

GOVERNMENT (GOVT)

GOVT 200 Constitutional Government and Free Enterprise 3 Credit Hour(s)

Diverse introduction to political and economic ideas, government institutions, free market processes, public issues, economic policy and political and economic activity, emphasizing the close relationship between a system of limited constitutional government and the free enterprise economy and providing an overview of the Christian worldview with regard to government and economics.

Note: GOVT 200 is a prerequisite to all upper level government courses.

Offered: Resident and Online

GOVT 210 Introduction to Political Science 3 Credit Hour(s)

Resident Prerequisite: GOVT 200 (may be taken concurrently)

Online Prerequisite: GOVT 200

A comparative survey of the scope, methodologies, and major schools of political science, including its links with history, economics, and other cognate fields.

Offered: Resident and Online

GOVT 215 Logic and Legal Reasoning 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: GOVT 200 (may be taken concurrently)

This course introduces pre-law students to the role of basic deductive and inductive logic in the context of legal reasoning, including the application of legal rules and the application of precedents. This course is ideal for students who plan to attend law school. It will explain the basic logic involved in the LSAT exam, as well as introduce students to the types of reasoning and argumentation encountered in the study of law.

Offered: Resident and Online

GOVT 220 American Government 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: GOVT 200

The issues, interest and institutions of American politics, emphasizing the struggle between liberalism and conservatism.

Offered: Resident and Online

GOVT 230 Public Policy Research and Writing 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: GOVT 200

This course will introduce students to the strategies, methods and practices of research and writing relevant to public policy analysis, formulation and decision making.

Offered: Resident and Online

GOVT 280 Undergraduate Torts 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: GOVT 200 (may be taken concurrently)

Students will examine the parameters of tort law and learn how to analyze and apply principles of tort law. Through readings, lectures, discussions and individual research each student will analyze how American jurisprudence assigns social duties, assesses damages, and determines the distribution of burdens for the risks of harm to include; when a court should award money from one party to another for intentional acts, for negligent acts, and for certain non-negligent acts.

Offered: Resident and Online

GOVT 299 Internship 0 Credit Hour(s)

Directed applicable work experience under supervision of the Director of Government Internships and an administrator or professional at the place of employment in the area of career interest. Application procedures processed through the Career Center. Must apply semester prior to internship.

Registration Restrictions: Sophomore status, 2.00 GPA, two courses in major, declared major, not more than one CSER behind

Offered: Resident

GOVT 301 Ancient Political and Economic Ideas 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: GOVT 200

Political and economic thought of pagan antiquity, contrasting the ideas of Greece and Rome with religious precepts. The political and economic organization of European feudalism will also be examined.

Offered: Resident and Online

GOVT 302 Modern Political and Economic Ideas 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: GOVT 200

Survey of political and economic thought since the 16th century including the Christian influence in the development of modern Western freedom and justice. Emphasis will be placed on the emergence and scope of the disciplines of economics, political science, public administration and public policy.

Offered: Resident and Online

GOVT 320 American Executive Processes/Institutions 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: GOVT 200

The office and legal powers of government executives, especially the President, including trends in the Presidency during periods of conservative and liberal dominance.

Offered: Resident and Online

GOVT 321 American Judicial System 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: GOVT 200

This course provides an overview of the basic structure of the American court system while exploring the impact of the courts and examining the influence of and intersection with the legislative and executive branches of government.

Offered: Resident and Online

GOVT 322 American Legislative System 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: GOVT 200

The U.S. Congress and state legislatures, their powers and organization, and how liberal and conservative forces exert influence through lobbying and elections.

