

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POL S)

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Courses primarily for undergraduates:

POL S 101: Introduction to Political Science

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.

Introduction to the discipline and sub-fields of Political Science; analytical thinking and research skills relevant to political science.

POL S 215: Introduction to American Government

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.SS.

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.

POL S 235: Introduction to Ethics and Politics

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.

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

POL S 241: Democracy and Dictatorship: Introduction to Comparative Politics

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.

Interactions between governments and citizens in countries outside the US. Causes of democracy, dictatorship, and economic and social development.

Meets International Perspectives Requirement.

POL S 251: Introduction to International Politics

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.

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.

POL S 271: Public Organizations and Leadership

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.

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.

POL S 298: Cooperative Education

Cr. R. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

Prereq: Permission of department cooperative education coordinator; sophomore classification

Required of all cooperative education students. Students must register for this course prior to commencing each work period.

POL S 301: Introduction to Empirical Political Science Research

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.

Prereq: POL S 101, STAT 101

Techniques of quantitative and qualitative political research and analysis. Development and analysis of concepts and theories. Methods of data collection, research design, and critical thinking. Applications of statistics to political research.

POL S 305: Comparative Political Behavior

(3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered even-numbered years.

Prereq: Sophomore classification or six credits in political science

Political attitudes and behaviors of citizens in democracies, both in the US and cross-nationally. Citizens' traits and their relationship to democracy.

POL S 306: Public Opinion and Voting Behavior

(3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: 6 credits in political science or sophomore classification

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.

POL S 310: State and Local Government

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.

Prereq: 3 credits in political science

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.

POL S 312: Special Topics in American Government and Politics

(3-0) Cr. 2. Repeatable, maximum of 2 times. F.

Half-semester courses on selected topical issues in American government and politics. A topic may not be taken more than once.

POL S 313: Special Topics in Theory and Methods

(1.5-0) Cr. 2. Repeatable, maximum of 2 times. Alt. S., offered irregularly.

Half-semester course on selected topical issues in theory and methods in political science. A topic may not be taken more than once.

POL S 314: Special Topics in Comparative Politics

(1.5-0) Cr. 2. Repeatable, maximum of 2 times. F.S.

Half-semester course on selected topical issues in comparative politics.

A topic may not be taken more than once.

POL S 315: Special Topics in International Relations

(1.5-0) Cr. 2. Repeatable, maximum of 2 times. F.S.

Half-semester course on selected topical issues in international relations.

A topic may not be taken more than once.

Meets International Perspectives Requirement.

POL S 318: Campaigns and Elections

(3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered even-numbered years.

Methods and techniques of political campaigns in general elections.

Supervised participation in candidate and political party campaign activities required.

POL S 319: Law and Politics

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.

Prereq: Sophomore standing; POL S 215 recommended

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.

POL S 320: American Judicial Process

(Cross-listed with C J). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: POL S 215

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.

POL S 333: Democracy and Diversity in America

(3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: Sophomore classification.

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

POL S 334: Politics and Society

(Cross-listed with SOC). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: A course in political science or sociology

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.

POL S 335: Science, Technology, and Public Policy

(3-0) Cr. 3. S.

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 public policies that put heavy reliance on or seek to advance science and technology.

POL S 339: Liberty and Law in America

(Cross-listed with C J, PHIL). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered irregularly.

Prereq: Sophomore status

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

POL S 340: Politics of Developing Areas

(3-0) Cr. 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.

POL S 342: Chinese Politics

(3-0) Cr. 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.

POL S 343: Latin American Government and Politics

(Cross-listed with US LS). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.

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.

POL S 344: Public Policy

(3-0) Cr. 3. S.

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.

POL S 346: European Politics

(3-0) Cr. 3. S.

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.

POL S 348: British Government and Politics

(3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: POL S 215 or POL S 241

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.

POL S 349: Politics of Russia and Eastern Europe

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.

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.

POL S 350: Politics of the Middle East

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.

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.

POL S 353: Immigration Policy

(3-0) Cr. 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

POL S 354: War and the Politics of Humanitarianism

(Cross-listed with ANTHR). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: Pol S 235, Pol S 251, Anthr 210, or Anthr 230

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.

POL S 355: War and Politics

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: None

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.

POL S 356: Theories of International Politics

(3-0) Cr. 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.

POL S 357: International Security Policy

(3-0) Cr. 3.

Major theoretical approaches in security policy: strategy and deterrence, game theory, bargaining theory, compellence, coercive diplomacy, and crisis diplomacy. Illustration of these approaches through historical and contemporary cases.

