Fall 2016 Theme Area Courses
Department of Political Science

TA: Faith and Reason

POSC 101: Catholic Thought, the State & Security in the Modern World
TR 9:25-10:40

TA: Global Diversity

POSC 110: Current Problems in International Politics TR 1:40-2:55
POSC 208: Politics of Great Powers TR 10:50-12:05
POSC 245: International Relations TR 1:40-2:55
POSC 413W: Human Rights: Politics and Policy T 6:00-8:40

TA: Social Justice

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Course Descriptions

POSC 101- Catholic Thought, the State & Security in the Modern World- 3 credits. Fr. J. Sawicki. The increasing tensions of the present security environment can have a strangling effect on the spirit and ethos of moral reason, and faith founded social institutions. The State needs to be security and have its people secure. Doing so, however, may involve hard choices to do things it would not do ordinarily. How can a principled and faith founded people respond to these exigencies? This course introduces the student to the rich tradition of Roman Catholic thinking on the subject of war, peace, and State and the dignity of the individual. It will then open a conversation with some of the other approaches to
contemporary problems, as well as assess responses to pressing security issues confronting the world.

POSC 105- **American National Government**- 3 credits. Dr. J. Hanley. This survey course is designed to provide students with a foundation for understanding and critically assessing American political processes, institutions, and public policies.

POSC 110- **Current Problems in International Politics**- 3 credits. Dr. M. Haas. This course examines many of the most important problems in contemporary international politics. The goal of the course is to provide students with knowledge of the basic theoretical debates in international relations, and then to use these lessons to help the student understand current international issues. We will be examining such topics as the causes of terrorism, the threat of weapons of mass destruction, and the foreign policies of a number of key states around the globe, including the United States, China, North Korea, Iran, Israel-Palestine, India, and Pakistan. After completing the course, students should be able to use their analytical skills to understand--and potentially help solve--the inevitable international problems of the future. As a class in global diversity, students will learn about the key forces that shape the core features of contemporary international politics. Central to this endeavor will be analyses of the cultural, ideological, and political systems of the countries we investigate.  (Cross-listed as IR 1110)

POSC 208- **Politics of Great Powers** (former title: Comparative Political Systems/Advanced Industrial States)-3 credits. Dr. J. Schulze. A comparative analysis of political systems of Western Europe and other advanced democracies. Emphasis is on the political history, institutions, parties, and major policy issues facing these countries.  (Cross-listed as IR 208)

POSC 245- **International Relations**- 3 credits. Dr. C. Bob. A study of politics between states including sovereignty, balance of power, war, and economics. Cross-listed with International Relations. (Cross-listed as IR 245.)
POSC 413W- Human Rights: Politics and Policy- 3 credits. Dr. C. Bob. Explores the international human rights regime including philosophical sources, legal instruments, governmental and non-state actors, and impacts on the international system. (Cross-listed as IR 413W, PJCR 413W, and PLCR 513)