Offered: Resident and Online

GOVT 323 Critical and Historical Development of Public Ethics 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course is an introduction to ethical theory to compliment public policy studies. It approaches the subject by way of historical exploration of moral philosophy, integrating areas of Western philosophy of religion, social and political philosophy as necessary. It surveys Western ethical thought by reading selected figures representative of Western ethical traditions. The selected traditions will highlight theoretical developments critical to the ethical dimension of public policy, including virtue theory, utilitarianism, deontological theory, natural law, as well as contemporary theories. Students will interact with the primary writings from representative ethical thinkers. They will explore the differing conceptions of morality with respect to their scope, purpose, and content. In addition, the course will trace the interactions of Western ethical thought with Christian theistic ethics. (Formerly ETHC 323)

Offered: Online

GOVT 324 Applied Ethics in Public Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)**Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

The goal of the course is to prepare the Christian public policy specialist to maneuver intellectually in the public square. This course examines the ethical dimensions of policy problems in a manner that addresses the tension between secular society and the traditional Christian faith. It explains the moral foundations of institutions and how conceptions of liberal society seek to define them. The course will equip the student to analyze major secular moral theories employed in policy arguments and to cogently represent the Christian conscience on important policy issues. It will discuss the proper uses of the Bible in formulating policy arguments and the role of science in policy deliberation. In addition, it will illuminate the way in which Christian beliefs may become involved in policy deliberation.

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 325 Legal Ethics 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

This course explores the ethical standards governing the conduct of persons engaged in the practice of law and persons more generally in the legal sector. This course will cover both professional conduct and the application of Christian principles in the legal profession.

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 327 State and Local Government 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

Issues, interest and institutions of American state and local government in the framework of federalism.

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 328 American Political Processes 3 Credit Hour(s)****Online Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

A study of the electoral process in America and the organizations such as political parties and interest groups that influence it. Topics included are political campaigns, electoral laws, voting behavior, and the development of political parties and interest groups. In election years, students are encouraged to participate in the campaign of the party of their choice.

Offered: Online**GOVT 329 American Exceptionalism 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

This course introduces the student to the concept of American exceptionalism, the belief that the United States is unique among the nations in advancing justice, liberty, and freedom. The student will examine theological, historical, and political perspectives on American exceptionalism and discuss the influence and impact of the United States on the dynamics of the international policy landscape. Finally, the student will thoughtfully examine when the United States has failed to achieve its highest liberty ideals and formulate strategies to secure her position as a positive model of representative, republican government and responsible citizenship to the nations.

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 330 Introduction to Comparative Politics 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

An introduction to a variety of concepts and approaches to the study of the domestic politics of other countries.

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 332 Politics of Europe 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

A survey of the political systems of Britain, France, Germany and Russia, comparing how various forms of government provide for the requirements of their citizens and the tasks of governing.

Offered: Resident**GOVT 333 Post-Communist Politics 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

An examination of key issues of the transformation of the former Soviet Union and its East European allies. The impact of the communist system on current regimes is evaluated with an emphasis on the role of the party structure, religion, and the security apparatus.

Offered: Resident**GOVT 334 Politics of Latin America 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

A study of the political systems of Latin America and the Caribbean basin in view of the geographical, historical, religious, cultural, economic, and international factors that shape them.

Offered: Resident**GOVT 335 Politics of Asia 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

A study of the major political, economic, and cultural systems of East and South Asia, particularly China, India, and Japan, with special attention given to the rapid emergence of a robust international trade area along the Pacific Rim.

Offered: Resident**GOVT 337 Politics of the Middle East 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

A study of the geographical, historical, religious, cultural, economic, and international factors that broke up the Islamic empires and that shape the politics of the Middle East, Central Asia, and North Africa.

Offered: Resident**GOVT 338 Politics of the Third World 3 Credit Hour(s)****GOVT 340 International Relations 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

This course introduces major theories of international politics. Current world events and crises are discussed as a means to examine the utility of international relations theories, introduce prominent debates in the field, and evaluate strategies for managing and resolving international conflict.

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 345 Jurisprudence 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

An introduction to law and philosophy of law, including categories of law, some legal terminology, justice, liberty, crime and punishment.

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 346 Legal Research and Writing 3 Credit Hour(s)**

Resident Prerequisite: GOVT 200 and (RSCH 201 or Inquiry Research with a score of 80 or Research Assessment with a score of 80 or Research (prior to 2017-2018) with a score of 80)

Online Prerequisite: GOVT 200

An overview for the pre-law student of legal research methods and legal writing. Attention will be given to online and traditional avenues of legal research, as well as standard formats for case briefs, citations, formal legal memoranda, legal analysis, case synthesis, and statutory interpretation. The course requires a major legal research paper.

