Course Description
BA Program
Political Science Department

Principles of Political Science 2308101
This course discuss the different definitions of the political science, also it discuss the different theories discussed the origin of the state. Also this course discuss the relations between the political science and the other social sciences branches.

2308111 Principles and Theories of International Relations
Prerequisite (2308101)
The course to analyze the different theories according to which relations among the independent states are conducted. The following topics are discussed: theoretical approach in international relations, international political situation, system theory, power; definition and development of the international relations, international law, diplomatic relations, foreign policy, international political system development, the politics of war and power, balance of power, collective security system, arms control, international struggle, regional and international organizations, and great power’s relation.
2308112  Research methods in political science  Prerequisite: (2308101)
An introductory course to the major methodological and theoretical problems in the micro- and macro analysis in political science focuses an combining qualitative and quantitative methods, research design, techniques of data collection, research ethics, social science logic, sampling and measurement, report and proposal writing and the basic statistical analysis for political science with computer applications.

2308123  Political Studies in English  Prerequisite: (2308101)
The objective of this course is to strengthen students’ capabilities in using foreign sources, especially in English. The covered topics are: political theory, components of the state, contemporary international system, international cooperation, international conflicts, political human rights, democracy concept of globalization, strategic interest, economic competition, disarmament, armament, economic reformation, international finance institution.

Prerequisite: (230221)  Classic and Medieval Political Thought 2308101
This Course is designed to tackle the wide spectrum of human political thought development, Including the ancient Egypt, Iraq, and Greece and other cultures. The middle Ages, from Socrates to Machiavellian then the Christian political thought. The course will discuss definition of the political thought, orientation, thoughts and its applied political systems.

2304344  Political Sociology
The course examines the basic principles of political sociology, and the sociological cultures and values that affects the political activities, and the role of sociological system in institution formation and political behavior.

2308231  Modern Political thought  Prerequisite: (2308222)
The Course to focuses on the post-medieval ages. Beginning with the renaissance: Machiavelli, Jean Bodin, Thomas Hobbes, Locke, And Social contract: Jean Jacques Rousseau, the state and the individual rights, kirochious, religious conflicts, Montesquieu, Edmand, Voltaire, Burke, De-Tocqeville, John Stewart mill…etc, and will expose the student to the contemporary political thought, The course concentrate on Marxist political though and post-Marxist thought such as Leninism, Stalinism, Trotskyism, Maoism, Fascism, Nazism, New liberalism and social democracy.

2308233  Arab-Islamic Political Thought  Prerequisite: (2308222)
The course will cover the following topics: definition of Arab-Islamic political thought, sources, characteristics, Political philosophical orientation: Al-Farabi, IBN Sinai Theological-political orientation: Ibn -Taimeieh, political orientation-Al-Qathi Abed-jabber Al-Moutazili, Al-sheriff Al-Murtada, Social-political orientation: Ibn khaldoon, Ibn Al-Azraq, Liberalism: Refa’a Al tahtawi,Al-Afghani, Mohammed Abdoah, al -kawakebi, Arab nationalism orientation: Sat’e al- Hussari.

Prerequisite: (2308332)  Foreign Policy 2308111
The course presents to the student the concept of foreign Policy and its main elements and effective factors, analyzing foreign policies of great powers such as USA, Great Britain, France, Russia, China, and Foreign Policy of great economic powers Germany, Japan towards the important issues in regional and international issues.
2308343  International Political and Economic Order ( and Globalization )  
Prerequisite: ( 2308111)  
This course deals with the concepts of Globalization and its impacts on politics, economics, culture, and media, as well as the flow of information in the international system, and the relation between states.

2308344  General International Law  Prerequisite: ( 2308111)

The course will focus on the following topics: definition of international law, sources, historical development, personalities of the international law, elements of the state and legal personality, international personality, state’s theories, international agreement, international organization, rights and responsibilities of the state, recognition states, war and peace.

2308345  International and Regional Organizations  Prerequisite: 2308111

This is an important material for the study of contemporary collective security system, both regionally and internationally, as personified by the League of Nations, then by the United Nations. The student is fully exposed to power politics exercised in the initial stages and formation of the UN after WWII, and the creation of the Security Council which defected their power. The founding of regional organizations: the organization of American states (O.A.S) the Arab league, Organization of African Unity (O.A.U). The student will be exposed to the charters of these organizations, and their role in preserving peace and security.
m on shaping the political institution and political behavior.

Prerequisite: (2308111)  2308346  Strategic Studies ( in English )

Classic and contemporary strategic thought, the relations between politics and Military power; resources of international security threats, and major strategic issues in the current international system.

Prerequisite: ( 2308111)  2308421  Political Systems and theories

The purpose of this course is to study the different political systems and its development as well as the effect of philosophical, social, and cultural issues on its structure. It will include the following topics: - general theories of political systems. State power apparatus, despotic, democratic, mono-party system, public authorities, separation of power concept, theory of political power; types of governments, institutions of civil society, political culture, political system and parties.

