

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

Courses primarily for undergraduates:

POLS 1010: Exploring Political Science

Credits: 1. Contact Hours: Lecture 1.

Introduction to a variety of approaches to political questions. Relevance to career paths. For political science majors and others interested in exploring political questions. Recommended first semester of freshman year, or as soon as possible after declaring the major. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring)

POLS 1110: Introduction to American Government

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Fundamentals of American democracy; constitutionalism; federalism; rights and duties of citizens; executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government; elections, public opinion, interest groups, and political parties. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring)

POLS 1210: Introduction to International Politics

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Dynamics of interstate relations pertaining to nationalism, the nation state; peace and war; foreign policy making; the national interest; military capability and strategy; case studies of transnational issues, such as population, food, energy, and terrorism. Meets International Perspectives Requirement. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring)

POLS 1250: Democracy and Dictatorship: Introduction to Comparative Politics

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Interactions between governments and citizens in countries outside the US. Causes of democracy, dictatorship, and economic and social development. Meets International Perspectives Requirement. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring)

POLS 2220X: Global Engagement

(Cross-listed with GLOBE 2220X).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Engagement with social and political issues on a global scale. Contributions of individual action, non-governmental organizations, and governments to changing societal and international outcomes. Techniques for identifying and addressing problems around the world. Meets International Perspectives Requirement. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 2320X: Politics of Business

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Characteristics of American political economy and its comparison to other countries. Wealth, power, and the market in politics; the relationship between capitalism and democracy. The regulation of corporations, and the relationship between governments and business. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 2350: Introduction to Ethics and Politics

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Moral controversies surrounding political issues such as violence, deception, corruption, civil disobedience, democracy, justice, equality, and freedom. Political applications of classic and contemporary texts. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 2610: Thinking Like a Political Scientist: Qualitative Approaches

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Theory and method in empirical political science, with an emphasis on qualitative social-science methodologies. Research design, causal logic, and use of evidence. Content analysis, case studies, focus groups, and interviews. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 2620: Thinking Like a Political Scientist: Quantitative Approaches

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Theory and method in empirical political science, with an emphasis on quantitative social-science methodologies. Research design, causal logic, and use of evidence. Regressions, experiments, and polls and surveys. (Typically Offered: Spring)

POLS 2710: Public Organizations and Leadership

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Introductory survey of public governance at the administrative and managerial levels of international, national, state, and local government. Essential issues and competencies involved in efficient, effective, and ethical provision of public goods and services. Relationships inside and across governments, social equity, public-private partnerships, and privatization. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 2830: Introduction to Environmental Politics and Policies

(Cross-listed with ENVS 2830).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Introduction to major ideologies' relations to conservation and ecology. Processes, participants, and institutions involved in state, national, and global environmental policymaking. Case studies of environmental controversies and proposals for policy reform. (Typically Offered: Spring)

POLS 2980: Cooperative Education

Credits: Required. Repeatable.

Prereq: Permission of the department cooperative education coordinator; sophomore classification

Required of all cooperative education students. Students must register for this course prior to commencing each work period. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 3050: Comparative Political Behavior

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Political attitudes and behaviors of citizens in democracies, both in the US and cross-nationally. Citizens' traits and their relationship to democracy. Offered even-numbered years. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 3060: Public Opinion and Voting Behavior

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

The formation of political opinions and attitudes, political participation, and voting behavior of the general public, and their influences on American politics; polling as a means of assessing public opinions and behaviors. (Typically Offered: Spring)

POLS 3080X: Video Games and Politics

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Interactions between video games and politics from the perspective of both state and society. History and regulation of video games; games' connection with war and with authoritarian regimes; representation, race, and gender in games and game communities; games' influence on social and political attitudes. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 3100: State and Local Government

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Role of state and local governments in the American federal system. Structures of participation: political parties, elections, interest groups. Major governmental institutions: legislative, executive, and judicial. Structure and functions of local governments. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring)

