

# GVPT - GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

## GVPT402 International Law (3 Credits)

A study of the basic character, general principles and specific rules of international law, with emphasis on recent and contemporary trends in the field and its relation to other aspects of international affairs.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT200.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program; and junior standing or higher.

## GVPT404 Political Economy of Foreign Aid (3 Credits)

The world spends hundreds of billions of dollars on foreign aid every year. The effects of this aid spending are controversial. Research supports both pessimistic and optimistic views of foreign aid's effectiveness, with little consensus. Where does aid money go? What are the motivations of aid donors? Is foreign aid effective at achieving its goals? Why or why not? This course is designed to survey the promise and the challenges of foreign aid as a policy tool. The first half of the course will focus on the motivations and goals of foreign aid. We will consider various foreign aid donors, such as countries, institutions, and individuals, to understand the motivations behind and effects of foreign aid. We will create a typology of foreign aid agendas, motivations, and donors. The second half of the course will consider the challenges specific to foreign aid. This includes both technical challenges and political challenges. We will consider the strategies that aid donors and organizations have taken to try to overcome these challenges.

**Recommended:** GVPT200.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics or Government & Politics: International Relations program.

**Credit Only Granted for:** GVPT409R or GVPT404.

**Formerly:** GVPT409R.

## GVPT406 International Organizations (3 Credits)

A basic introduction to the full range of international organizations that have come into being over the past century and one-half, including those that aspire to be universal or global, those with a geopolitical or regional focus, and those that address specific structural or functional areas of human endeavor or issue areas.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT200.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program; and junior standing or higher. Or must be in Government & Politics: International Relations program; and junior standing or higher.

## GVPT407 International Political Economy (3 Credits)

Introduces the field of international political economy, which analyzes the ways in which economic and political changes produce both economic and political reactions.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT200.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program; and junior standing or higher.

## GVPT409 Seminar in International Relations and World Politics (3 Credits)

Reading, writing, and research on topics in international relations and world politics. Both substantive issues and methodological approaches will be considered.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT200.

**Restriction:** Must be in one of the following programs (Government & Politics; Government & Politics: International Relations) ; and junior standing or higher.

**Repeatable to:** 9 credits if content differs.

## GVPT410 Politics of Nationalist and Ethnic Conflict (3 Credits)

An examination of the major causes and consequences of ethnic, nationalist, and separatist conflict. The course will focus on both theories of ethnicity and nationalism, as well as theories of conflict related to these issues. The course will also explore empirical trends in ethnic and nationalist politics.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT200.

**Restriction:** Must be in one of the following programs (Government & Politics; Government & Politics: International Relations).

**Credit Only Granted for:** GVPT409M or GVPT410.

**Formerly:** GVPT409M.

## GVPT411 Conflict in the International System (3 Credits)

In this course, we will examine conflict, peace, and conflict resolution in contemporary international politics. We will interrogate what we mean by concepts such as peace, conflict, and violence, the different forms that these phenomena can take, and how we can measure their occurrence. We will discuss theoretical explanations for why individuals and groups have disputes, why these actors choose to use violence (or not) in these disputes, and ways in which violent disputes can be resolved peacefully. We will examine these arguments in a detailed study of conflicts in the Middle East, as well as by evaluating published articles that examine the effectiveness of conflict management strategies such as peacekeeping.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT200.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics or Government & Politics: International Relations program.

**Credit Only Granted for:** GVPT409P or GVPT411.

**Formerly:** GVPT409P.

## GVPT413 Peace, Justice, and Conflict Resolution (3 Credits)

An examination of classic and contemporary perspectives on peace, justice, and conflict resolution after armed conflict. The goal of this course is to expose students to the advantages, risks, and challenges of the most prominent methods of conflict mitigation and resolution, including mediation and arbitration; peacekeeping, peacemaking, and peacebuilding; the protection of civilians, Responsibility to Protect, and humanitarian assistance; elections, democratization, and power-sharing; and transitional reconciliation and justice. We will do this by reading, discussing, and synthesizing classic and cutting-edge Political Science research on these topics.