Prerequisite: ( 2308421)  2308422  Comparative Politics

The course focuses on the following contemporary political systems. Presidential system, parliamnetarian, general assembly, totalitarian systems, royal system, and applications on.

Prerequisite: ( 2308421)  2308424  Jordanian Political System

The course is designed to study Jordan political system: initiation of the state, founding elements of the state, political institutions, constitutional life development, and concentrate on Jordan foreign policy and its Arab and regional role, as well as the Islamic and international role, as well as the new democratic experience.
The course is designed to study the political, economic, social, cultural constitutional structure and political institutions of some of the Arab political systems, such as Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Sudan, Lebanon, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Yemen, Algeria, Libya, Kuwait, Oman, UAE, Qatar, and Bahrain.

The course introduces students to the concepts and nature of Political development. It discusses the main characteristic of political development and problems such as social, economic and cultures relations. In addition, the course deals with comparative and analytical study of the establishment and role of political parties in political systems. As well, the course defines interest groups and their functions, organization and role in political systems. As well, as models of political development such as Liberal, Fascist, Marxist, Radical and Social Models.

The course examines Jordan economic system in term of its structure, resources and policies. Focuses on, monetary and fiscal policies, investment promotion, economic growth as development. Analyses the political economy of development, human development, the new economy and the role of technology in economics. Evaluates economic policies through the usage of economic, developmental and political indicators.

The course is dealing deeply with special topics in political science, where by student is expected to develop scientific research proposal and write a short paper about the topic.

The objective of this course is to survey the Zionist political thought and to tackle the following topics: the old testament concept in the Zionist political thought, the role of the Talmud in the framing process of Zionism, protocols of Zionists, the known objectives of the Zionist political thought, the pioneers in Zionism; Theodore Hertjogue, The creation of Zionism as racist political thought movement.

The aim of this course is to expose the student to the importance of the concept of political communication and public opinion. Thus, the purpose is to acquaint the student with role of the public communication in the political public life. In order to fulfill this objective, the following topics are discussed: political communication public opinion phenomena, the various forms of political communication and public opinions, theories, public opinion awareness, methodologies and new approaches, in public opinion and political communication. Propaganda, psychological wars, the role of pressure groups and political parties in political communication and public opinion.

Introduces major theories and methods in the field of political economy. It focuses upon the impact of economic factors on political life, the political component of economic activity, and the joint influence of politics and economics on national policy and world affairs. Emphasis it on the interaction between politics and economics, how politics impact economic in terms of public finance including budget and taxation, public policies including distribution of resources, wealth and income, national public policies and the politics of growth and development.
2308336 Arab World in International Relations

This world in international realtors. This is an important course that examines the Arab world as an a political and economic region that plays a role in the world politics, and focuses on the strategic region that affects attentions of major powers due to the oil reserves in Arab world.

2308337 Diplomacy and Negotiations

Prerequisite: (2308111)

The course deals with the historical development of diplomacy phenomenon, covering the following topics: definition of diplomacy, passed and present diplomacy, organizational rules, theory of representation, diplomatic personnel, activities and duties of the diplomatic mission, privileges and immunities, diplomatic correspondence, negotiations, treaties, diplomacy of international organizations, diplomacy of international conferences.

2308111 23708338 Contemporary International Issues

The purpose of this course is to analyses the international issues, dealing with its reasons, development, results, and the political impacts, as well as the military, economic and cultural. Topics: disarmament, WWII, limitations of strategic weapons, human rights, democracy, religious, racial conflicts. North-South relations, economic competitiveness.

2308339 International Conflict and its Management

The course aims to study the processes of conflict ‘violence, changes, integration, stability and peace in world society. Peacekeeping, successful conflict resolution, successful negotiations, and post conflict resolution, and post conflict reconstructions, Resources of conflicts, and how to successfully broker a deal between conflicting parties, and how to address past atrocities in a way to promote a more lasting peace.

2308370 Political Psychology

Examines basic concepts and principles of political psychology and the psychological faces shaping politics and persons, processes and interactions. Focuses on political cognition, decision-making, emotions and motivations in politics, political attitudes, political personality, political leadership and political socialization.

2308426 Regional Studies

Examines theoretical and methodological issues in Regional studies. Focuses on comparative analysis of the political structure and institutions indifferent regions in Emphasizing on historical, cultural and socioeconomic conditions affecting political structure functions, and processes. Regions to be studies are Latin America, Middle East, Southeast Asia, East Asia, Russia and Eastern Europe, Europe, North America and Africa.

Future studies in political Science 2308434

Introduction to political future studies, explores the major theories, concepts and methods of future studies in political science. Introduces a surrey of the literature and schools of future studies, provides students with analytical skills to understand, analyze, and forecast future trends of global changes and alternative sceneries.
Studies in Political violence 2308439
Comparative analysis of the determinants of political violence, terrorism, and genocide, and their social and moral consequences, application of theories to contemporary studies. Focuses on the full range of political violence: from small-scale acts of violence to mass violence—from assassinations to terrorism by sub national and transnational organizations, to state-sponsored terror and genocide.