POLS 3180: Campaigns and Elections

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Methods and strategies of political campaigns in American elections. History of the electoral process and the transformation of American campaigns. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 3190: Law and Politics

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

American judicial system and controversies spanning law and politics. Potential topics include statutory construction, judicial review, proper role of the judiciary, vagueness and ambiguity in law, competing constitutional philosophies, executive branch concerns, and relative power of different branches. POLS 1110 recommended. Graduation Restriction: Only one of POLS 2300, 3190 may count toward graduation. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 3200: American Judicial Process

(Cross-listed with CJ 3200).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

An overview of the American judicial process. Emphasis on specific topics such as application of constitutional rights to the states (particularly the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Amendments), mechanics of judicial opinions, constitutional philosophies of Supreme Court Justices, decisions of first impression, and the value and scope of precedent. (Typically Offered: Spring)

POLS 3250: Religion, Law, and Justice

(Cross-listed with CJ 3250/ RELIG 3250).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

A study of the role of religion in law and justice with a focus on the United States. Examines the history of religious freedom, key contemporary legal cases, and how religious-oriented justice movements engage ethics and the law. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 3330: Democracy and Diversity in America

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Competing American conceptions of democracy as strategies for responding to the racial, religious, ethnic, gender, and economic diversity of America. Contemporary debates about topics such as immigration, affirmative action, multicultural education, religion, and minority representation. Meets U.S. Diversity Requirement. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 3340: Politics and Society

(Cross-listed with SOC 3340).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: 1 course in POLS or SOC

The relationship between politics and society with emphasis on American society. Discussion of theories of inequality, power, social movements, elites, ruling classes, democracy, and capitalism. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 3350: Science, Technology, and Public Policy

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Examines the history and political dynamics of public science and technology policies. Examines differences in political and technological orientations. Assessment of the roles of politics, media, engineering, science, and private business in the formation of public policies that put heavy reliance on or seek to advance science and technology. (Typically Offered: Spring)

POLS 3370X: Health Politics and Policy

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Analysis of the evolution of the American system of healthcare. Financing, regulation, delivery, and the policy process related to healthcare policymaking by political institutions including Congress, the presidency and executive branch, federal courts, and state and local governments. Exploration of factors leading to disparities in healthcare service delivery and outcomes. Offered odd-numbered years. Meets U.S. Diversity Requirement. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 3390: Liberty and Law in America

(Cross-listed with CJ 3390/ PHIL 3390).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Competing conceptions of liberty in American political thought. Debates about how liberty should be protected by the law, in fields such as health care, drugs, property, speech, religion, and sex. Meets U.S. Diversity Requirement. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring)

POLS 3400: Politics of Developing Areas

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Economic and political development as they relate to the political process of developing states. Impact of social and technological change on political systems of developing areas. Meets International Perspectives Requirement. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring)

POLS 3420: Chinese Politics

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Legacies of Imperial China, the origins of the Chinese Civil War, and the causes and consequences of the reform era. Issues of contemporary China, including economic transformation, the structure of the Party/state, the environment, the media and other topics. Meets International Perspectives Requirement. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 3430: Latin American Government and Politics

(Cross-listed with USLS 3430).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Political institutions, processes, and contemporary issues. Selected countries examined intensively to illustrate generalizations. Role of parties, military, church, human rights, women, environmental issues, interest groups, ideology, and globalization. Meets International Perspectives Requirement. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 3440: Public Policy

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

How agendas come to be set in public policy, theories describing the policy-making process, forces molding policy choices and the impact of such choices. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring)

POLS 3460: European Politics

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Comparative study of political institutions of Europe and the European Union; emphasis on parties, elections, and governmental structures. Substance and process of public policies in selected problem areas. Meets International Perspectives Requirement. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 3480: British Government and Politics

