

# 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   |
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| 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 | 220: American Government and Politics                       |
| 220: American Government and Politics                          | 220: American Government and Politics                       | 230: Introduction to Law in the Political Arena             |
| 240: Introduction to International Relations                   | 240: Introduction to International Relations                |   |
|  | 250: Introduction to Comparative Politics                   |   |