Political Theory Grad Course Offerings and Subfield Requirements

Courses

PLSC 509a. Philosophy of Science for the Study of Politics. Ian Shapiro
PLSC 568b. Democracy in Weimar: Creativity, Crisis, & Revolution. Lucia Rubinelli
PLSC 581a. Socialism and Democracy, 1820-1940. Lucia Rubinelli
PLSC 583b. Contemporary Critical Theory. Seyla Benhabib
PLSC 597a. Lincoln’s Statecraft and Rhetoric. Steven Smith
PLSC 602a. Political Epistemology. Helene Landemore
PLSC 617b. Democracy and Deliberation. Helene Landemore
PLSC 623a. Rethinking the Political Enlightenment. Ian Shapiro
PLSC 627a. Aristotle’s Political Thought. Bryan Garsten
PLSC 640a. Advanced Topics in Modern Political Philosophy. Giulia Oskian
PLSC 644b. The Idea of Statesmanship. Steven Smith
PLSC 645a. Machiavelli and His Readers. Steven Smith
PLSC 646b. Open Democracy. Helene Landemore
PLSC 709b. Comparative Constitutional Law. Bruce Ackerman
PLSC 859b. Reconstructing the American Constitution. Bruce Ackerman
PLSC 868a. Gender and Sexuality in America. Dara Strolovitch
PLSC 873a. The U.S. Constitution and Comparative Constitutional Law. Akhil Reed Amar and Steven Calabresi

Workshops

PLSC 934a/935b. Political Theory Workshop. (Various Instructors).

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 Political Theory by exam or coursework.

For the exam option, students must take two courses in PT plus the exam.

For the coursework option, students must take three courses in PT and they must write a PT paper, in the context of a PT course, that shows a strong command of the substantive and methodological approaches in the field.

For the BA/MA program, any PT course may be considered a “core” course.