HOWARD PAYNE UNIVERSITY

THE SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

GOVERNMENT

OVERVIEW

The School of Humanities offers programs leading to the Associate in General Studies and the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degrees to students having interests or career objectives involving individual and community relationships. Majors are available in the following disciplines: criminal justice, English, history, social science, psychology, social work, social studies composite, and the Guy D. Newman Honors Academy (multidisciplinary). School of Humanities departments that offer minors include English, English writing, Spanish, History, Social Science, Psychology, and Criminal Justice. Teacher certification is available in English and language arts, history and social studies composite. (See the School of Education and Fine Arts section of the catalog.)

COURSES DESCRIPTIONS

GOV 1101-4609: Special Studies

Topics offered as demand reflects an interest in areas of social science not covered by existing catalog courses. Courses may be repeated when the topic of study changes.

GOV 2308: Research and Writing in the Social Sciences

A laboratory course in scholarly research and writing methodology for the social sciences. History students must take HIS 2308 prior to or concurrently with any course at or above the 2000-level. Political Science students must take GOV 2308 prior to or concurrently with any course at or above the 3000-level. Cross-credited with HIS 2308. Only three hours credit will be awarded for GOV 2308 or HIS 2308.

GOV 2311: American Government

A survey of the structure, functions, processes, and problems of the federal government. The prerequisite for the honors section of this course will be membership in the Guy D. Newman Honors Academy (honors or scholars' level) or either a 22 or above on the ACT or a composite score of 1010 or above on the SAT.

GOV 2350: Political Economy

A political analysis of implementing micro and macroeconomic principles. Cross-credited with ECO 2350. Only three hours credit will be awarded for ECO 2350 or GOV 2350.

GOV 2390: Politics, Process, and Policy: State and Local

This course traces the philosophical and practical contours of policy-making in the federal system, focused at the state and local level. Special attention will be paid to structures of state and local governance in the State of Texas.

GOV 3100: Model United Nations

This experiential learning course sees students participate in mock United Nations sessions representing a variety of countries or interest groups. A maximum of three semester hours may be applied to the major or minor. Enrollment is limited with preference given to students in relevant majors. Due to the time commitment of the simulation, members of the Model United Nations team should not simultaneously participate in a second co- curricular competitive activity (Mock Trial, Moot Court, SSB, etc.).

GOV 3161: Moot Court

This course explores via in-depth, experiential simulations the appellate phase of the American legal system. Applied experience is gained in research and analysis, case preparation, examination and cross-examination of witnesses, brief writing and oral advocacy. Because of the time commitments of the experiential simulations and competitions, students are discouraged from participating in a second co-curricular activity (Mock Trial, MUN, SSB, etc.) in the same semester as their participation in Moot Court. Exceptions may be made on the advice and consent of the advisor and the faculty sponsors for the co-curriculars involved. The course may be repeated for credit; a maximum of three semester hours may be applied to the major or minor as stipulated in the catalog.

GOV 3162: Mock Trial

This course explores via in-depth, experiential simulations the trial phase of the American legal system. Applied experience is gained in research and analysis, case preparation, examination and cross-examination of witnesses, brief writing and oral advocacy. Because of the time commitments of the experiential simulations and competitions, students are discouraged from participating in a second co-curricular activity (Moot Court, MUN, SSB, etc.) in the same semester as their participation in Mock Trial. Exceptions may be made on the advice and consent of the advisor and the faculty sponsors for the co-curriculars involved. The course may be repeated for credit; a maximum of three semester hours may be applied to the major or minor as stipulated in the catalog.

GOV 3300: Topics in International Studies

This course will explore regional and/or ideological conflicts, crises, and debates currently shaping the state of the international arena. Special attention will generally be paid to the effect of these on the United States' foreign policy and/or international commitments or obligations.

GOV 3301: American Jurisprudence

This course offers an introductory exploration to the philosophies and institutions that comprise the U.S. legal system. Special attention will be paid to theories of jurisprudence, structure of the courts, and legal researching and writing.