**Recommended:** GVPT200.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics or Government & Politics: International Relations program.

**Credit Only Granted for:** GVPT409A or GVPT413.

**Formerly:** GVPT409A.

## GVPT414 International Relations of East Asia (3 Credits)

An examination of international relations in East Asia, focusing mostly on Northeast Asia. The course will provide some background on the evolution of international politics in the region over the past several decades, and will examine several contemporary issues—including the North Korean nuclear issue, the relationship across the Taiwan Strait, and maritime disputes in the East and South China Seas—in depth.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT200.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics or Government & Politics: International Relations program.

**Credit Only Granted for:** GVPT409E or GVPT414.

**Formerly:** GVPT409E.

**GVPT417 Seminar in Advanced Topics in Environmental Policy Analysis (3 Credits)**

A series of critical tools and methods used to analyze environmental policy. This class should be of interest to students who are either considering a career or graduate studies in environmental protection.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT273.

**Restriction:** Must be in one of the following programs (Government & Politics; Environmental Sci&Policy-Env Politics & Policy).

**Credit Only Granted for:** GVPT419B or GVPT417.

**Formerly:** GVPT419B.

**GVPT419 Seminar in Public Policy (3 Credits)**

Reading, writing, and research on topics in public policy. Both substantive issues and methodological approaches will be considered.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT241 and GVPT170.

**Recommended:** GVPT270.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program.

**Repeatable to:** 6 credits if content differs.

**GVPT420 The Logic and Practice of Measuring Political Behavior (3 Credits)**

Introduction to concepts and practices used for measuring political behavior. Political analysis is an increasingly quantitative field. It is crucial for students of political behavior to learn how to define concepts in concrete ways, examine different methods of measuring concepts, learn how to test the quality of chosen measures, learn how to construct richer measures out of multiple questions, and finally how to examine the relationship between multiple measures of similar concepts. Common pitfalls, errors, bias, and ethics will be examined along the way.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT201.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program; or must be in Government & Politics: International Relations program.

**GVPT421 Advanced Quantitative Methods (3 Credits)**

Advanced quantitative methods for political science research.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT201.

**Restriction:** Must be in one of the following programs (Government & Politics; Government & Politics: International Relations).

**GVPT422 Quantitative Political Analysis (3 Credits)**

Introduction to quantitative methods of data analysis, including selected statistical methods, block analysis, content analysis, and scale construction.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT241 and GVPT170.

**Recommended:** GVPT220.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program.

**GVPT423 Elections and Electoral Behavior (3 Credits)**

An examination of various topics relating to elections; the focus includes the legal structure under which elections are conducted, the selection and nomination process, the conduct of election campaigns, and patterns of political participation and voting choice in different types of elections.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT241 and GVPT170.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program.

**GVPT424 Quantitative Study of International Relations (3 Credits)**

A comprehensive introduction to the quantitative study of international conflict. Students will perform statistical analysis of international conflict data using the R software platform.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT201.

**Restriction:** Must be in one of the following programs (Government & Politics; Government & Politics: International Relations).

**Credit Only Granted for:** GVPT409H (Fall 2015 and Fall 2016) or GVPT424.

**Formerly:** GVPT409H (Fall 2015 and Fall 2016).

**GVPT428 Topics in Formal Theories of Political Behavior and Politics (3 Credits)**

An evaluation of theories of political behavior such as game, social choice and voting theory, and their applications to problems of distribution and social justice, community organizing, responsive public policy, institutional design, and alliance and coalition formation.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT241 and GVPT221.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program.

**Repeatable to:** 6 credits if content differs.

**GVPT429 Problems in Political Behavior (3 Credits)**

The problem approach to political behavior with emphasis on theoretical and empirical studies on selected aspects of the political process.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT241.

