

Comparative Politics Grad Course Offerings and Subfield Requirements

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Core Courses

PLSC 777a. Comparative Politics I. Isabela Mares. Kate Baldwin
PLSC 778b. Comparative Politics II. Isabela Mares. Didac Queralt

Elective Courses

PLSC 709a. Comparative Constitutional Law. Bruce Ackerman
PLSC 714a. Corruption, Economic Development, and Democracy. Susan Rose-Ackerman
PLSC 722b. Comparative Political Parties and Electoral Systems. Andrea Aldrich
PLSC 723b. Political Power and Inequality in Latin America. Ana De La O
PLSC 728b. Democracy and Executive Power: Policymaking Accountability in Comparative Perspective. Susan Rose-Ackerman
PLSC 748b. Nationalism in the World. Maria Jose Hierro
PLSC 756a. The European Union. David Cameron
PLSC 761a. Democracy, Dictatorship, and Regime Change. Jennifer Gandhi. Milan Svolic
PLSC 763b. State Formation. Didac Queralt
PLSC 766b. Politics and Markets. Peter Swenson
PLSC 772b. Political Economy of Gender in South Asia. Sarah Khan
PLSC 779a. Agrarian Societies: Culture, Society, History, and Development. Kalyanakrishnan Sivaramakrishnan, Elisabeth Wood, and Marcela Echeverri Munoz
PLSC 780a. Law and Society in Comparative Backsliding. Egor Lazarev
PLSC 782a. Political Institutions. Jennifer Gandhi
PLSC 783a. Democratic Backsliding. Milan Svolic
PLSC 793a. Governing China. Daniel Mattingly
PLSC 837a. Gender Politics. Andrea Aldrich

Workshops

PLSC 734ab. Comparative Research Workshop. Julia Adams
PLSC 932a / 933b. Comparative Politics Workshop. (Various Instructors).
PLSC 942a / 943b. Political Violence and Its Legacies Workshop. Elisabeth Wood.

Note:

-a courses are offered in the Fall, b courses are offered in the Spring. ab courses are offered in the Fall and Spring. a/b courses are offered in the Fall or Spring.

Subfield Requirements

Students may qualify in Comparative Politics either by exam or coursework.

To qualify in CP by exam, students must first take the two core courses. Other courses are highly recommended.

To qualify in CP by coursework, students must take the two core courses, plus one of the elective courses. Additionally, students must write a CP-themed paper, in the context of an CP course, that shows a strong command of the substantive and methodological approaches in the field.