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Political institutions and processes in Great Britain and Northern Ireland; emphasis on Parliament, executive and monarchy, and public policies, including devolution. Meets International Perspectives Requirement. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 3490: Politics of Russia and Eastern Europe

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Nation-states of Central and Eastern Europe. Comparison of European communist systems and the revolutionary conflict leading to the dissolution of communist Europe. Political analysis of post-communist Russian and Eastern European nation-states and their economic, cultural and social variations. Meets International Perspectives Requirement. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 3500: Politics of the Middle East

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Introduction to the Middle East as a region and to issues of political importance to the Middle East and its place in the world. Topics covered include political Islam, regional conflicts and alliances, local leaders, political economy, democracy, and human rights. Meets International Perspectives Requirement. (Typically Offered: Spring)

POLS 3530: Immigration Policy

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Political, economic, and social factors that affect immigration policy. Systematic analysis and implications of different types of immigration policies in countries sending and receiving immigrants. Policies regarding incorporation of migrants into, and effects of migrants on, American society. Meets U.S. Diversity Requirement. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 3540: War and the Politics of Humanitarianism

(Cross-listed with ANTHR 3540).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Humanitarianism as a system of thought and a system of intervention in conflict and post-conflict situations. Role of humanitarian organizations and actors in addressing human suffering caused by conflict or war. Military action as a form of humanitarian intervention. Meets International Perspectives Requirement.

POLS 3550: War and Politics

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Theoretical relationship among politics, strategy, and war. Evolution of war, the relationship between technology and conflict, and the changing causes and nature of global violence. Meets International Perspectives Requirement. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 3560: Theories of International Politics

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Introduction to essential theoretical concepts and approaches, both classical and contemporary on world politics including realism, empiricism, liberalism, and postpositivism; for example, war and conflict, peace and cooperation, political economy, crisis decision-making, systemic theory, dependence and interdependence. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 3570: International Security Policy

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Contemporary approaches in the security area including strategic deterrence, cybersecurity, environmental security, peacekeeping and terrorism. Current cases to illustrate policies as well as historical and theoretical choices. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 3580: United States Foreign Policy

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

U.S. foreign policy since World War II with emphasis on changing American values in foreign policy, the role of the President, Congress, and the bureaucracy in policy making, and a survey of current foreign policy issues and problems. (Typically Offered: Spring)

POLS 3590: Current Issues in American Foreign Policy

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Examination of contemporary U.S. foreign policy issues (e.g., U.S. policy in the Middle East; defense budgeting in the post-Cold War era; conventional and nuclear arms control policy). The course will explore alternate methods to analyze policy, survey the evolution of each issue, and discuss different policy alternatives. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 3600: American Institutions: Congress

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Theory and practice of representation and deliberation in the legislative branch of the republic; operations of Congress in terms of its committees, leadership, legislative and oversight processes, partisan politics, electoral campaigns, service to local and special electoral campaigns, service to local and special interests, and interactions with the President. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 3610: American Institutions: The Presidency

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Creation and historical development of the office of chief executive; character and behavior of past chief executives; selection and control; powers, roles, functions; executive staff; relations with Congress, press, public opinion. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 3630: American Institutions: Media

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Influence of mass media organizations, forms, techniques, and technologies on the practices and expectations of American politics. Role of media in the political process, including promoting or discouraging political participation. Politics of traditional journalism, devices of propaganda, effects of campaign advertising, and media spectacles. (Typically Offered: Spring)

POLS 3640: Political Parties and Interest Groups

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Nature of political parties and interest groups, their relation to each other, and their effects on American politics. Topics include party identification, party organization and mobilization, factionalism, lobbying, campaign contributions and financing, and the effects of special interests on public law. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 3700: Religion and Politics

(Cross-listed with RELIG 3700).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

The interaction of religion and politics in the U.S. from both an historical and contemporary perspective, as well as the role of religion in politics internationally. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 3810: International Political Economy