POL S 358: United States Foreign Policy

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: POL S 215 or POL S 251, or HIST 467 or HIST 470 or HIST 471

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.

POL S 359: Current Issues in American Foreign Policy

(3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: POL S 215, POL S 251, or POL S 358

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.

POL S 360: American Institutions: Congress

(3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: POL S 215

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.

POL S 361: American Institutions: The Presidency

(3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: POL S 215

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.

POL S 363: American Institutions: Media

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: Sophomore standing

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.

POL S 364: Political Parties and Interest Groups

(3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: POL S 215; sophomore classification

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.

POL S 370: Religion and Politics

(Cross-listed with RELIG). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: Sophomore classification.

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.

POL S 381: International Political Economy

(3-0) Cr. 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.

POL S 383: Environmental Politics and Policies

(Cross-listed with ENV S). (3-0) Cr. 3. SS.

Prereq: sophomore classification

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.

POL S 385: Women in Politics

(Cross-listed with WGS). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.

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

POL S 387: First Ladies in U.S. History

(Cross-listed with HIST, WGS). Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered even-numbered years.

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.

POL S 395: Advanced Writing in Political Science

Cr. R. F.S.SS.

Taken in conjunction with 300- or 400-level Political Science courses.

Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

POL S 397: International Study and Travel

Cr. arr. Repeatable. SS.

Prereq: Permission of instructor.

Supervised study in an aspect of discipline while traveling or located in a foreign country.

Meets International Perspectives Requirement.

POL S 398: Cooperative Education

Cr. R. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

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.

POL S 402: Legal Analysis

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: Junior classification

Introduction to the style of legal analysis traditionally used in American law schools to teach law and prepare for legal practice. Case briefing, legal citation, application of legal doctrines, and adversarial argument.

POL S 407: Proseminar in Public Policy

(Dual-listed with POL S 507). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: Six credits in political science or graduate standing

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.

POL S 408: Policy Implementation

(Dual-listed with POL S 508). Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered even-numbered years.

Prereq: Six credits in political science or graduate standing

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.

POL S 409: Political Game Theory

(Dual-listed with POL S 509). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: ECON 101

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.

POL S 413: Intergovernmental Relations

(Dual-listed with POL S 513). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: 6 credits in POL S

Theories and practices of the American federal system. Politics and policy making among federal, state, and local governments.

POL S 417: Campaign Rhetoric

(Cross-listed with SP CM). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered even-numbered years.

Prereq: SP CM 212

Backgrounds of candidates for state and national elections; selected speeches and issues; persuasive strategies and techniques of individual speakers.

POL S 419: The Judiciary

(3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: POL S 320

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.

POL S 420: Constitutional Law

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: POL S 215; junior classification

Development of the United States Constitution through judicial action; influence of public law and judicial interpretations upon American government and society.

POL S 421: Constitutional Freedoms

(3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: POL S 320 or POL S 420

Leading Supreme Court cases interpreting the Bill of Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment. Emphasis on religion, speech, privacy, due process, and equal protection.

POL S 422: International Law

(Dual-listed with POL S 522). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: POL S 215 or POL S 251; junior 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.

POL S 430: Foundations of Western Political Thought

(Dual-listed with POL S 530). (Cross-listed with CL ST). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: 6 credits in political science, philosophy, or European history

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.

POL S 431: Modern Political Thought

(Dual-listed with POL S 531). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: 6 credits in political science, philosophy, or European history

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.

POL S 442: The Policy and Politics of Coastal Areas

(Dual-listed with POL S 542). (Cross-listed with ENV S). (3-0) Cr. 3. SS.

Exploration of political implications of coastal policy. Issues include: "Carrying capacity," zoning, regulation of human development activities, trade-offs between conservation and jobs, the quality of coastal lifestyle, ways in which citizens participate in policy for coastal areas.

POL S 444: Comparative Public Policy

(Dual-listed with POL S 544). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: 6 credits in political science

How, why and to what effect governments deal with substantive policy problems differently. Environmental factors, ideologies, cultures, domestic policy making processes, and interest groups.

POL S 452: Comparative Foreign Policy

(Dual-listed with POL S 552). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered irregularly.

Prereq: POL S 251

Theoretical approaches to understanding foreign policy making and behavior through case studies of selected nations.

Meets International Perspectives Requirement.

POL S 453: International Organization

(Dual-listed with POL S 553). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: POL S 251

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.

POL S 460: American Political Institutions

(Dual-listed with POL S 560). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: 6 credits in American government

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.

POL S 475: Management in the Public Sector

(Dual-listed with POL S 575). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: POL S 371

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.

