POLITICAL SCIENCE (PS)

PS F100X Political Economy (s) 3 Credits
Evolution and operation of the American domestic political economy with consideration of market failures and government responses. Review of major issues in political economy such as inflation, poverty and budget deficits. Exploration of linkages between American and global systems.
Prerequisites: Placement in WRTG F111X.
Attributes: UAF Core Political Economy, UAF GER Social Sciences Req
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F101X Introduction to American Government and Politics (s) 3 Credits
This is a broad survey course that exposes students to the key theories, methods and data used to describe and explain the U.S. political system. We examine the principles of governance, institutions and practices of American national government; the Constitution, federalism, interest groups, parties, public opinion and elections.
Attributes: UAF GER Social Sciences Req
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F201X Comparative Politics (s) 3 Credits
Offered Fall
Introduction to the systematic study of government and politics in countries other than the U.S. Students will explore such questions as why some countries are democracies and other countries dictatorships; why some remain stable and peaceful, while others seem in constant turmoil. This is a prerequisite for other courses in comparative politics.
Attributes: UAF GER Social Sciences Req
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F202 Democracy and Global Society (s) 3 Credits
Offered Spring Even-numbered Years
Examination of the various definitions and types of democracy and the global contexts within which they develop. Cases used draw from a wide range of states, societies and world-historical contexts, and allow comparisons among developed and developing countries.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F205 Leadership, Citizenship and Choice 3 Credits
Offered Spring
History of democratic principles in America and how people can contribute to political and community life in the local, state and national arenas, as leaders and citizens. Examines ethical dilemmas of leadership, and political and social issues facing Alaska and American societies. Course includes an experiential learning component.
Cross-listed with ACNS F205.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F212 Introduction to Public Administration (s) 3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Theories and practice of public administration, especially as applied to federal agencies. Study of organization, planning and decision making in implementing public policy.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F211X International Politics (s) 3 Credits
Offered Fall
Introduction to the problems, literature, theory and terminology of international relations. Provides a basis for understanding current international events and introduces the three subfields of international relations: international security, international political economy and international organization. Examines relations between nations, regions and groups, as well as ideas of conflict, security, trade, technology, negotiation, cooperation, revolution, modernization and community.
Attributes: UAF GER Social Sciences Req
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F222 Political Science Research Methods (s) 3 Credits
Offered Fall Even-numbered Years
Familiarizes students with the research methods that have been used to produce political knowledge about significant political phenomena. Includes both qualitative and quantitative research methods.
Prerequisites: PS F101X; must be completed before a student advances to senior standing in the discipline.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F263 Alaska Native Politics (s, a) 3 Credits
Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years
Political development, organization, interests and activities of Alaska Natives; treatment of ethnic leadership issues, history of federal Indian policy, evolution of Native leadership, village and regional government, land claims, and community politics from the Alaska Native brotherhood to ANCSA to the Alaska Native Coalition. Compares Alaska Native political developments to those of other circumpolar Northern Native communities.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F300X Ethics and Society (h) 3 Credits
Offered Fall Even-numbered Years
What is the right thing to do? A presentation of important theories of values, morality and ethics. Application of theories to dilemmas of choice in the public world, such as euthanasia, abortion, animal rights, sexual morality and environmental ethics.
Prerequisites: Placement in WRTG F111X; junior standing.
Recommended: Two courses in the Perspectives on the Human Condition baccalaureate core.
Attributes: UAF GER Ethics Req
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F301 American Presidency (s) 3 Credits
Offered Fall Even-numbered Years
The institution of the presidency in the American political system.
Prerequisites: PS F101X.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F302 Congress and Public Policy (s) 3 Credits
Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years
The American Congress in the political system.
Prerequisites: PS F101X.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
PS F303  Politics and the Judicial Process  (s)
3 Credits
Offered Fall
The role of federal courts as political institutions. The politics of judicial selection, the nature of judicial decision-making and intracourt politics, litigations as a policy making device, changes in the nature and scope of judicial power, governmental attorneys, the legal bureaucracy, and judicial agenda setting.
Prerequisites: PS F101X.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F304  International Security  (s)
3 Credits
Offered Fall Even-numbered Years
Introduction to the major challenges of maintaining a peaceful and secure world. Considers the major threats to our security and how they are managed. Analyzes political, institutional, cultural, moral and legal norms surrounding war and other security concerns and different means of organizing for peace and security.
Prerequisites: PS F221X.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F314  Political Ideologies  (W, s)
3 Credits
Offered Fall Even-numbered Years
An examination of the purpose of ideology as an orienting set of political ideas with mass appeal. Analysis of 20th century ideologies, including anarchism, communism, liberalism, socialism, environmentalism and feminism.
Prerequisites: WRTG F111X; WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X; PS F101X.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F315  American Political Thought  (s)
3 Credits
Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years
Political ideas in the U.S. from colonial times to the present: Puritanism, revolutionary ideas, Constitutionalism, nature of the Union, Progressive movement and pragmatism.
Prerequisites: PS F101X.
Recommended: HIST F131; HIST F132X.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F322  International Law and Organization  (O, s)
3 Credits
Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years
Case studies in international law (rights and duties of states, jurisdiction and sovereignty, treaties, use of force and adjudication processes); development of regional organizations and integration; the United Nations.
Prerequisites: COJO F131X or COJO F141X; PS F221X.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F323  International Political Economy  (s)
3 Credits
Offered Alternate Spring Odd-numbered Years