Offered: Resident and Online

GOVT 348 Constitutional Studies - The 2nd Amendment: The Right to Keep and Bear Arms 3 Credit Hour(s)**Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

This course introduces the student to the historical and constitutional foundation for the 2nd Amendment. Biblical principles such as inalienable rights, justice, and the right to self-defense are discussed. Finally, students will be educated in the full range of rights associated with the 2nd Amendment, and how those rights have been undermined in today's political arena.

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 350 Political Economy and Public Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

Application of social ethics and economic theory to government, politics, social institutions, law and public policy questions. Topics include the role of a worldview in public policy, the role of civil government versus the role of the market, constitutional and legal decision-making, the morality of capitalism, the problems of special interest groups and public bureaucracies, the theory of regulation and specific public policy issues.

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 370 Candidate Development 3 Credit Hour(s)****GOVT 371 Campaign Management 3 Credit Hour(s)****GOVT 372 Legislative Project Management 3 Credit Hour(s)****GOVT 373 Political Communication 3 Credit Hour(s)****GOVT 374 Professional Development 3 Credit Hour(s)****GOVT 375 Political Fundraising 3 Credit Hour(s)****GOVT 376 Resilient Nations 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

A broadly applicable, foundational study of resilience applied to the life of nations, with particular focus on the USA. Topics include God's intent for nations, spiritual infrastructure as an element of national power, an in-depth assessment of American spiritual infrastructure, and personal and policy considerations pertaining to life, liberty, pursuit of happiness, and major spheres of cultural influence.

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 380 Introduction to Intelligence and National Security 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200 or Waiver for GOVT 200 with a score of 5

An upper-division introduction to the field of intelligence and the Intelligence Community, and how it all works within the framework of the Department of Homeland Security.

Registration Restrictions: GOVT 200 prerequisite will be waived for student majoring in the BS Government: National Security and Intelligence degree

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 381 Intelligence Analysis 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

An upper-division course studying field of intelligence analysis to give students a basic understanding of what it takes to be an analyst within the Intelligence Community. The course looks at some classic intelligence failures as well as some of the unpublished successes.

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 382 History of Intelligence 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

An upper-division study of intelligence from the earliest biblical times up through the modern period. The development of American intelligence is covered in detail.

Note: (Offered fall semester)**Offered:** Resident and Online**GOVT 383 History and Nature of Intelligence Tools 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

A study of intelligence tools and their utilization within an institutional context. This course is not designed to teach students how to use intelligence tools but rather to give them an understanding of what constitutes an intelligence tool, how those tools have been developed over time, and how they support the consumers of intelligence products.

Offered: Resident**GOVT 384 Introduction to Strategic Studies 3 Credit Hour(s)**

The course introduces undergraduate students to the traditional themes and questions that define the study of conflict and the uses of force in the pursuit of foreign policy goals. In addition to familiarizing students to the basics of strategic thinking, this course considers contemporary topics and challenges to international security, including nuclear weapons, WMDs, and types of warfare.

Offered: Online**GOVT 385 NDU/NIS Symposia I 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

Five-day seminars in Washington, D.C. during which students attend the relevant symposium hosted by the National Defense University or attend the National Intelligence Symposium hosted by the Association of Former Intelligence Officers. Academic requirements include a major paper on one of the topics covered during the symposium. Each symposium counts as one course.

Note: (Offered fall and spring semesters, when available) Note: Extra costs above tuition and fees apply.

Offered: Resident**GOVT 386 NDU/NIS Symposia II 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 480 or GOVT 380 or GOVT 381 or GOVT 382 or GOVT 483 or GOVT 484

Five-day seminars in Washington, D.C. during which students attend the relevant symposium hosted by the National Defense University or attend the National Intelligence Symposium hosted by the Association of Former Intelligence Officers. Academic requirements include a major paper on one of the topics covered during the symposium. Each symposium counts as one course.

Note: (Offered fall and spring semesters, when available) Note: Extra costs above tuition and fees apply.