**Recommended:** GVPT220.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program.

**GVPT431 Introduction to Constitutional Law (3 Credits)**

A systematic inquiry into the general principles of the American constitutional system, with special reference to the role of the judiciary in the interpretation and enforcement of the federal constitution.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT170 and GVPT331.

**Restriction:** Must be in one of the following programs (Government & Politics; Government & Politics: International Relations) ; and junior standing or higher.

**GVPT432 Civil Rights and the Constitution (3 Credits)**

A study of civil rights in the American constitutional context, emphasizing freedom of religion, freedom of expression, minority discrimination, and the rights of defendants.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT170 and GVPT331.

**Restriction:** Must be in one of the following programs (Government & Politics; Government & Politics: International Relations).

**GVPT439 Seminar in Public Law (3 Credits)**

Reading, writing, and research on topics in public law. Both substantive issues and methodological approaches will be considered.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT241 and GVPT170.

**Recommended:** GVPT331.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program; and junior standing or higher.

**Repeatable to:** 6 credits if content differs.

**GVPT442 History of Political Theory--Medieval to Recent (3 Credits)**

A survey of the principal theories set forth in the works of writers from Machiavelli to Nietzsche.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT241.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program.

**GVPT443 Contemporary Political Theory (3 Credits)**

A survey of the principal political theories and ideologies set forth in the works of writers from Karl Marx to the present.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT241.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program.

**GVPT445 Marxism and Postmarxism (3 Credits)**

The study of Marxist thought and an assessment of the critical transformations and reassessments of the theory and practice of Marxism.

**Restriction:** Must be in a major within BSOS-Government & Politics department.

**GVPT448 Non-Western Political Thought (3 Credits)**

Examination of works by major authors and general themes of political thought originating in Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. This is not a survey of all non-Western political thought, but a course to be limited by the professor with each offering.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT241.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program.

**Additional Information:** Permission of department required for repeat.

**GVPT449 Seminar in Political Philosophy (3 Credits)**

Reading, writing, and research on topics in political philosophy. Both substantive issues and methodological approaches will be considered.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT241.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program.

**Repeatable to:** 6 credits if content differs.

**GVPT454 Seminar in the International Relations of China (3 Credits)**

Explores the foreign relations behavior of the People's Republic of China, with focus on the contemporary era.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT200.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program; and junior standing or higher. Or must be in Government & Politics: International Relations program; and junior standing or higher.

**GVPT456 The Politics of Terrorism (3 Credits)**

Examination of the definition, causes and organization of terrorist activity, along with key domestic and international counter- and anti-terrorism responses. Special emphasis on challenges and opportunities to the scientific study of terrorism.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT200.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program; or must be in Government & Politics: International Relations program.

**Credit Only Granted for:** GVPT456 or GVPT459T.

**Formerly:** GVPT459T.

**GVPT457 American Foreign Relations (3 Credits)**

The principles and machinery of the conduct of American foreign relations and an analysis of the major foreign policies of the United States.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT200.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program; and junior standing or higher.

**GVPT458 Special Topics in Study Abroad IV (1-6 Credits)**

Special topics course taken as part of an approved study abroad program.

**Repeatable to:** 15 credits if content differs.

**GVPT459 Seminar in Comparative Politics (3 Credits)**

Reading, writing, and research on topics in comparative politics. Both substantive issues and methodological approaches will be considered.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT200; and (GVPT282 or GVPT280).

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program; or must be in Government & Politics: International Relations program.

**Repeatable to:** 6 credits if content differs.

**GVPT460 State Politics and Government (3 Credits)**

A study of the structure, procedures and policies of state governments with special emphasis on intergovernmental relationships, and with illustrations from Maryland governmental arrangements.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT241 and GVPT170.

**Recommended:** GVPT260.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program; or must be in Government & Politics: International Relations program.

**GVPT461 Local Politics and Government (3 Credits)**

An introduction to local government and politics in the U.S. context. The course explores the evolution of local jurisdictions, particularly cities, and the politics of local level decision making.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT170.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program; or must be in Government & Politics: International Relations program.