Exploration of the manner in which political and economic forces interact to affect international flows of goods, money, investments and technology. International political economic relations are examined in several contexts.
Prerequisites: PS F100X.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F325  Native Self-government  (s, a)
3 Credits
Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years
Indigenous political systems, customary law and justice in Alaska emphasizing the organization of Native governance under federal Indian law and Alaska state-chartered local government. Comparisons between Alaska Native political development and those of tribes in the contiguous 48 states and northern hemisphere tribal people.
Prerequisites: One or more of the following: HIST F110, PS F263, TM F201.
Cross-listed with ANS F325.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F340  Gender, Sex and Politics  (s)
3 Credits
Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years
In-depth examination of the relevance of gender in political thought and action. Topics vary and may include: an historical perspective of political ideas on the nature and status of women; women’s involvement in national and/or international political movements and organizations; feminist approaches to the social sciences; feminism as a political ideology.
Prerequisites: One political science course.
Recommended: WGS F201X.
Cross-listed with WGS F340.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F401  Political Behavior  (W, s)
3 Credits
Offered Spring Even-numbered Years
Attitudes, opinions and beliefs of the American electorate and the impact of these factors on political behavior; role of political organizations (parties and interest groups) in modern American politics.
Prerequisites: WRTG F111X; WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F403  Public Policy  (O, W, s)
3 Credits
Offered Spring Even-numbered Years
The processes of policy development, implementation, and change are analyzed with major policy frameworks and models used in contemporary political science. These frameworks and models will be applied to environmental sustainability and other social policy issues. Students will develop expertise in a specific policy area and complete oral presentations related to their policy interests.
Prerequisites: PS F101X, upper division standing.
Stacked with PS F603; ACNS F603.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F411  Classical Political Theory  (O, W, h)
3 Credits
Offered Fall Odd-numbered Years
Prerequisites: COJO F131X or COJO F141X; WRTG F111X, WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X; PHIL F102X, PS F101X.
Cross-listed with PHIL F411.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
PS F412  Modern Political Theory  (W, s)
3 Credits
Offered Spring Even-numbered Years
Political ideas from the Renaissance to the modern world. Theories of Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Burke, Marx and Lenin.
Prerequisites: WRTG F111X; WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X; PHIL F102X; PS F101X.
Cross-listed with PHIL F412.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F414  Contemporary Political Philosophy
3 Credits
Offered Spring Even-numbered Years.
This course takes stock of recent currents in contemporary political thought, including readings from Carl Schmitt, Hannah Arendt, Frantz Fanon, John Rawls, Leo Strauss, Michel Foucault, and Theodor Adorno. We ask how these canonical thinkers influence feminist, environmental, postcolonial, anti-essentialist, democratic and post-human political theory today.
Prerequisites: PS F101X, upper division standing.
Cross-listed with PHIL F414.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F425  Federal Indian Law and Alaska Natives  (s, a)
3 Credits
Offered Fall
The special relationship between the federal government and Native Americans based on land transactions and recognition of tribal sovereignty. Federal Indian law and policy evolving from this relationship. Legal rights and status of Alaska Natives.
Prerequisites: any one or more of the following; PS F101X; TM F112; TM F201; HIST F110.
Recommended: PS F263.
Cross-listed with ANS F425.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F426  Constitutional Law I: Federalism  (W, s)
3 Credits
Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years
Constitutional doctrines and historical evolution of federalism and the separation of powers in the United States. Emphasis on the court's role in arbitrating intergovernmental and interbranch disputes, the constitutional status of the administrative bureaucracy, and the control of war power and foreign policy.
Prerequisites: WRTG F111X; WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X; PS F101X.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F427  United States Foreign Policy  (s, a)
3 Credits
Offered Spring Even-numbered Years
U.S. foreign policy in the postwar and post cold war period, including development of policy (domestic and foreign influences), administration of political, economic and military policies, and evaluation of policy effectiveness. Analyzes the historical background of the U.S. role in the world today and leading personalities and events that are a part of it.
Prerequisites: PS F221X.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F447  U.S. Environmental Politics  (s, a)
3 Credits
Offered Spring
U.S. political institutions as they relate to making policies for protecting the quality of the natural environment. The politics of nuclear waste, endangered species, air and water pollution, and wilderness preservation. Analysis of the National Environmental Policy Act, sustainable development, limits to growth and other topics. Course is also available online.
Prerequisites: Upper-division standing.
Recommended: PS F101X.
Stacked with ACNS F647; PS F647.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F452  International Relations of the North  (s, a)
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Comparative approach to analyzing Indigenous rights and policies in different nation-state systems. Multiple countries and specific policy developments examined for factors promoting or limiting self-determination.
Prerequisites: Upper division standing.
Cross-listed with ANS F450.
Stacked with PS F650; ACNS F657.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F450  Comparative Indigenous Rights and Policies  (s, a)
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Comparative approach to analyzing Indigenous rights and policies in different nation-state systems. Multiple countries and specific policy developments examined for factors promoting or limiting self-determination.
Prerequisites: Upper-division standing.
Cross-listed with ANS F450.
Stacked with PS F650; ACNS F657.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F454  International Law and the Environment  (s, a)
3 Credits
Offered Spring
U.S. political institutions as they relate to making policies for protecting the quality of the natural environment. The politics of nuclear waste, endangered species, air and water pollution, and wilderness preservation. Analysis of the National Environmental Policy Act, sustainable development, limits to growth and other topics. Course is also available online.
Prerequisites: Upper-division standing.
Recommended: PS F101X.
Stacked with ACNS F647; PS F647.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F437  United States Foreign Policy  (s, a)
3 Credits
Offered Spring Even-numbered Years
U.S. foreign policy in the postwar and post cold war period, including development of policy (domestic and foreign influences), administration of political, economic and military policies, and evaluation of policy effectiveness. Analyzes the historical background of the U.S. role in the world today and leading personalities and events that are a part of it.