Offered: Resident**GOVT 387 Sovereignty, Borders, and Territorial Integrity 3 Credit Hour(s)**

This course introduces undergraduate students to the history of the emergence and consolidation of the modern state, as well as bordering practices common in world politics today. Grounded in geopolitics, this course considers the domestic political and international implications of state sovereignty as well as contemporary issues and topics such as nationalism, immigration, trade, counter-terrorism, and surveillance.

Offered: Online

GOVT 388 Ethics, Just War, and Use of Force 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course introduces undergraduate students to the components of Just War Theory – jus ad bellum, jus in bello, and jus post bellum. In addition to providing an understanding of the history and religious foundations behind international use of force protocols, this course considers age-old questions about Christian involvement in war.

Offered: Online

GOVT 400 Government Colloquium 1 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: GOVT 200 or GOVT 220 or GOVT 210

This experience includes all government faculty members. Government majors should enroll for a minimum of three semesters. Students and faculty will participate in a series of events in which they will be exposed to current policy issues, politicians, graduates of the department and the research interests of faculty members and students through paper presentations, speeches, debates and films.

Offered: Resident

GOVT 401 Adv Criminal Law, Procedure/Ev 3 Credit Hour(s)**GOVT 402 American Political Ideas: The Founders 3 Credit Hour(s)**

Prerequisite: GOVT 200 or GOVT 220 or GOVT 210

The political thought of the Pilgrims, the Puritans, and the Founding Fathers, emphasizing the impact of Christianity upon American political ideas.

Offered: Resident

GOVT 403 International Economics 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: GOVT 200

Principles of foreign trade and its impact on the domestic economy, means of restricting trade, the influence of the military systems and exchange and role of U.S. in underdeveloped areas.

Offered: Resident

GOVT 404 Undergraduate Contracts 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: GOVT 200

This course will introduce students to the basic principles and laws which govern contracts.

Offered: Resident and Online

GOVT 405 Political and Economic Development 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: GOVT 200

An analysis of the common problems of less developed countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America with a survey of theories of development.

Note: (Offered fall semester odd numbered years)

Offered: Resident

GOVT 406 Undergraduate Property 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: GOVT 200

This course will introduce students to the basic principles and laws which govern contracts.

Offered: Resident and Online

GOVT 407 Undergraduate Civil Procedure 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: GOVT 200

This course will introduce students to the procedural rules that govern civil litigation.

Offered: Resident and Online

GOVT 408 Negotiation 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: GOVT 200

This course will introduce students to the processes and practice of negotiation as it pertains to the legal profession.

Offered: Resident and Online

GOVT 409 Advanced Logic and Legal Reasoning 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: GOVT 200

This course will address advanced concepts of logic and legal reasoning and engage the student in practical applications to reinforce sound legal thinking.

Offered: Resident and Online

GOVT 410 Political Science Research 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: GOVT 210 and GOVT 230

This course introduces students to the basic principles of the scientific method. Students examine the philosophy of science that underpins empirical social science research and then explore a range of components critical to scientific research design, including conceptualization, measurement, causality, and methodological approaches commonly employed in political science.

Offered: Online

GOVT 421 American Constitutional History 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: GOVT 200

A survey of American constitutional development from British and colonial origins to the present, emphasizing the history of the Supreme Court and the development of the constitutional framework.

Offered: Resident and Online

GOVT 422 American Constitutional Law 3 Credit Hour(s)

Resident Prerequisite: GOVT 200 and GOVT 421

Online Prerequisite: GOVT 421 and GOVT 346 and GOVT 200

An in-depth historical analysis of American constitutional law, emphasizing landmark Supreme Court decisions, especially in the field of civil liberties.

Note: (Offered spring semester)

Offered: Resident and Online

GOVT 424 Judicial Process 3 Credit Hour(s)**GOVT 425 American Foreign Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)**

Prerequisite: GOVT 200

A course on U.S. foreign policy since 1945. Emphasis is not on a detailed examination of events but rather on the practical use of history for public policy-making and management.