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Politics of international economic interaction. Trade wars and agreements, cross-border finance and multinational corporations, exchange rates and monetary policy, outsourcing, and development under conditions of globalization. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 3850: Women in Politics

(Cross-listed with WGS 3850).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Entry and participation of women in politics in the United States and other countries. Contemporary issues and strategies for change through the political process. Meets U.S. Diversity Requirement. (Typically Offered: Spring)

POLS 3870: First Ladies in U.S. History

(Cross-listed with HIST 3870/ WGS 3870).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: Sophomore classification

Evolution of the role and office of the First Lady in U.S. history, including her political activism, social impact, and international influence. Analysis of the authority, intersectionality and agency of First Ladies in the aggregate and exploration of how individual First Ladies have interpreted and adapted this unique public position. Offered even-numbered years. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 3900: Topics in Political Science

Credits: 1-4. Contact Hours: Lecture 4.

Repeatable.

Selected topics in political science. Graduation Restriction: A topic may not be taken more than once. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 3970: International Study and Travel

Credits: 1-30. Contact Hours: Lecture 30.

Repeatable.

Prereq: Instructor Permission for Course

Supervised study in an aspect of discipline while traveling or located in a foreign country. Meets International Perspectives Requirement. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 3980: Cooperative Education

Credits: Required. Repeatable.

Prereq: Permission of Department Cooperative Education Coordinator; Junior classification

Required of all cooperative education students. Students must register for this course prior to commencing work period. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 4010: Political Analysis and Research

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: Sophomore classification

Scope and methods of political science. Introduction to theoretical approaches and analytical reasoning in political science. Relationship of theory and data. Research design. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 4040X: Proseminar in International Politics

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Overview of major theoretical and empirical works in the study of international politics and foreign policy. Realism, liberalism, and constructivism; conflict, alliances, and international economic relations. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 4050X: Proseminar in Comparative Politics

(Dual-listed with POLS 5050).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Foundations of comparative politics, the study of different political regimes. Political behavior, development, causes and consequences of democracy and authoritarianism. Contrasting research methods and designs. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 4070: Proseminar in Public Policy

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: Sophomore classification

An overview of the major theoretical approaches and empirical methods relevant to the study of public policy. Emphasis is placed on agenda setting, policy formation, policy sustainability, and policy analysis. Seminal writings by leading scholars will be reviewed. Leading quantitative and qualitative methodological tools for analyzing policy are presented. Offered even-numbered years. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 4080: Policy Implementation

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: Sophomore classification

The implementation phase of the policy process, primarily within the government sector, with respect to specific programs, rules, or pieces of legislation within a larger policy area, e.g., health, environment, transportation, education, foreign policy. Offered odd-numbered years. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 4090: Political Game Theory

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: Sophomore classification

Application of economics to political science in the study of nonmarket decision-making. Behavior of bureaucrats, elected officials, and voters. Market failure, collective action, representative democracies, direct democracies, logrolling, voter paradoxes, and game theory. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 4100X: State Government and Politics

(Dual-listed with POLS 5100).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Comparative analysis of state political systems. Role of interest groups, political parties, legislatures, courts, and governors in state politics. Possible determinants of public policy outputs at the state level. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 4170: Campaign Rhetoric

(Cross-listed with SPCM 4170).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: SPCM 2120

Backgrounds of candidates for state and national elections; selected speeches and issues; persuasive strategies and techniques of individual speakers. Offered even-numbered years. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 4190: The Judiciary

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: Sophomore classification

Judicial review, federal common law, judicial confirmation, strict construction of the Constitution, and qualifications to serving on Courts; judicial activism and the infusion of politics into courts.