Prerequisites: PS F221X.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F452  International Relations of the North  (s, a)
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Comparative approach to analyzing Indigenous rights and policies in different nation-state systems. Multiple countries and specific policy developments examined for factors promoting or limiting self-determination.
Prerequisites: Upper division standing.
Cross-listed with ANS F450.
Stacked with PS F650; ACNS F657.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F454  International Law and the Environment  (s, a)
3 Credits
Offered Spring
U.S. political institutions as they relate to making policies for protecting the quality of the natural environment. The politics of nuclear waste, endangered species, air and water pollution, and wilderness preservation. Analysis of the National Environmental Policy Act, sustainable development, limits to growth and other topics. Course is also available online.
Prerequisites: Upper-division standing.
Recommended: Undergraduate course in international law, organization, or politics.
Stacked with ACNS F654; PS F654.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
PS F455  Political Economy of the Global Environment  (O, s, a)
3 Credits
Interactions between basic aspects of the global economy (international trade, investment and development) and the natural environment. Topics include the economic impact of global environmental agreements and the environmental impact of global markets, transnational corporations and development assistance by organizations such as the World Bank.
Prerequisites: COJO F131X or COJO F141X; upper-division standing.
Stacked with ACNS F655; PS F655.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F456  Science, Technology and Politics  (O, s, a)
3 Credits
Relationship of science, technology and politics. Connections among scientific knowledge, technology, technological innovations, politics and power. Gender roles and the influence of Western science. Both historical and comparative aspects are included. Course is also available online.
Prerequisites: COJO F131X or COJO F141X; upper-division standing.
Recommended: PS F101X.
Stacked with ACNS F656; PS F656.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F458  Comparative Environmental Politics  (s, a)
3 Credits
Offered Fall Odd-numbered Years
Enduring issues of the field of comparative politics and their relation to global environmental problems. Biodiversity, transboundary pollution capacity, political processes and organizations, and international commitments all potentially shape the nature and dynamics of global environmental politics and vice versa. Course is also available online.
Prerequisites: Upper-division standing.
Recommended: PS F201X.
Stacked with ACNS F658; PS F658.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F460  Government and Politics of Canada  (W, s, a)
3 Credits
Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years
The Canadian political system, covering the Canadian constitution, federal structure, parliamentary government and public policy, as well as contemporary issues concerning Native rights and the Canadian North. Students will complete a major research paper on specific policy areas (language, education, health care, environment, natural resources, foreign relations).
Prerequisites: WRTG F111X; WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X; PS F201X; upper-division standing.
Stacked with ACNS F660; PS F660.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F462  Alaska Government and Politics  (s, a)
3 Credits
Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years
Alaska’s government and politics, in the context of American state and local government, and politics and governments of circumpolar Northern nations. Topics include political history, constitution, political parties, interest groups, elections, public opinion, governor, legislature, judiciary, administration and local governments. Compares Alaska to the contiguous 48 states and subnational governments of the circumpolar North; examines how government institutions and processes respond to social, environmental and political changes of Northern communities.
Prerequisites: Upper-division standing.
Stacked with ACNS F662; PS F662.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F464  East Asian Governments and Politics  (W, s)
3 Credits
Offered Fall Even-numbered Years
Modern East Asia (including China, Taiwan, Japan, North and South Korea) politics and society, including governmental institutions, political processes and regional and global foreign relations.
Prerequisites: WRTG F111X; WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X; PS F201X.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F467  Political Development in Latin America and the Caribbean  (W, s)
3 Credits
Offered Fall Odd-numbered Years
Exploration of major issues and concepts in the development and governances of modern Latin America and the Caribbean region, including the legacies of colonialism, revolution, military rule, economic challenges and the quest for democratic stability. Includes a historical overview of the region and cases drawn from the Caribbean, Mexico, Central and South America.
Prerequisites: WRTG F111X; WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X; HIST F275.
Recommended: SPAN F221.
Cross-listed with HIST F467.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F468  Government and Politics of Russia  (W, s, a)
3 Credits
Offered Spring Even-numbered Years
Current developments in Russia from a number of perspectives. The effect of history and geography on political change; the nature of Russian government and society; the legacies of Lenin, Stalin and Gorbachev; and the ideological nature of regimes and leadership. Economic forces and the political struggle in governance; revolution, democracy and reform; and the international role of Russia, particularly in relation to the former Soviet republics, Eastern Europe and other border areas.
Prerequisites: WRTG F111X; WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X; PS F201X.
Stacked with ACNS F668; PS F668.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F472  Ethics in International Affairs  (h)
3 Credits
Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years
Examination of questions including: What is in the interest of the nation-state according to the logic of statecraft? How does the national interest relate to broader human interest? How does morality relate to the international legal order? Examination is through theory and case studies.
Prerequisites: PHIL F322X or PS F221X.
Cross-listed with HIST F467.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F473  Politics and Film  (s)
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Engage film with a critical political perspective. Concepts related to political power, society, and nature are surveyed through political science literature and politics-themed films. Quests for political power, difficulties of governance, politics of campaigns and elections, privacy and governance surveillance, and political violence are concepts explored in this course.
Prerequisites: PS F101X.
Cross-listed with FLPA F473.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
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PS F475  Internship in Public Affairs  (s)
3 Credits
Study of public agencies or organizations through actual experience. May be repeated for credit for a maximum of 12 credits.
Prerequisites: Upper-division standing and permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 0 + 0 + 10