Offered: Resident and Online

GOVT 430 Comparative Economic and Political Ideas 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: GOVT 200

A comparison of capitalism, socialism and communism, emphasizing the ideas and ideologies that are struggling today across the world.

Offered: Resident

GOVT 433 The Jewish Temple in History and Prophecy 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: (BIBL 105 or BIBL 205) and (BIBL 110 or BIBL 210)

This course is an introduction to the historical, archaeological, and theological significance of the Jewish Temple and its various forms in the Bible. (Crosslisted with BIBL 433)

Offered: Resident

GOVT 440 Political Geography 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: GOVT 200

A study of the political, cultural, and economic dynamics of the international system with special attention given to its geo-strategic dimensions.

Note: (Offered spring semester)

Offered: Resident and Online

GOVT 445 International Law 3 Credit Hour(s)**Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

An examination of international organizations, their nature, political processes, and impact in different issue areas, including peacekeeping and security, international development, human rights, international monetary policy, and control of the seas.

Note: (Offered spring semester)**Offered:** Resident**GOVT 450 Middle East Conflict in Biblical Perspective 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** (BIBL 105 or BIBL 205) and (BIBL 110 or BIBL 210)

This course traces the causes, development, consequences and outcome of the Middle East conflict from a biblical and Christian Zionist perspective. The relevant historical and biblical texts will be examined with respect to Israel's conflict with nations past, present and future and the contemporary interpretation of the conflict within Christianity. (Crosslisted with THEO 450)

Offered: Resident**GOVT 451 Social Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

A survey of American social policy development with an emphasis on religion, education, information, civil rights and health/reproduction policies. The social policy development process will be examined within the context of contemporary political institutions.

Offered: Resident**GOVT 458 Public Policy Development in the Political Environment 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

This capstone course for public policy concentrators will emphasize the application of foreign, social and economic policy concepts. The student will be exposed to contemporary cases for which they will be required to build policy responses and political implementation strategies.

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 459 Criminal Justice Law and Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)****Online Prerequisite:** GOVT 458

This course examines key public policy and legal issues, trends and strategies related to the criminal justice context. Students will also examine and articulate recommendations for policy in this context and identify future legal challenges and issues.

Offered: Online**GOVT 460 Contemporary Issues in Political Science 3 Credit Hour(s)****Online Prerequisite:** GOVT 220 and GOVT 200

This course examines the contemporary legal, economic, political, religious, philosophical, and cultural issues impacting the political context in the areas of government, politics, and international relations. These factors will be considered in light of a Biblical perspective. Students will be challenged to apply key concepts of political science to these discussions.

Offered: Online**GOVT 461 National Security Law and Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)****Online Prerequisite:** GOVT 458

This course examines key public policy and legal issues, trends and strategies related to the national security context. Students will also examine and articulate recommendations for policy in this context and identify future legal challenges and issues.

Offered: Online**GOVT 463 Health Care Law and Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)****Online Prerequisite:** GOVT 458

This course examines key public policy and legal issues, trends and strategies related to the health care context. Students will also examine and articulate recommendations for policy in this context and identify future legal challenges and issues.

Offered: Online**GOVT 465 Education Law and Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)****Online Prerequisite:** GOVT 458

This course examines key public policy and legal issues, trends and strategies related to the education context. Students will also examine and articulate recommendations for policy in this context and identify future legal challenges and issues.

Offered: Online**GOVT 467 Religious Liberty Law and Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)****Online Prerequisite:** GOVT 458

This course examines key public policy and legal issues, trends and strategies related to religious liberty. Students will also examine and articulate recommendations for policy in this context and identify future legal challenges and issues.

Offered: Online**GOVT 469 Economics Law and Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)**

This course examines key public policy and legal issues, trends and strategies related to economic laws and regulations. Students will also examine and articulate recommendations for policy in this context and identify future legal challenges and issues.

Offered: Online**GOVT 470 Government Regulation of Business 3 Credit Hour(s)****Online Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

The sources and impact of various forms of government intervention in the private business sector, including the economic effects of regulation, the legal functions of various agencies, and rulemaking and regulatory powers and limitations of government administrative agencies.