POL S 477: Government, Business, and Society

(Dual-listed with POL S 577). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: 6 credits of POL S

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.

POL S 480: Ethics and Public Policy

(Dual-listed with POL S 580). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: 6 credits in political science

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.

POL S 487: Electronic Democracy

(Dual-listed with POL S 587). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered even-numbered years.

Prereq: Sophomore standing

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.

POL S 490: Independent Study

Cr. arr. Repeatable, maximum of 9 credits. F.S.

Prereq: 6 credits in political science

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 Pol S major and minor is limited. See Undergraduate Study for information. No more than 9 credits of Pol S 490 may be counted toward graduation.

POL S 490A: Independent Study: American Government and Politics

Cr. arr. Repeatable, maximum of 9 credits. F.S.

Prereq: 6 credits in political science

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 Pol S major and minor is limited. See Undergraduate Study for information. No more than 9 credits of Pol S 490 may be counted toward graduation.

POL S 490B: Independent Study: Theory and Method

Cr. arr. Repeatable, maximum of 9 credits. F.S.

Prereq: 6 credits in political science

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 Pol S major and minor is limited. See Undergraduate Study for information. No more than 9 credits of Pol S 490 may be counted toward graduation.

POL S 490C: Independent Study: Comparative Politics

Cr. arr. Repeatable, maximum of 9 credits. F.S.

Prereq: 6 credits in political science

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 Pol S major and minor is limited. See Undergraduate Study for information. No more than 9 credits of Pol S 490 may be counted toward graduation.

POL S 490D: Independent Study: International Relations

Cr. arr. Repeatable, maximum of 9 credits. F.S.

Prereq: 6 credits in political science

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 Pol S major and minor is limited. See Undergraduate Study for information. No more than 9 credits of Pol S 490 may be counted toward graduation.

POL S 490E: Independent Study: Extended credit

Cr. 1-2. Repeatable, maximum of 9 credits. F.S.

Prereq: 6 credits in political science

Extra study for any 300-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 Pol S major and minor is limited. See Undergraduate Study for information. No more than 9 credits of Pol S 490 may be counted toward graduation.

POL S 490H: Independent Study: Honors

Cr. arr. Repeatable, maximum of 9 credits. F.S.

Prereq: 6 credits in political science

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 Pol S major and minor is limited. See Undergraduate Study for information. No more than 9 credits of Pol S 490 may be counted toward graduation.

POL S 491: Senior Thesis

Cr. 3.

Prereq: 21 credits of POL S and permission of instructor

Written under the supervision of a Political Science faculty advisor.

POL S 496: Teaching Internship in Political Science

(3-0) Cr. 3. Repeatable, maximum of 6 credits. F.S.

Prereq: 12 credits in political science and permission of instructor

Undergraduate teaching experience through assisting an instructor with an introductory course in political science. Use of credit in Pol S major and minor is limited. See Undergraduate Study for information. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

POL S 497: Research Internship in Political Science

(3-0) Cr. 3. Repeatable, maximum of 6 credits. F.S.

Prereq: 12 credits in political science and permission of instructor

Undergraduate research experience through assisting on a scholarly project with an instructor in political science. Use of credit in Pol S major and minor is limited. See Undergraduate Study for information. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

POL S 498: Cooperative Education

Cr. R. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

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.

POL S 499: Internship in Political Science

Cr. arr. Repeatable, maximum of 12 credits. F.S.SS.

Prereq: 6 credits in political science; junior or senior classification; and permission of internship coordinator

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 Pol S major and minor is limited. See Undergraduate Study for information. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

Courses primarily for graduate students, open to qualified undergraduates:

POL S 502: Political Analysis and Research

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: 6 credits in political science

Scope and methods of political science. Introduction to theoretical approaches and analytical reasoning in political science. Relationship of theory and data. Research design.

POL S 504: Proseminar in International Politics

(3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered even-numbered years.

Prereq: 6 credits in political science or graduate standing

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.

POL S 505: Proseminar in Comparative Politics

(3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered odd-numbered years.

Prereq: 6 credits in political science or graduate standing

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.

POL S 506: Proseminar in American Politics

(3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: 6 credits in political science or graduate standing

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.

POL S 507: Proseminar in Public Policy

(Dual-listed with POL S 407). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: Six credits in political science or graduate standing

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POL S 508: Policy Implementation

(Dual-listed with POL S 408). Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered even-numbered years.

Prereq: Six credits in political science or graduate standing

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POL S 509: Political Game Theory

(Dual-listed with POL S 409). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: ECON 101

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.

POL S 510: State Government and Politics

(3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: POL S 310

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.