GOV 3303: Perspectives in Social Sciences

Survey of various analytical and methodological tools of the social sciences. Special emphasis on traditionalism/revisionism, realism/liberalism, and interpretive schemas from other social science disciplines including psychology, sociology, and anthropology. Cross-credited with HIS 3303. Only three hours credit will be awarded for GOV 3303 or HIS 3303.

GOV 3320: Economic Development

Explores the theory and practice of economic development on local, state, national, and international levels. Special emphasis on a comparison of world economic systems, including the economies of the developing world. Cross-credited with ECO 3320. Only three hours credit will be awarded for ECO 3320 or GOV 3320.

GOV 3321: Comparative Government

A study of the governments, political systems, and public policies of countries in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, and Africa. Attention will also be given to emerging multi-national governments, such as the European Union.

GOV 3350: Economic Theory and Policy Analysis

Introduction to public policy analysis, with special emphasis on the use of comparative economic theories - including Mill, Smith, Marx, Keynes, and Friedman - in the development of policy proposals and cost/benefit analysis. Cross-credited with ECO 3350. Only three hours credit will be awarded for GOV 3350 or ECO 3350.

GOV 3381: Political Theory

A comparative study of the ideas and ideologies that shaped the Western World and have influenced the non-Western World, emphasizing political theories that contributed to capitalism, liberalism, socialism, communism, and fascism.

GOV 3390: Topics in Law

In this course, students will encounter various levels of analysis-historical, socio-cultural, jurisprudential, etc. - during the in-depth exploration of a selected current-issues legal topic. Students may repeat this course for credit as the topics change.

GOV 3391: Law and Society

An overview of Anglo-American legal principles and an analysis of controversial legal issues in contemporary American society.

GOV 4100: Logic, Reasoning, and Analysis: LSAT/GRE Prep

This laboratory course prepares students for graduate entrance exams such as the LSAT and GRE by a study of logic, reasoning, and analysis within the context of the exam environment. This course may only be taken Pass/Fail and may not count toward the student's major or minor.

GOV 4199-4399: Internships

Supervised professional activities in an approved organization. Designed to provide students with an opportunity to apply academic course work in practical and professional settings. Department will determine assessment criteria on a case-by-case basis. May be taken for up to six hours of credit, though only three hours will count toward the GOV major. Course may be repeated for credit.

GOV 4304: American Political Culture

This course will examine the nature of the U.S. political culture throughout the nation's history, including and especially the role of political parties and interest groups in shaping the debate over public policies and in contesting elections. Spring, even years and

GOV 4354: Constitutional Theory I: Powers

An analysis of the constitutional law of the United States through an examination of basic cases concerning separation of powers, federalism, tax and spending powers, interstate and foreign commerce, and eminent domain.

GOV 4355: Constitution Theory II: Rights

An analysis of the constitutional law of the United States through an examination of basic cases concerning personal liberties and civil rights.

GOV 4366: Topics in Politics

This course will focus on a topic of importance to the study of politics, generally American politics. The focus may differ from offering to offering, but will consistently explore political forms and functions for their importance to society and its structures. Students may repeat the course for credit as the topics change.

GOV 4389: U.S. Foreign Policy and I.R. Theory

An examination of competing theories of international relations as seen through the lens of U.S. foreign policy. Special attention is paid to the role of the presidency in constructing and directing U.S. policies.

GOV 4391: Politics, Process, and Policy: Federal

The course traces the philosophical and practical contours of policy-making at the national level of the federal system. Special attention will be paid to the legislative process in Congress, the role of the Presidency in policy-making, and applying analytical tools relative to politics and policy.

GOV 4392: Christianity, Ethics, and Politics in America

An examination of the relationship between Christianity, politics and civil government. Special emphasis on the role of ethics in responsible policy- making, and dilemmas such as war and peace, church and state, and interventionism and isolationism.