Offered: Online**GOVT 473 Undergraduate Law Review 1 Credit Hour(s)**

The purpose of this course is to provide students with an opportunity to publish legal scholarship, from a uniquely Christian worldview, in the "Liberty University Undergraduate Law Review," which is published on periodic basis. The course will equip students with the tools and techniques necessary to draft and edit legal scholarship in the academic format.

Offered: Resident**GOVT 474 American Political Parties 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

This course is designed to provide students with an integral analysis of the significant persons, ideas, events, issues and trends in the history of American political parties and politics and demonstrate the impact of successive worldviews on American political parties.

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 476 Persuasive Argumentation for Lawyers 3 Credit Hour(s)****Online Prerequisite:** GOVT 200 and GOVT 346

This course will introduce undergraduate students to the basic principles and skills of advocacy in the American courtroom. Students will study principles of analysis, reasoning, evidence, organization and presentation needed to develop and offer legal arguments. The course will cover both pre-court preparation of legal arguments as well as the skills of identifying evidential issues and then creating persuasive arguments to support legal theories.

Offered: Online

GOVT 477 Trial Advocacy 3 Credit Hour(s)**Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

An overview of foundational principles of advocacy in the courtroom. This course will introduce students to the basic principles and skills of advocacy in the trial courts of America. Students will study the element of a trial, the Federal Rules of Evidence, and how to prepare and perform an opening statement, a direct cross-examination of witnesses, and a closing argument.

Offered: Resident**GOVT 478 Appellate Advocacy 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

An overview of foundational principles of advocacy in the appellate arena. A survey of the principles necessary to successfully advocate before an appellate panel and a practical application of the elements in a competitive setting.

Offered: Resident**GOVT 479 Juvenile Justice 3 Credit Hour(s)****GOVT 480 Terrorism 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

A cross-disciplinary study of terrorism as a form of organized political violence; its intellectual, cultural, political, and religious roots; and its uses in ethnic, sectarian, and international conflicts.

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 481 Counter-Terrorism 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

This course will evaluate the main aspects of the war on terror. The course will focus on dilemmas relating to intelligence gathering, offensive and defensive actions taken against terrorist organizations, civil liberties and media coverage, and the strategies and approaches for combating terrorism.

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 482 Counter-Intelligence 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 380

A study of counter-intelligence from the analytical and operational perspectives. It focuses on the security phase of intelligence covering those activities devoted to destroying the effectiveness of hostile competition's intelligence activities and to protecting one's own information and intelligence methods.

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 483 Military Operations and Intelligence 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

An upper-division study of tactical military intelligence operations and the related military branch intelligence agencies as well as the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 484 Strategic Intelligence 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

An upper-division course studying the concept of Strategic Intelligence, including the concept of fourth generation warfare, from the standpoint of the various intelligence agencies, the Department of State, and the Department of Defense.

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 485 NDU/NIS Symposia III 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 480 or GOVT 380 or GOVT 381 or GOVT 382 or GOVT 483 or GOVT 484

Five-day seminars in Washington, D.C. during which students attend the relevant symposium hosted by the National Defense University or attend the National Intelligence Symposium hosted by the Association of Former Intelligence Officers. Academic requirements include a major paper on one of the topics covered during the symposium. Each symposium counts as one course.

Note: (Offered fall and spring semesters, when available) Note: Extra costs above tuition and fees apply.**Offered:** Resident**GOVT 486 NDU/NIS Symposia IV 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 480 or GOVT 380 or GOVT 381 or GOVT 382 or GOVT 483 or GOVT 484

Five-day seminars in Washington, D.C. during which students attend the relevant symposium hosted by the National Defense University or attend the National Intelligence Symposium hosted by the Association of Former Intelligence Officers. Academic requirements include a major paper on one of the topics covered during the symposium. Each symposium counts as one course.

Note: (Offered fall and spring semesters, when available) Note: Extra costs above tuition and fees apply.**Offered:** Resident**GOVT 487 Ethics in Intelligence 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

This course examines from a distinctly Christian worldview how ethical standards apply to human conduct when related to intelligence work and the implications for the collection, analysis, and production of information. It combines lectures, discussion, case studies, and student presentations to critically analyze assumptions and alternatives, and to address issues of social, political, environmental perspectives in support of national security objectives.

