POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLs)

Courses

POL-100 INTRO TO POLITICAL SCIENCE & GOVERNMENT 3 Credits
Theories and concepts appropriate to understanding how human conflict arises and is resolved are surveyed. Problems in American, foreign and international politics provide the focus of study.

POL-101 AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT 3 Credits
Students are introduced to the general problems of government. The emphasis is on the basic concepts of American politics and the major structural and Constitutional elements of national government.

POL-102 AMERICAN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT 3 Credits
This course is an introductory survey of the administration, politics, and organization of government at the sub-national level, including city, county, special district, and state governments. A brief introduction to the basics of the policy-making process is provided. Writing integrated.

POL-200 SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY 3 Credits
A philosophical investigation of the justifications of political systems forwarded by ancient and modern political thinkers. Writing integrated. Cross-listed with PHIL-200.

POL-237 INTERNATIONAL POLITICS 3 Credits
An overview of the world political system and a framework for analysis of the actions and actors in the global arena is provided.

POL-285 COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT 3 Credits
An introduction to the study of politics through the comparison of selected foreign governments. The significance of contrasts in the role of culture, constitutions, interest groups, parties, participation, and political institutions in the formation of policy are discussed and analyzed.

POL-290 DIRECTED STUDY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1-3 Credits

POL-291 WORKSHOP IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1-3 Credits

POL-292 SPECIAL TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1-3 Credits

POL-294 INTERNSHIP IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1-3 Credits

POL-295 PRACTICUM IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1-12 Credits

POL-299 RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP 1-12 Credits

POL-300 INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY 3 Credits
An overview of the international economic system and the relationship of the global economy to world politics - the current economic order is emphasized. Students should take an appropriate economics course. Pre-requisite: ENGL 102 or ENGL 109, or permission of instructor.

POL-332 GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF LATIN AMERICA 3 Credits
Students will examine contemporary political processes and their historical roots in Latin American states, including government structures, regime change, parties and elections, social movements, the effects of imperialism and colonialism and local political economy.

POL-340 SOCIAL POLICY 3 Credits
This course explores the development, formulation, implementation and effects of social policy on institutions and society. Social policy formation, decision-making, analysis, and their intentional and unintentional effects on society are examined through the utilization of both historic and scientific public policy critical thinking analysis. Issues of identifying, evaluating, and reporting those effects are presented and discussed. A preview of present and future public policy trends will be introduced and critically analyzed.

POL-345 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 3 Credits
This course is designed to introduce students to the historical development of the Constitution and the problems encountered under this type of system.

POL-370 POLITICAL COMMUNICATION 3 Credits
This course deals with communication as the essence of the political process. By examining such topics as political campaigning, the press-government relationship, and the rhetoric of political leaders, the implications of political communication are addressed from the perspectives of politicians, the press, and the public. Cross-listed with COMM-370.

POL-390 DIRECTED STUDY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1-3 Credits

POL-392 SPECIAL TOPIC IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 3 Credits

POL-394 INTERNSHIP IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1-3 Credits

POL-399 RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP 3 Credits

POL-429 ORIGINS OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY 3 Credits
The class examines the origins and development of major foreign policies within the context of international linkages, diplomatic organizations, and diplomatic procedures. Pre-requisites: ENGL-102 or ENGL-109; and completion of Social Science Core; or permission of instructor. Cross-listed with HIST-429.
POLS-463 WOMEN & POLITICS 3 Credits
Through this course, students will gain an understanding of the complexity surrounding women and politics through comparative and international perspectives, centering on how policy affects women, women affect policy and women as political leaders. Pre-requisite: ENGL-102 or ENGL-109, or permission of instructor.

POLS-465 GLOBALIZATION & THE STATE 3 Credits
Through this course students will gain an understanding of the political, social, economic, technological and environmental aspects of globalization, the implications on the conception and power of the state and the role of the United States as the leader in globalization. Pre-requisite: ENGL-102 or ENGL-109, or permission of instructor.

POLS-490 DIRECTED STUDY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1-3 Credits
POLS-491 WORKSHOP IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1-3 Credits
POLS-492 SPECIAL TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1-3 Credits
POLS-494 INTERNSHIP IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1-12 Credits
POLS-495 PRACTICUM IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1-12 Credits
POLS-499 RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP 1-3 Credits