**Credit Only Granted for:** GVPT461 or GVPT479L.

**Formerly:** GVPT479L.

**GVPT473 The U.S. Congress (3 Credits)**

A detailed survey of lawmaking and the legislative process, emphasizing the U.S. Congress, and its members.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT241 and GVPT170.

**Restriction:** Junior standing or higher. And must be in Government & Politics program; or must be in Government & Politics: International Relations program.

**GVPT474 Political Parties (3 Credits)**

A descriptive and analytical examination of American political parties, nominations, elections, and political leadership.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT241 and GVPT170.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program.

**GVPT475 The Presidency and the Executive Branch (3 Credits)**

An examination of the U.S. presidency in historical and contemporary perspective: nomination and electoral politics and the president's place in policy-making, administration, and public opinion.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT241 and GVPT170.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program; and junior standing or higher.

**GVPT476 The Business Government Relationship (3 Credits)**

Examines the structures, process, and outcomes of business and government and the politics and products of their cooperative-adversarial relationships in the United States. The design integrates interest group and administrative politics and the public policy process.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT241 and GVPT170.

**Recommended:** GVPT270.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program.

**GVPT477 Voting and Participation (3 Credits)**

A study of the factors that influence individual vote choice and voter participation in the U.S. The course will introduce political science research pertaining to both topics and will engage current controversies over such things as political campaign laws and the various state and federal rules that govern election administration.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT170 and GVPT241.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program.

**GVPT479 Seminar in American Politics (3 Credits)**

Reading, writing, and research on topics in American politics. Both substantive issues and methodological approaches will be considered.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT241 and GVPT170.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program; and junior standing or higher.

**Repeatable to:** 6 credits if content differs.

**GVPT481 Government and Administration of Russia and the States of the Former Soviet Union (3 Credits)**

A comparative study of the governmental systems and political processes of the states of the former Soviet Union.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT200; and (GVPT282 or GVPT280).

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program.

**GVPT482 Government and Politics of Latin America (3 Credits)**

A comparative study of the governmental systems and political processes of the Latin American countries.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program; or must be in Government & Politics: International Relations program.

**GVPT484 Government and Politics of Africa (3 Credits)**

A comparative study of the governmental systems and political processes of the African countries, with special emphasis on the problems of nation-building in emergent countries.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT282 or GVPT280.

**Restriction:** Must be in one of the following programs (Government & Politics; Government & Politics: International Relations).

**GVPT485 Government and Politics of the Middle East (3 Credits)**

A comparative study of the governmental systems and political processes of Middle Eastern countries, with special emphasis on the problems of nation-building in emergent countries.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT200; and (GVPT282 or GVPT280).

**Restriction:** Must be in Government & Politics program.

**Credit Only Granted for:** GVPT485 or GVPT459E.

**Formerly:** GVPT459E.

**GVPT487 Government and Politics of China (3 Credits)**

Discussion of major issues in the study of the domestic politics of the People's Republic of China.

**Restriction:** Must be in one of the following programs (Government & Politics; Government & Politics: International Relations) ; and junior standing or higher.

**Credit Only Granted for:** GVPT359A or GVPT487.

**Formerly:** GVPT359A.

**GVPT600 Professionalization Seminar in Political Science (1 Credit)**

An introduction to the practices, norms, and expectations of professional political science.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government and Politics (Doctoral) program.

**GVPT601 Research Design for Political Analytics (3 Credits)**

A graduate-level introduction to empirical research techniques used in political science. The course covers different approaches to answering empirical research questions and addresses the strengths and limitations of different research decisions. Students who successfully complete the course will be able to conceptualize and design an empirical research project, as well as evaluate the research designs used in the research projects conducted by other social scientists.