PS F499   Senior Thesis  (W)
3 Credits
Thesis will draw from the literature in at least two sub-fields of political science (U.S. government/politics, political theory, public law, comparative politics, international relations) in its analysis.
Prerequisites: WRTG F111X; WRTG F211X or WRTG F213X; PS F101X; PS F222; senior standing; permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1.5 + 0 + 7.5

PS F603   Public Policy
3 Credits
Offered Spring Even-numbered Years
The processes of policy development, implementation, and change are analyzed with major policy frameworks and models used in contemporary political science. These frameworks and models will be applied to environmental sustainability and other social policy issues. Students will develop expertise in a specific policy area and complete oral presentations related to their policy interests.
Prerequisites: Graduate Standing.
Cross-listed with ACNS F603.
Stacked with PS F403.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F647   U.S. Environmental Politics  (a)
3 Credits
Offered Spring
U.S. political institutions as they relate to making policies for protecting the quality of the natural environment. The politics of nuclear waste, endangered species, air and water pollution, and wilderness preservation. Analysis of the National Environmental Policy Act, sustainable development, limits to growth and other topics. Course is also available online.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing.
Cross-listed with ACNS F647.
Stacked with PS F447.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F650   Comparative Indigenous Rights and Policies  (a)
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Comparative approach to analyzing Indigenous rights and policies in different nation-state systems. Multiple countries and specific policy developments examined for factors promoting or limiting self-determination.
Prerequisites: Graduate Standing.
Cross-listed with ACNS F657.
Stacked with PS F450; ANS F450.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F654  International Law and the Environment  (a)
3 Credits
International environmental law. Includes international case law regulating the sea, airspace, outer space and the polar regions; comprehensive international regulatory and legal instruments to protect the environment (e.g., the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change); and the doctrines, principles and rules of international law that are basic to an understanding of international legal regimes and the environment. Course is also available online.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing.
Recommended: Undergraduate course in international law, organization, or politics.
Cross-listed with ACNS F654.
Stacked with PS F454.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F655   Political Economy of the Global Environment  (a)
3 Credits
Interactions between basic aspects of the global economy (international trade, investment and development) and the natural environment. Topics include the economic impact of global environmental agreements and the environmental impact of global markets, transnational corporations and development assistance by organizations such as the World Bank.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing.
Cross-listed with ACNS F655.
Stacked with PS F455.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F656   Science, Technology and Politics  (a)
3 Credits
Relationship of science, technology and politics. Connections among scientific knowledge, technology, technological innovations, politics and power. Gender roles and the influence of Western science. Both historical and comparative aspects are included. Course is also available online.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing.
Recommended: PS F101X.
Cross-listed with ACNS F656.
Stacked with PS F456.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PS F658  Comparative Environmental Politics  (a)
3 Credits
Offered Fall Odd-numbered Years
Enduring issues of the field of comparative politics and their relation to global environmental problems. Biodiversity, transboundary pollution capacity, political processes and organizations, and international commitments all potentially shape the nature and dynamics of global environmental politics and vice versa. Course is also available online.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing.
Recommended: PS F201X.
Cross-listed with ACNS F658.
Stacked with PS F458.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
PS F660  Government and Politics of Canada  (a)  
3 Credits  
Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years  
The Canadian political system, covering the Canadian constitution, 
federal structure, parliamentary government and public policy, as well as 
contemporary issues concerning Native rights and the Canadian North. 
Students will complete a major research paper on specific policy areas 
(language, education, health care, environment, natural resources, foreign 
relations).  
Prerequisites: PS F201X; graduate standing.  
Cross-listed with ACNS F660.  
Stacked with PS F460.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  