POLS 4200: Constitutional Law

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: Junior classification

Development of the United States Constitution through judicial action; influence of public law and judicial interpretations upon American government and society. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 4210: Constitutional Freedoms

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: Junior classification

Leading Supreme Court cases interpreting the Bill of Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment. Emphasis on religion, speech, privacy, due process, and equal protection. (Typically Offered: Spring)

POLS 4220: International Law

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: Sophomore classification

Legal aspects of international activities: state jurisdiction over territories and subjects, law of the sea, use of force, and judicial settlement of international disputes. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 4250X: Mass Political Behavior

(Dual-listed with POLS 5250X).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

An in-depth survey of the theoretical, empirical, and methodological works concerning mass political behavior in the United States.

Substantive topics include political attitudes and ideologies, public opinion and voting behavior, and political psychology. Methods for studying mass behavior include survey research and experimental approaches. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 4300: Foundations of Western Political Thought

(Cross-listed with CLST 4300).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: 6 credits in POLS, HIST, or PHIL

Study of original texts in political thought ranging from the classical period to the renaissance. Topics such as justice, freedom, virtue, the allocation of political power, the meaning of democracy, human nature, and natural law. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 4310: Modern Political Thought

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: 6 credits in POLS, HIST, or PHIL

Study of original texts in political thought ranging from the Reformation to the French Revolution and its aftermath. Topics such as justice, freedom, rights, democracy, toleration, property, power, skepticism, and normative views of international politics. (Typically Offered: Spring)

POLS 4350: Contemporary Political Philosophy

(Cross-listed with PHIL 4350).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: Prereq: 6 credits in PHIL or POLS, or Permission of Instructor

Examination of theories of justice proposed by contemporary political philosophers. Analysis of the philosophical foundations of perspectives such as liberalism, libertarianism, communitarianism, socialism, feminism. Normative assessments of socio-political institutions. (Typically Offered: Spring)

POLS 4430: Energy Policy

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: Sophomore classification

Energy policies and related social, environmental, and political issues. Energy problems and the impact of energy policies. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 4520: Comparative Foreign Policy

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: Sophomore classification

Theoretical approaches to understanding foreign policy making and behavior through case studies of selected nations. Meets International Perspectives Requirement. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 4530: International Organization

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: Sophomore classification

Sources of international order in a variety of substantive areas such as international security, international trade and finance, the environment, and human rights: distribution of power, institutions, international law, and norms. (Typically Offered: Spring)

POLS 4600: American Political Institutions

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: Sophomore classification

Examination of policy-making and governance in a separation of powers system. Interaction between the chief executive, the legislature, administrative agencies, and the public. How political and legal forces affect policy makers and are reflected in public policies and programs. Offered odd-numbered years. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 4710X: Organizational Theory in the Public Sector

(Dual-listed with POLS 5710).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Major theories of administrative organization, including motivations of administrators and organizations, comparisons of organizational arrangements, factors affecting organizational arrangements, and formal and informal decision-making structures. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 4740: Policy and Program Evaluation

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: Sophomore classification

Integration, application, and utilization of public administration and public policy concepts in the interpretation of results and effectiveness of public programs and the prediction of consequences for policymakers and administrators. (Typically Offered: Spring)

POLS 4750: Management in the Public Sector

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: Sophomore classification

Literature and research on organizational behavior and management theory with emphasis on applied aspects of managing contemporary public-sector organizations. Distinctions between public and private organizations, leadership, productivity, employee motivation, organizational structure, and organizational change. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 4770: Government, Business, and Society

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: Sophomore classification

Diverse perspectives on the changing roles and relationships of business, government, and society for more effective policy decisions on corporate affairs. The changing economy; transformation of workplace and community conditions; consumerism; social responsibilities of businesses; economic policies and regulations; politics in the business-government relationship. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 4800: Ethics and Public Policy

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: Sophomore classification

Study of decision making approaches and application to case studies. Topics such as the different roles of public officials, proper scope and use of administrative discretion, and the admissibility of religious, political, and philosophical commitments in governmental decision making. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 4870: Electronic Democracy

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Prereq: 12 credits in POLS; Permission of Instructor

Impact of computers and the Internet on politics and policy. Positive and negative effects of information technology (IT) on selected topics such as hacking, cybercrime, cyberterrorism, cyberwarfare, privacy, civic participation, the sense of community, virtual cities, interest group behavior, viral media, campaigns, elections, and voting. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 4900: Independent Study

Credits: 1-30. Repeatable, maximum of 9 credits.

