

## UNT Political Science Graduate Seminar Rotation

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This is an effort to coordinate the scheduling of graduate seminars, to ensure that core courses are available to every cohort before field exams, and to help students develop degree plans that reflect likely course offerings.

- The instructors listed are those who are currently slated to teach each seminar, or have recently taught it -- but be aware that somebody else may end up teaching it the next time it is offered.
- Also note that these subfield distinctions can be adjusted by committees (e.g. moving a class between American and Comparative or Comparative and IR) for the purposes of degree plans where appropriate.

### American Politics

*Proseminars:*

- PSCI 5040/American Political Behavior proseminar (instructor TBA): **every fall**
- PSCI 5030/American Political Institutions proseminar (English or Eshbaugh-Soha): **every spring**

*Core Seminars - should be taught for every cohort before field exams (specific topics may vary based on student demand and faculty interest; let the American Politics faculty know well in advance if you are interested):*

- Advanced institutions seminar: **one every fall** (assuming enough student interest)
  - PSCI 6150/American Presidency (Eshbaugh-Soha), or
  - PSCI 6160/Interest Group Politics (English), or
  - TBA
- Advanced behavior seminar: **one every spring** (assuming enough student interest)
  - PSCI 6170/Mass Political Behavior (instructor TBA), or
  - PSCI 6175/Minority Political Behavior and Representation (Martinez), or
  - TBA

*Electives - taught occasionally (depending on student interest; let the professor know if you are interested):*

- PSCI 5050/Special topics=Media (Eshbaugh-Soha)
- PSCI 5220/Public Law proseminar (instructor TBA)
- PSCI 6050/Special topics=Gender and Politics (English): coming soon
- PSCI 6151/US Congress (instructor TBA)
- PSCI 6220/American Public Law (instructor TBA)
- Additional seminars might be offered in the future.

### Comparative Politics

*Proseminar:*

- PSCI 5610/Comparative Proseminar (Ishiyama): **every spring**

*Core Seminars - should be taught for every cohort before field exams:*

- PSCI 6620/Comparative Political Institutions (Maeda): in **fall of odd years**
- PSCI 6625/Democracy & Democratization (Ishiyama): in **fall of even years**
- PSCI 6650/Special topics=Political Economy (Biglaiser): in **spring of even years** [note that this course may be listed as IR with the agreement of your committee, if desired]
- PSCI 6650/Special topics=Comparative Political Behavior (Hlatky): in **spring of even years**
- PSCI 6660/Civil War (Salehyan): in **spring of odd years**

*Electives - taught occasionally (depending on student interest; let the professor know if you are interested):*

- PSCI 6630/Political Development (Ishiyama)
- PSCI 6650/Special topics=Latin American Politics (Biglaiser)
- PSCI 6650/Special topics=Ethnic Politics (Ishiyama)
- Additional seminars might be offered in the future.

## International Relations

### Proseminar:

- PSCI 5810/IR Proseminar (Breuning or Enterline): **every fall**

*Core Seminars - should be taught for every cohort before field exams:*

- PSCI 6830/International Conflict (Hensel): in **spring of odd years**
- PSCI 6831/Conflict Management (Greig): in **fall of odd years**
- PSCI 6840/Foreign Policy Analysis (Breuning): in **spring of even years**
- PSCI 6850/Human Rights (DeMeritt): in **fall of even years** [note that this course may be listed as Comparative with the agreement of your committee, if desired]
- We also recommend that IR students take PSCI 6650/Political Economy, listed under Comparative.

*Electives - taught occasionally (depending on student interest; let the professor know if you are interested):*

- PSCI 6810/Special topics=Big Ideas in IR (Enterline)
- PSCI 6810/Special topics=Transitional Justice (Meernik)
- PSCI 6832/Contexts and IR (Hensel)
- Additional seminars might be offered in the future.

## Political Theory

### Proseminar:

- PSCI 5310/Political Theory Proseminar (Ruderman): in **fall of odd years** (Fall 2025 next)

*Core Seminars - should be taught for every cohort before field exams:*

- *Most of these can be taken without taking the proseminar, and many are offered jointly as graduate 5330/6310*
- *Special Topics courses alongside undergrad courses to make sure that enough students take the course.*
- ***Note that we are in the process of hiring to replace Dr. Duff, so this teaching rotation will be more uncertain than usual until we have been able to hire his replacement.***
- PSCI 6310 & 4330/Special topics=Constitutionalism, Ancient and Modern (instructor TBA): next in ???
- PSCI 6310/Special topics=Anti-Modernism in Nietzsche and others (Ruderman): next in ???
- PSCI 6310 & 4332/Critique, Revolution, & Reaction (instructor TBA): next in Spring 2026
- PSCI 6310/Special topics=Realism, Ancient and Modern (Ruderman): next in Fall 2026
- PSCI 6310 & 4330/Special topics=Machiavellianism (Ruderman): next in Spring 2027

*Electives - taught occasionally (depending on student interest; let the professor know if you are interested):*

- PSCI 6310 & 4333/Special topics=Aristotle's Virtue Ethics (Ruderman): next in ???
- PSCI 6310 & 4333/Special topics=Politics & Socratic Thought [various topics related to Socrates, Plato, Xenophon, or Aristotle (Ruderman): occasionally
- Additional seminars might be offered in the future.

## **"Core" Graduate Seminar Schedule**

These are the seminars that are considered "core" seminars that need to be offered for each cohort. Additional seminars may be offered during each semester, but please consider potential overlap with the topics of these seminars, to reduce conflicts that prevent students from being able to take all of the courses that they need.

### **Fall of Even-Numbered Years:**

#### *Proseminars:*

- PSCI 5040/American Political Behavior proseminar (every fall)
- PSCI 5810/IR Proseminar (every fall)

#### *Core Seminars (additional elective seminars may also be offered):*

- American: advanced institutions seminar TBA
- Comparative course TBA
- IR: PSCI 6850/Human Rights
- Theory course TBA

### **Spring of Odd-Numbered Years:**

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