Registration Restrictions: Upper division standing**Offered:** Resident and Online**GOVT 488 Psychological Operations 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

This course is an examination of the use of propaganda supported by military, economic, or political measures. The course explores the early principles of psychological operations, the application of principles and research to influence an enemy's actions, and the role of research and collection of intelligence about the enemy. Upon completion of GOVT 488, the student will be able to identify delivery methods for dissemination of information to key audiences and to compare specific successful as well as unsuccessful PSYOP campaigns.

Registration Restrictions: Upper Division Standing**Offered:** Resident**GOVT 489 Field Practicum 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

This is a senior level course to be taken at the end of the junior year to give students an opportunity to acquire tradecraft learning in surveillance and counter-surveillance taught by intelligence professionals in Washington D.C. Extra costs above tuition and fees apply.

Offered: Resident

GOVT 490 Political Theory 3 Credit Hour(s)**Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

A critical examination of a variety of philosophical and social science methods that seek to explain and evaluate: political systems, behavior, ideologies, and collective decision-making. Special attention will be given to the political heritage of western/American civilization and the internal and external challenges it faces.

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 491 Advanced Intelligence Analysis 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

A capstone course in the application of the concepts, tools and techniques of Strategic Intelligence and Intelligence Analysis to real world scenarios, developed in conjunction with input and oversight from government intelligence agencies. This course is a culmination of the Strategic Intelligence curriculum, applying the tools and techniques taught in GOVT 381 and GOVT 484.

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 492 Senior Seminar 3 Credit Hour(s)**

Resident Prerequisite: GOVT 200 and (RSCH 201 or Inquiry Research with a score of 80 or Research Assessment with a score of 80 or Research (prior to 2017-2018) with a score of 80)

Online Prerequisite: GOVT 200

The capstone course in Government provides - in the context of a biblical Christian worldview - an overview, discussion, and evaluation of leading figures, theories, subfields, and schools of thought within the broad field of political science.

Registration Restrictions: Senior Standing or at least 21 upper division hours in Government

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 493 Advanced Appellate Advocacy 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

This course provides advanced instruction on techniques of appellate advocacy, primarily brief writing and oral advocacy. Lectures on brief writing and oral advocacy, practical exercises, and guest presentations by members of the bar and the judiciary are part of this course. Students will prepare and submit briefs on assigned cases and will also present oral argument on those cases to a panel of judges at the ACMA regional tournament.

Offered: Resident**GOVT 494 Intelligence Studies Capstone 3 Credit Hour(s)**

This capstone course is designed to synthesize all elements of intelligence studies into a final, interactive course and exercise. In addition to considering contemporary issues in intelligence and security, students apply knowledge gained throughout their undergraduate coursework on government, politics, economics, national security, and other foundational concepts to demonstrate and further develop their comprehension of the expansive topic of intelligence.

Offered: Online**GOVT 495 Directed Research 1-3 Credit Hour(s)****Online Prerequisite:** GOVT 200 or GOVT 220 or GOVT 210**Offered:** Online**GOVT 496 National Security Studies Capstone 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

This course is designed to synthesize all elements of National Security Studies into a final interactive course and exercise. Students will apply their knowledge of the aspects of U.S. National Security, including democracy, military operations, homeland security, politics and diplomacy, intelligence, the economy, and other contributing factors into a series of class discussions, decision papers, and a culminating exercise in order to demonstrate their comprehension of the expansive topic of National Security.

Offered: Resident and Online**GOVT 497 Special Topics in Government 1-3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

Topics will vary from semester to semester. Course may be repeated for credit as topics vary.

Offered: Resident**GOVT 499 Field Research (Internship) 1-6 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** GOVT 200

Directed applicable work experience under supervision of the Director of Government Internships and an administrator or professional at the place of employment in government, political campaigns or political action organizations. Applications are processed through the department Faculty Intern Advisor. Applicants must apply the semester prior to starting the internship.

Registration Restrictions: Junior or Senior status and required GPA

Offered: Resident and Online