Prereq: 6 credits in POLS; Permission of Instructor

Special studies in the political institutions, processes and policies of American, foreign, and international governments. Also, studies in traditional and behavioral political theory. Use of credit in POLS major and minor is limited. See Undergraduate Study for information. Graduation Restriction: No more than 9 credits of POLS 4900 may be counted toward graduation. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring)

POLS 4900A: Independent Study: American Government and Politics

Credits: 1-30. Repeatable, maximum of 9 credits.

Prereq: 6 credits in POLS; Permission of Instructor

Special studies in the political institutions, processes and policies of American, foreign, and international governments. Also, studies in traditional and behavioral political theory. Use of credit in POLS major and minor is limited. See Undergraduate Study for information. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 4900B: Independent Study: Theory and Method

Credits: 1-30. Repeatable, maximum of 9 credits.

Prereq: 6 credits in POLS; Permission of Instructor

Special studies in the political institutions, processes and policies of American, foreign, and international governments. Also, studies in traditional and behavioral political theory. Use of credit in POLS major and minor is limited. See Undergraduate Study for information. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 4900C: Independent Study: Comparative Politics

Credits: 1-30. Repeatable, maximum of 9 credits.

Prereq: 6 credits in POLS; Permission of Instructor

Special studies in the political institutions, processes and policies of American, foreign, and international governments. Also, studies in traditional and behavioral political theory. Use of credit in POLS major and minor is limited. See Undergraduate Study for information. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 4900D: Independent Study: International Relations

Credits: 1-30. Repeatable, maximum of 9 credits.

Prereq: 6 credits in POLS; Permission of Instructor

Special studies in the political institutions, processes and policies of American, foreign, and international governments. Also, studies in traditional and behavioral political theory. Use of credit in POLS major and minor is limited. See Undergraduate Study for information. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 4900E: Independent Study: Extended credit

Credits: 1-2. Repeatable, maximum of 9 credits.

Prereq: 6 credits in POLS; Permission of Instructor

Extra study for any 3000-Special studies in the political institutions, processes and policies of American, foreign, and international governments. Also, studies in traditional and behavioral political theory. Use of credit in POLS major and minor is limited. See Undergraduate Study for information. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 4900H: Independent Study: Honors

Credits: 1-30. Repeatable, maximum of 9 credits.

Prereq: 6 credits in POLS; Permission of Instructor

Special studies in the political institutions, processes and policies of American, foreign, and international governments. Also, studies in traditional and behavioral political theory. Use of credit in POLS major and minor is limited. See Undergraduate Study for information. Graduation Restriction: No more than 9 credits of POLS 4900 may be counted toward graduation. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring)

POLS 4910: Senior Thesis

Credits: 3.

Prereq: 21 credits of POLS; Permission of Instructor

Written under the supervision of a Political Science faculty advisor. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 4920: Graduating Senior Survey

Credits: Required.

Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only. Outcomes-assessment activities including job-placement surveys and evaluations of instructors, advisors, and courses. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 4960: Teaching Internship in Political Science

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Repeatable, maximum of 6 credits.

Prereq: 12 credits in POLS; Permission of Instructor

Undergraduate teaching experience through assisting an instructor with an introductory course in political science. Use of credit in POLS major and minor is limited. See Undergraduate Study for information. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring)

POLS 4970: Research Internship in Political Science

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Repeatable, maximum of 6 credits.

Prereq: 12 credits in POLS; Permission of Instructor

Undergraduate research experience through assisting on a scholarly project with an instructor in political science. Use of credit in POLS major and minor is limited. See Undergraduate Study for information. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring)

POLS 4980: Cooperative Education

Credits: Required. Repeatable.

