

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

Courses

POLS-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.

POLS-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.

POLS-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.

POLS-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.

POLS-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.

POLS-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.

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

POLS-291 WORKSHOP IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1-3 Credits

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

POLS-294 INTERSHIP IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1-3 Credits

POLS-295 PRACTICUM IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1-12 Credits

POLS-299 RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP 1-12 Credits

POLS-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.

POLS-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.

POLS-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.

POLS-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.

POLS-365 CAMPAIGNS & ELECTIONS 3 Credits

Through this course, students will examine the historical development of campaigns and elections in the United States over the past 200 years. Using social science research, students will also explore the connection between elections and governing over time, the public's role in the campaign process, voting behavior, and the implications for democracy.

POLS-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.

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

POLS-392 SPECIAL TOPIC IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1-3 Credits

POLS-394 INTERSHIP IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1-3 Credits

POLS-399 RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP 3 Credits

POLS-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-464 POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY 3 Credits

In this course students will examine patterns of political behavior, including group behavior, information processing, the formation of political attitudes, emotions, personality, partisanship, voting, race, and tolerance. Pre-requisite: POLS-101 or PSYC-101, or permission of instructor. Crosslisted with PSYC-464.

POLS-465 GLOBALIZATION, GEOGRAPHY, AND THE STATE 3 Credits

Through this course students will gain an understanding of the political, social, cultural, economic, technological, and environmental aspects of globalization. The emphasis is on the implications of the conception and power of the state and the role spatial processes play in globalization and development. Cross-listed with GEOG-465. 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