PS F662  Alaska Government and Politics  (a)  
3 Credits  
Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years  
Alaska's government and politics, in the context of American state 
and local government, and politics and governments of circumpolar 
Northern nations. Topics include political history, constitution, political 
parties, interest groups, elections, public opinion, governor, legislature, 
judiciary, administration and local governments. Compares Alaska to the 
contiguous 48 states and subnational governments of the circumpolar 
North; examines how government institutions and processes respond to 
social, environmental and political changes of Northern communities.  
Prerequisites: Graduate standing.  
Cross-listed with ACNS F662.  
Stacked with PS F462.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  

PS F668  Government and Politics of Russia  (a)  
3 Credits  
Offered Spring Even-numbered Years  
Current developments in Russia from a number of perspectives. The 
effect of history and geography on political change; the nature of Russian 
government and society; the legacies of Lenin, Stalin and Gorbachev; and 
the ideological nature of regimes and leadership. Economic forces and 
the political struggle in governance; revolution, democracy and reform; 
and the international role of Russia, particularly in relation to the former 
Soviet republics, Eastern Europe and other border areas.  
Prerequisites: PS F201X; graduate standing.  
Cross-listed with ACNS F668.  
Stacked with PS F468.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  

PS F669  Arctic Politics and Governance  
3 Credits  
Offered Fall  
This course traces current developments in Arctic politics and 
governance from multiple perspectives, including exploring interests, 
processes, and behaviors of Arctic governments and non-state actors, 
individually and collectively. The course surveys the formal and informal 
institutions that govern resource development, pollution, shipping, state-
indigenous relations and security. A background in comparative politics 
and/or international relations is also recommended.  
Prerequisites: PS F450, PS F452 or PS F454; graduate standing.  
Crosslisted with ACNS F669.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  

PS F692  Graduate Seminar  
1-6 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
Intensive study of selected topics in the discipline.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1-6 + 0 + 0  

PS F692P  Graduate Seminar  
1-6 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
Intensive study of selected topics in the discipline.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1-6 + 0 + 0  

PS F699  MA Thesis  
1-9 Credits  
Prerequisites: Permission of instructor.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 0 + 0 + 0