Prereq: Permission of Department Cooperative Education Coordinator; Senior classification

Required of all cooperative education students. Students must register for this course prior to commencing each work period. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 4990: Internship in Political Science

Credits: 1-30. Repeatable, maximum of 12 credits.

Prereq: 6 credits in POLS; Junior or Senior classification; Internship Coordinator Permission

Work experience with a specific nongovernmental or governmental agency at the local, state, national, or international level, combined with academic work under faculty supervision. Use of credit in POLS major and minor is limited. See Undergraduate Study for information. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

Courses primarily for graduate students, open to qualified undergraduates:

POLS 5010: Political Analysis and Research

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Scope and methods of political science. Introduction to theoretical approaches and analytical reasoning in political science. Relationship of theory and data. Research design. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 5040: Proseminar in International Politics

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Overview of major theoretical and empirical works in the study of international politics and foreign policy. Realism, liberalism, and constructivism; conflict, alliances, and international economic relations. Offered even-numbered years. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 5050: Proseminar in Comparative Politics

(Dual-listed with POLS 4050X).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Foundations of comparative politics, the study of different political regimes. Political behavior, development, causes and consequences of democracy and authoritarianism. Contrasting research methods and designs. Offered odd-numbered years. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 5060: Proseminar in American Politics

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Major theories and research on American government and politics. Modern democratic theory, institutional performance, and mass political behavior. Research methodologies including normative theory, behavioralism, and rational choice analysis.

POLS 5070: Proseminar in Public Policy

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

An overview of the major theoretical approaches and empirical methods relevant to the study of public policy. Emphasis is placed on agenda setting, policy formation, policy sustainability, and policy analysis. Seminal writings by leading scholars will be reviewed. Leading quantitative and qualitative methodological tools for analyzing policy are presented.

POLS 5080: Policy Implementation

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

The implementation phase of the policy process, primarily within the government sector, with respect to specific programs, rules, or pieces of legislation within a larger policy area, e.g., health, environment, transportation, education, foreign policy. Offered even-numbered years. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 5090: Political Game Theory

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Application of economics to political science in the study of nonmarket decision-making. Behavior of bureaucrats, elected officials, and voters. Market failure, collective action, representative democracies, direct democracies, logrolling, voter paradoxes, and game theory.

POLS 5100: State Government and Politics

(Dual-listed with POLS 4100X).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Comparative analysis of state political systems. Role of interest groups, political parties, legislatures, courts, and governors in state politics. Possible determinants of public policy outputs at the state level.

POLS 5220: International Law

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Legal aspects of international activities: state jurisdiction over territories and subjects, law of the sea, use of force, and judicial settlement of international disputes.

POLS 5250: Mass Political Behavior

(Dual-listed with POLS 4250X).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

An in-depth survey of the theoretical, empirical, and methodological works concerning mass political behavior in the United States. Substantive topics include political attitudes and ideologies, public opinion and voting behavior, and political psychology. Methods for studying mass behavior include survey research and experimental approaches. Offered odd-numbered years. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 5300: Foundations of Western Political Thought

(Cross-listed with CLST 5300).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Study of original texts in political thought ranging from the classical period to the renaissance. Topics such as justice, freedom, virtue, the allocation of political power, the meaning of democracy, human nature, and natural law. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 5310: Modern Political Thought

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Study of original texts in political thought ranging from the Reformation to the French Revolution and its aftermath. Topics such as justice, freedom, rights, democracy, toleration, property, power, skepticism, and normative views of international politics.

POLS 5340: Legal and Ethical Issues in Cyber Security

(Cross-listed with CPRE 5340/ CYBSC 5340).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Legal and ethical issues in computer security. State and local codes and regulations. Privacy issues. (Typically Offered: Spring)

POLS 5350: Contemporary Political Philosophy

(Cross-listed with PHIL 5350).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Examination of theories of justice proposed by contemporary political philosophers. Analysis of the philosophical foundations of perspectives such as egalitarianism, libertarianism, and socialism. Normative assessment of social and political institutions. (Typically Offered: Spring)

POLS 5430: Energy Policy

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Energy policies and related social, environmental, and political issues. Energy problems and the impact of energy policies.

