humanity and collecting food for the Second Harvest Food Bank. Some of the guest speakers included Chief Justice Sharon Lee and TBI Director Mark Gwyn.

### HOW TO APPLY

Interested students should contact PROF. EBONY DAWKINS  
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# OTHER INTERNSHIPS

## **Work in Washington!**

We can help place you in the halls of Congress.

## **Washington Center**

The Washington Center (TWC) for Internships and Academic Seminars is a highly competitive internship program in Washington, DC that includes an internship, academic coursework and real-life experiences in the nation's capital.

## **Urban Fellows Program**

The UFP is a year-round initiative that offers local college students the opportunity to intern with various divisions of the City of Memphis Government. The program serves primarily to enhance the interaction of area college students with the City, advancing the purpose of getting students to consider employment after graduation..

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
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## **POLITICAL SCIENCE**

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# **ACCELERATED BA / MA**

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This program allows outstanding undergraduates to begin the coursework for the Master of Arts in Political Science during their senior year. Students are encouraged to begin planning to enter the Accelerated B.A./M.A. program early in their undergraduate career, in consultation with the advisor in the Department of Political Science.

To apply, students must:

- Have a minimum 3.25 GPA
- Submit two reference letters
- Send a copy of their transcript to the Political Science department.
- Complete an interview with the graduate academic coordinator in Political Science.

**INTERESTED IN EARNING YOUR M.A.?  
GET A HEAD START**

## POLITICAL SCIENCE

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# Dual JD / MA

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### A. Program Admission:

Admission to the dual program will require separate admission to each program. However, for applications to the joint program, the Political Science Department will accept LSAT scores in lieu of the GRE. Students are admitted into each program separately; completion of one degree is not contingent upon completion of both.

### B. Program Requirements:

#### Dual Credit

Students may earn up to a maximum of sixteen hours of dual credit for law courses taken at the law school. The remaining hours toward the M.A. in Political Science must be taken in Political Science. The following courses will qualify for both the J.D. and M.A. in Political Science:

- Law Courses Required at Law School
  - Constitutional Law | 4 hours,
  - Criminal Law | 3 hours,
  - Criminal Procedure I | 3 hours
  - Law School Electives | 6 hours

### C. Other Requirements

For students in the dual program, their first year of law school must include only classes that are part of the J.D. program.

With the above exceptions, all the normal requirements for admission and graduation for a J.D. and for an M.A. in Political Science apply.

**Want more from your law degree?**

**Earn Two Degrees at Once!**



## THE LISA HUFFSTETLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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The University of Memphis has created the Lisa Huffstetler Memorial Scholarship in Political Science, thanks to a generous gift from Shannon Hayes (BA '09). Lisa Huffstetler had served as an instructor in the Department of Political Science for more than 10 years when she suddenly passed away in 2014. She touched the lives of her students, colleagues, and friends - leaving behind a legacy that will not soon be forgotten.

The scholarship is available online through the Tiger Scholarship Manager. We will begin accepting applications in the fall. The scholarship will be awarded in the spring. Qualified candidates are encouraged to apply.

#### Criteria:

- Full-time undergraduates majoring in Political Science classified as rising sophomores, juniors or seniors.
- A personal statement from the student, sharing their accomplishments, hardships, interests in the field of Political Science or other relevant information.
- A preference for students who were emancipated minors or adopted in their teens.
- A preference for need.
- Minimum GPA of 2.5.
  - Students with a GPA below 3.0 should describe the circumstances which may have affected their GPA in their personal statement.