**Restriction:** Must be in the Applied Political Analytics Master of Science program; or permission of department.

**GVPT604 Introduction to War and Armed Conflict in World Politics (3 Credits)**

Examines major theories of both international and civil wars and reviews major empirical studies that test theories of conflict. The topics include the onset of armed conflict, the duration and outcomes of wars, and the durability of peace in the aftermath of wars. The focus is on developing an understanding of central debates in the literature and primary empirical findings from quantitative and cross-national analyses that are of policy relevance.

**Recommended:** GVPT200.

**Restriction:** Must be in the MA in International Relations program; or permission of Government and Politics department.

**GVPT605 Introduction to Conflict and Cooperation in the World Economy (3 Credits)**

This seminar examines major theoretical approaches and empirical studies of international political economy, contemporary dynamics of globalization, the role of domestic politics in the formation of foreign economic policies of states, the dynamics of international trade and investment disputes, and role of international institutions in multi-lateral governance of the world economy. The focus is on developing an understanding of central debates in the literature and primary empirical findings from quantitative and cross-national analyses that are of policy relevance.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT604.

**Restriction:** Must be in the International Relations Master's program; or permission of Government and Politics department.

**GVPT606 Introduction to International Institutions and International Law (3 Credits)**

This seminar examines major theoretical approaches and empirical studies of international law and institutions relating to international political economy and international security. Topics to be covered include the sources of international law and the development of core legal principles in the post-WWII ear, the role of international economic institutions such as WTO, IMF, and World Bank in the global economy, and the influence of international institutions such as the UN Security Council, World Court, and International Criminal Court in addressing international security issues. Larger questions about the effectiveness of the WTO, Laws of War, and International Human Rights Law will be considered. The focus is on developing an understanding of central debates in the literature and primary empirical findings from quantitative and cross-national analyses that are of policy relevance.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT604.

**Restriction:** Must be in the International Relations Master's program; or permission of Government and Politics department.

**GVPT621 Coding in Statistical Software (3 Credits)**

Introduction to different statistical software packages used in empirical political research. Instruction to beginner and intermediate programming in STATA and R.

**Restriction:** Must be in the Applied Political Analytics Master of Science program; or permission of department.

**GVPT622 Quantitative Methods For Political Science (3 Credits)**

Introduction to quantitative methods of data analysis, with emphasis on statistical methods and computer usage. Measures of association, probability, correlation, linear regression estimation techniques, introductory analysis of variance, and use of package computer programs.

**GVPT624 National Security and International Relations (3 Credits)**

Introduction to key areas of research in national security and international relations. Students will learn the major approaches to empirical research on national and international security and work with datasets focused on terrorist attacks and civil conflict.

**Restriction:** Must be in the Applied Political Analytics Master of Science program; or permission of department.

**GVPT628 Advanced Topics in Coding for Political Analysis (3 Credits)**

Students will explore advanced statistical software relevant to political data analysis. Specific topics may include Python, SQL, and GIS, among others. Provides students with advanced programming and coding skills valuable to employers, and expands abilities beyond R.

**Restriction:** Must be in Applied Political Analytics (APAN); or permission of department.

**Repeatable to:** 6 credits if content differs.



**GVPT629 Seminar in Research Design (1 Credit)**

This is designed to extend and deepen graduate students understanding of research design in empirical political science. Focus is placed on major issues in planning a research project: developing strong theories, formulating clear hypotheses, and crafting strategies to test theories and rule out rival, alternative explanations. Also, issues of effective communication of research will be considered. To get beyond abstractions, examples of research in American politics will be considered and evaluated. Technical issues of statistical analysis or broader epistemological questions in social science will not be covered.

**GVPT635 Public Opinion (3 Credits)**

Investigate how citizens in a democracy think about politics, form attitudes, and how public opinion shapes and is shaped by the political environment. While being exposed to core debates in public opinion and the study of public opinion, students will use a number of surveys that have been central to advancing our knowledge of public opinion.

**Restriction:** Must be in the Applied Political Analytics Master of Science program; or permission of department.

**GVPT685 Voting, Campaigns, and Elections (3 Credits)**

Introduction to the theoretical and empirical research on political participation, campaigns, and elections. By gaining an understanding of the literature and working with a variety of data sets, including surveys and voter history files, students will be equipped to carry out their own research on these topics.

**Restriction:** Must be in the Applied Political Analytics Master of Science program; or permission of department.

**GVPT700 Scope and Method of Political Science (3 Credits)**

Required of all Ph.D. candidates. A seminar in the methodologies of political science, and their respective applications to different research fields. Interdisciplinary approaches and bibliographical techniques are also reviewed.

**GVPT701 Conducting Social Science Research (3 Credits)**

Quantitative research project course for students who have data ready for analysis. The goal is to write a complete paper by the end of the course. Through in class and homework assignments, students will work step-by-step to complete a project from articulation of the research question, to exploratory data analysis, to model estimation using standard statistical software tools.

**Prerequisite:** Second year graduate standing or higher.

**GVPT702 Geographic Information Systems for Social Science Research (3 Credits)**

Introduction to the use of Geographic Information Systems for conducting research in the social sciences. Overview of spatially embedded nature of many social science phenomena and content of theories common to spatial thinking. Students will obtain hands-on experience with various GIS tools and methods most frequently employed by social scientists.

**Credit Only Granted for:** GVPT368I, GVPT702, or GVPT729D.

**Formerly:** GVPT729D.

**GVPT708 Seminar in International Relations Theory (3 Credits)**

An examination of the major approaches, concepts, and theories in the study of world politics with special emphasis on contemporary literature.

**Repeatable to:** 6 credits if content differs.

**GVPT715 Applied Evaluation and Analysis of Government Policy (3 Credits)**

The public policy approach at both state and federal levels; policy considerations and restrictions; methods of testing and evaluation; collecting and cleaning policy data.

**Restriction:** Must be in Applied Political Analytics (APAN); or permission of department.

**GVPT718 Selected Topics in Political Science (3 Credits)**

Selected topics in the field of political science.

**Repeatable to:** 9 credits if content differs.

**GVPT722 Advanced Quantitative Methods For Political Science (3 Credits)**

Introduction to multivariate analysis. Elementary matrix algebra, multiple linear and curvilinear correlation and regression, analysis of variance, canonical correlation and regression, discriminant analysis, and several types of factor analysis.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT622; or permission of instructor.

**GVPT728 Advanced Topics in Modeling and Political Analysis (3 Credits)**

Introduction to advanced modeling and data techniques that exist beyond linear and logistic regression. Topics may include Time Series modeling, Count modeling, Multinomial Logistic Modeling, and Natural Language Processing, among other methods.

**Restriction:** Must be in Applied Political Analytics (APAN); or permission of department.

**Repeatable to:** 6 credits if content differs.

**GVPT729 Special Topics in Quantitative Political Analysis (3 Credits)**

An intensive examination of special topics in quantitative methods of political analysis in such areas as survey research methods, exploratory data analysis, advanced data management techniques, or advanced methods of policy analysis.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT622; or permission of instructor.

**Repeatable to:** 6 credits if content differs.

**GVPT743 Contemporary Political Theory (3 Credits)**

Theorists from Nietzsche (1884-1900) to the present will be covered with a focus on the apparent failure of the Enlightenment to usher in an age of peace and reason.

**Restriction:** Must have graduate standing.

**GVPT761 International Political Economy (3 Credits)**

Major issues in international political economy including such matters as the monetary system, trade, debt, and development.

**Recommended:** GVPT708.

**GVPT770 Seminar in American Political Institutions (3 Credits)**

This is the core institutions seminar in American politics. The course surveys the primary literature in the field and addresses substantively significant topics related to the study of political institutions in the American context.

**GVPT771 Seminar in American Political Behavior (3 Credits)**

This is the core seminar in American political behavior. The course will deal with prominent theoretical and empirical issues in the areas of voting, public opinion, political participation and other aspects of political behavior in the American context.

**GVPT780 Seminar in the Comparative Study of Politics (3 Credits)**

An examination of the salient approaches to and conceptual frameworks for the comparative study of politics, followed by the construction of models and typologies of political systems.

**GVPT799 Master's Thesis Research (1-6 Credits)****GVPT801 Conflict in World Politics (3 Credits)**

Conflict in World Politics focuses on understanding conflict, both civil and international. We will examine theoretical arguments for and empirical analyses of the onset, duration, dynamics, and outcomes of conflicts. We will also examine alternatives for violent conflict, such as nonviolent resistance and rebel governance, that can exist alongside conflict as well. Finally, we will discuss international conflict management, with a particular focus on mediation and peacekeeping in response to civil war. **Additional Information:** Students are expected to have a background in international relations theory.

**GVPT803 Seminar in International Political Organization (3 Credits)**

An overview and critical analysis of contemporary theory on international organizations and global governance.

**Restriction:** Must be in Government and Politics PhD program.

**GVPT808 Selected Topics in Functional Problems in International Relations (3 Credits)**

An examination of the major substantive issues in contemporary international relations.

**GVPT828 Selected Problems in Political Behavior (3 Credits)**

Individual reading and research reports on selected problems in the study of political behavior.

**GVPT831 Formal Theories of Politics I (3 Credits)**

Survey of major formal theories of politics, with emphasis on those theories based on the assumptions of rationality. The theory of public goods, game theory, coalition theory, and the theoretical properties of voting systems.

**GVPT838 Topics in Formal Political Theory (3 Credits)**

An examination of selected topics in formal theory.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT831; or permission of instructor.

**GVPT848 Current Problems in Political Theory (3 Credits)**

Intensive examination of the development of political theory since the Second World War.

**Prerequisite:** GVPT443.

**GVPT849 Readings in Government and Politics (3 Credits)**

Guided readings and discussions on selected topics in political science.

**GVPT859 Selected Topics in Public Policy (3 Credits)**

An examination of selected topics in public policy, such as judicial education, health, welfare, and resources policy.

**Restriction:** Permission of instructor.

**Repeatable to:** 6 credits if content differs.

**GVPT868 Problems of State and Local Government (3 Credits)**

Report of topics assigned for individual study in the field of state local government throughout the United States.

**GVPT869 Seminar in Urban Administration (3 Credits)**

Selected topics are examined by the team research method with students responsible for planning, field investigation, and report writing.

**GVPT870 Interest Groups Politics in the United States (3 Credits)**

The theory and practice of interest group politics in the United States.

**Recommended:** GVPT770.

**GVPT873 Seminar in Legislatures and Legislation (3 Credits)**

Reports on topics assigned for individual study and reading about the composition and organization of legislatures and about the legislative process.

**GVPT874 Seminar in Political Parties and Politics (3 Credits)**

Reports on topics assigned for individual study and reading in the fields of political organization and action.

**GVPT877 The Politics of the Presidency (3 Credits)**

The major research topics and issues pertaining to the United States presidency.

**Recommended:** GVPT770.

**GVPT878 Problems in American Government and Politics (3 Credits)**

An examination of contemporary problems in various fields of government and politics in the United States, with reports on topics assigned for individual study.

**GVPT879 Topics on International Security (3 Credits)**

A detailed and advanced analysis of particular regional problems on defense policy and arms control.

**Recommended:** GVPT876.

**Repeatable to:** 6 credits if content differs.

**GVPT888 Selected Topics in Comparative Governmental Institutions (3 Credits)**

An examination of special topics in comparative politics.

**GVPT889 Selected Topics in Area Problems in International Relations (3 Credits)**

Special topics concerning regional problems in the relations of states.

**GVPT898 Pre-Candidacy Research (1-8 Credits)**

Guided readings and discussions on selected topics in political science.

**GVPT899 Doctoral Dissertation Research (1-8 Credits)**