POLS 5520: Comparative Foreign Policy

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Theoretical approaches to understanding foreign policy making and behavior through case studies of selected nations. Meets International Perspectives Requirement. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 5530: International Organization

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Sources of international order in a variety of substantive areas such as international security, international trade and finance, the environment, and human rights: distribution of power, institutions, international law, and norms.

POLS 5600: American Political Institutions

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Examination of policy-making and governance in a separation of powers system. Interaction between the chief executive, the legislature, administrative agencies, and the public. How political and legal forces affect policy makers and are reflected in public policies and programs. Offered odd-numbered years. (Typically Offered: Fall)

POLS 5710: Organizational Theory in the Public Sector

(Dual-listed with POLS 4710X).

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Major theories of administrative organization, including motivations of administrators and organizations, comparisons of organizational arrangements, factors affecting organizational arrangements, and formal and informal decision-making structures.

POLS 5740: Policy and Program Evaluation

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Integration, application, and utilization of public administration and public policy concepts in the interpretation of results and effectiveness of public programs and the prediction of consequences for policymakers and administrators.

POLS 5750: Management in the Public Sector

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Literature and research on organizational behavior and management theory with emphasis on applied aspects of managing contemporary public-sector organizations. Distinctions between public and private organizations, leadership, productivity, employee motivation, organizational structure, and organizational change.

POLS 5770: Government, Business, and Society

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Diverse perspectives on the changing roles and relationships of business, government, and society for more effective policy decisions on corporate affairs. The changing economy; transformation of workplace and community conditions; consumerism; social responsibilities of businesses; economic policies and regulations; politics in the business-government relationship.

POLS 5800: Ethics and Public Policy

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Study of decision making approaches and application to case studies. Topics such as the different roles of public officials, proper scope and use of administrative discretion, and the admissibility of religious, political, and philosophical commitments in governmental decision making.

POLS 5870: Electronic Democracy

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Impact of computers and the Internet on politics and policy. Positive and negative effects of information technology (IT) on selected topics such as hacking, cybercrime, cyberterrorism, cyberwarfare, privacy, civic participation, the sense of community, virtual cities, interest group behavior, viral media, campaigns, elections, and voting.

POLS 5900A: Special Topics: American Politics

Credits: 2-5. Repeatable.

Prereq: 15 credits in POLS and instructor permission

(Typically Offered: Fall, Spring)

POLS 5900D: Special Topics: Global Politics

Credits: 2-5. Repeatable.

Prereq: 15 credits in POLS and instructor permission

(Typically Offered: Fall, Spring)

POLS 5900G: Special Topics: Public Policy

Credits: 2-5. Repeatable.

Prereq: 15 credits in POLS and instructor permission

(Typically Offered: Fall, Spring)

POLS 5900J: Special Topics: Theory, Law, and Methods

Credits: 2-5. Repeatable.

(Typically Offered: Fall, Spring)

POLS 5980: Graduate Student Internship

Credits: 3-6. Repeatable, maximum of 6 credits.

Supervised internship with administrative agencies, legislative organizations, judicial branch offices, and nonprofit groups. (Typically Offered: Fall, Spring)

POLS 5990: Creative Component

Credits: 1-30. Repeatable.

(Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

Courses for graduate students:**POLS 6100A: Graduate Seminars: American Politics**

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Repeatable.

(Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 6100D: Graduate Seminars: Global Politics

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Repeatable.

(Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 6100G: Graduate Seminars: Public Policy

Credits: 3. Contact Hours: Lecture 3.

Repeatable.

(Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)

POLS 6990: Research

Credits: 1-30. Repeatable.

(Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer)