

Northwestern

Department of Political Science

Recommended Courses for First-Year Students 2020-2021

100-Level First-Year Seminars

Our 100-level courses are taught in a small, seminar-style format that offers an excellent introduction to the field and encourages robust discussion and interaction with professors. First-year seminars do not count towards the Political Science major or minor. The department is offering the following first-year seminars this year (all seminars are listed as POLI_SCI 101-6). **Please note that course offerings are subject to change.**

Fall 2020	Winter 2021
Machiavelli's Shorter Works	Summoning Socrates
The Press & the Political Process	The American Border
Studying Campaigns	
Portraits of Resilience in Plato's Republic	
The American Way of War	

200-Level Courses

First-year students are encouraged to begin with our 200-level gateway and methodology courses. Gateway courses introduce students to the four main political science subfields: American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and political theory. The political science major requires three gateway courses and one methodology course. The department is offering the following 200-level courses this year (all courses are listed as POLI_SCI). **Please note that course offerings are subject to change.**

Fall 2020	Winter 2021	Spring 2021
201: Introduction to Political Theory	201: Introduction to Political Theory	210: Introduction to Empirical Methods in Political Science
211: Introduction to Interpretive Methods in Political Science	210: Introduction to Empirical Methods in Political Science	230: Introduction to Law in the Political Arena
220: American Government and Politics	220: American Government and Politics	250: Introduction to Comparative Politics
240: Introduction to International Relations	240: Introduction to International Relations	
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