

Political Science (POLS)

POLS 110. Introduction to Political Science. 3 Credits.

Problems of political science as a discipline, political systems, and political behavior. Includes causes and consequences of individual and group political behavior.

POLS 115. American Government. 3 Credits.

Principles of American government, political behavior, and institutions.

POLS 120. Terrorism. 3 Credits.

Examination of problems of terrorism. Includes its historical perspectives; terrorist motivations, organizations, tactics, strategies; role of media; government responses; future trends, prospects.

POLS 210. Current Politics. 3 Credits.

Study of current national and state political issues.

POLS 215. Problems and Policies In American Government. 3 Credits.

Study of the functioning of American government focusing on the policy process.

POLS 216. Campaigns and Elections. 3 Credits.

Examination of political campaigns and elections with special emphasis for voting behavior, history and theory of political advertising, and effectiveness/ethics of negative advertising. Prereq: POLS 115.

POLS 220. International Politics. 3 Credits.

Concepts, theories, and issues in international relations.

POLS 225. Comparative Politics. 3 Credits.

Comparative analysis of contemporary political systems, practices, institutions, and actors.

POLS 230. Judicial Process. 3 Credits.

Role of lawyers, judges, and courts in the political system. Special emphasis on judicial decision-making and the ideas behind law.

POLS 240. Political Ideologies. 3 Credits.

Study of ideas, belief systems, and basic principles of ideologies.

POLS 315. Federal Law Enforcement and Crime Policy. 3 Credits.

Examination of the history, development, current make-up, and jurisdiction of federal law enforcement in the United States, as well as the role of the federal government in setting national crime policy and the strategies employed. Crpss-listed with CJ.

POLS 325. Applied Research Methods. 4 Credits.

This course provides an overview of the scientific model, the philosophy and goals of science, and a detailed study of qualitative and quantitative methodologies. Lecture, laboratory. Co-req or Prereq: STAT 330. Cross-listed with COMM 325 and CJ 325.

POLS 350. Gender Issues and the Law. 3 Credits.

This course examines gender differentiations reflected in the U.S. law from both the historical and contemporary perspectives and the impact of that differentiation, particularly on women, in the areas of employment, education and family law.

POLS 351. Women and Politics. 3 Credits.

Study of women leaders; their roles and perspectives within a national and international framework.

POLS 360. Principles of Public Administration. 3 Credits.

Empirical study of public administrators in their diverse roles and functions.

POLS 420. Political Behavior-Executive-Legislative Process. 3 Credits.

Behavioral study of executives and legislators with emphasis on examination of empirical data. {Also offered for graduate credit - see POLS 620.}.

POLS 421. Political Behavior-Political Parties. 3 Credits.

Behavioral study of political leaders with emphasis on examination of empirical data. Prereq: admission to the Political Science professional program. {Also offered for graduate credit - see POLS 621.}.

POLS 422. State and Local Politics. 3 Credits.

This course is designed to guide students through a discovery of American politics at the sub-national level. From a comparative perspective, students examine differences between states in terms of their political structures, behavior, and environments. Prereq: POLS 110 or POLS 115, at least junior standing and admission to the Political Science professional program. {Also offered for graduate credit - see POLS 622.}.

POLS 423. Public Policy Analysis. 3 Credits.

Provides an overview of public policy analysis, from development to implementation to evaluation. Students explore these skills through the in-depth examination of one or two current public policy issues. Prereq: Political Science majors or minors only.

POLS 430. Constitutional Law-Civil Liberties. 3 Credits.

Examination of First Amendment rights including freedom of speech, press, religion, association, and assembly. Due process and equal protection concerns are also addressed. Prereq: at least junior standing {Also offered for graduate credit - see POLS 630.}.

POLS 431. Constitutional Law-Criminal Justice. 3 Credits.

Study of Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendment rights. Emphasis on the law of arrest, search and seizure, self-incrimination, and right to counsel. Prereq: admission to the Criminal Justice professional program. {Also offered for graduate credit - see POLS 631.}.

POLS 442. Global Policy Issues. 3 Credits.

Analysis of the impact of planetary limits to growth, increasing globalization of the world economy, and changing control over resource systems on global politics. {Also offered for graduate credit - see POLS 642.}.

POLS 444. International Law. 3 Credits.

Examines the history and foundation of the international legal system, including custom, treaties, jurisdiction, and the relationship between international and municipal law. Prereq: POLS 220. {Also offered for graduate credit - see POLS 644.}.

POLS 445. Ethnic Conflicts. 3 Credits.

Explores numerous topics and cases related to ethnic conflicts, including the nature of ethnic identity, the causes of ethnic conflicts, and ethnic conflict prevention/resolution. {Also offered for graduate credit - see POLS 645.}.

POLS 446. Current Topics in International Law. 3 Credits.

Examines a special topic within the field of international law. Some examples include: the use of force, international criminal law, and the intersection of international law and U.S. domestic law. Prereq: POLS 220 or POLS 225.

POLS 450. Politics of the Developing Countries. 3 Credits.

Comparative examination of the government and politics of developing countries. Attention is given to special economic and cultural circumstances facing the political systems of these countries. {Also offered for graduate credit - see POLS 650.}.

POLS 451. Politics of the Industrialized Countries. 3 Credits.

Comparative study of government and politics in the industrialized countries including the analysis of legislative and executive branches, parties, bureaucracies, constitutions, policies, and voting behavior. {Also offered for graduate credit - see POLS 651.}.

POLS 452. Comparative Political Economy. 3 Credits.

Comparative study of the relationship between politics and the economy in industrialized and developing countries. Topics include elections, trade, development, investment, redistribution, and the political business cycle. {Also offered for graduate credit - see POLS 652.}.

POLS 453. Environmental Policy and Politics. 3 Credits.

Course is designed to provide students with both a general and advanced understanding of environmental issues. Will examine philosophical underpinnings informing environmental policy making as well as analyze various substantive environmental issues in US. {Also offered for graduate credit - see POLS 653.}.

POLS 489. Senior Seminar. 3 Credits.

Capstone experience. Emphasis on integrative skills needed to interrelate the concepts of the discipline.

POLS 491H. Seminar. 1-3 Credits.

POLS 620. Political Behavior-Executive-Legislative Process. 3 Credits.

Behavioral study of executives and legislators with emphasis on examination of empirical data. {Also offered for undergraduate credit - see POLS 420.}.

POLS 621. Political Behavior-Political Parties. 3 Credits.

Behavioral study of political leaders with emphasis on examination of empirical data. {Also offered for undergraduate credit - see POLS 421.}.

POLS 622. State and Local Politics. 3 Credits.

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POLS 651. Politics of the Industrialized Countries. 3 Credits.

Comparative study of government and politics in the industrialized countries including the analysis of legislative and executive branches, parties, bureaucracies, constitutions, policies, and voting behavior. {Also offered for undergraduate credit - see POLS 451.}.

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POLS 720. Theoretical Perspectives to the Study of Political Science. 3 Credits.

Designed to guide beginning graduate students through the dominant paradigms and emerging subject areas of political science scholarship.