POL S 513: Intergovernmental Relations

(Dual-listed with POL S 413). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: 6 credits in POL S

Theories and practices of the American federal system. Politics and policy making among federal, state, and local governments.

POL S 515: Biorenewables Law and Policy

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Evaluation of the biorenewables field as it relates to the areas of law and policy. Primary emphasis on the following topics: concerns that motivated the development and expansion of the biorenewables field, a history of the interactions between biorenewable pathways. U.S. law and policy and controversies that have arisen from these interactions and their effects.

POL S 516: International Biorenewables Law & Policy

(3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Evaluation of the international biorenewables field as it relates to the areas of law and policy. Primary emphasis on the following topics: concerns that motivated the development and expansion of the field by adopting countries, a history of the interactions between biorenewable pathways. Law and policy in adopting countries and international controversies that have arisen from these interactions and their effects.

POL S 522: International Law

(Dual-listed with POL S 422). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: POL S 215 or POL S 251; junior 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.

POL S 525: Mass Political Behavior

(3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: 6 credits in Political Science or graduate standing

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.

POL S 530: Foundations of Western Political Thought

(Dual-listed with POL S 430). (Cross-listed with CL ST). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: 6 credits in political science, philosophy, or European history

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.

POL S 531: Modern Political Thought

(Dual-listed with POL S 431). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: 6 credits in political science, philosophy, or European history

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.

POL S 533: E-government and Information Policy

(3-0) Cr. 3.

Legal and policy context of E-government development. Legal and regulatory policies on information management in governments, public policies that use information technologies to address economic and social concerns, and impacts on citizens and governmental organizations.

POL S 534: Legal and Ethical Issues in Information Assurance

(Cross-listed with CPR E, CYBSC). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: Graduate classification; CPR E 531 or CYBSC 531

Legal and ethical issues in computer security. State and local codes and regulations. Privacy issues.

POL S 535: Contemporary Political Philosophy

(Cross-listed with PHIL). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered odd-numbered years.

Prereq: 6 credits of philosophy or political science

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.

POL S 542: The Policy and Politics of Coastal Areas

(Dual-listed with POL S 442). (Cross-listed with C DEV). (3-0) Cr. 3. SS.

Exploration of political implications of coastal policy. Issues include: "Carrying capacity," zoning, regulation of human development activities, tradeoffs between conservation and jobs, the quality of coastal lifestyle, and ways in which citizens participate in policy for coastal areas.

POL S 544: Comparative Public Policy

(Dual-listed with POL S 444). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: 6 credits in political science

How, why and to what effect governments deal with substantive policy problems differently. Environmental factors, ideologies, cultures, domestic policy making processes, and interest groups.

POL S 552: Comparative Foreign Policy

(Dual-listed with POL S 452). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered irregularly.

Prereq: POL S 251

Theoretical approaches to understanding foreign policy making and behavior through case studies of selected nations.

Meets International Perspectives Requirement.

POL S 553: International Organization

(Dual-listed with POL S 453). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: POL S 251

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.

POL S 560: American Political Institutions

(Dual-listed with POL S 460). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: 6 credits in American government

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.

POL S 569: Foundations of Public Administration

(3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: Graduate classification

Social, political, intellectual, and environmental factors contributing to the historical development and central issues of American Public Administration. Exploration of classic and contemporary texts of public administration emphasizing constitutional and civic roles of public servants, administrative responsibility in democratic governance and justice, and essential frameworks to identify managerial skills, perspectives, and resources for effective, equitable public service.

POL S 570: Politics and Management of Nonprofit Organizations

(3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: Graduate classification

Discussion of contemporary issues and perspectives shaping the policy development and management of national and international nonprofit organizations. Topics include an historic overview of nonprofit and philanthropic perspectives; exploration of nonprofit organization roles in public service provision; review of the legal framework influencing nonprofit governance; and consideration of capacity building issues such as strategic planning, board development, fundraising, human resources, and volunteer management.

POL S 571: Organizational Theory in the Public Sector

(3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: Graduate classification

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.

POL S 574: Policy and Program Evaluation

(3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: Graduate classification or 6 credits of political science

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.

POL S 575: Management in the Public Sector

(Dual-listed with POL S 475). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: POL S 371

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.

POL S 577: Government, Business, and Society

(Dual-listed with POL S 477). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: 6 credits of POL S

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.

POL S 580: Ethics and Public Policy

(Dual-listed with POL S 480). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: 6 credits in political science

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.

POL S 581: International Political Economy

(3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered even-numbered years.

Prereq: 6 credits in political science

Policy and politics surrounding trade, exchange-rate, and finance. Role of international actors in economic development; international organizations such as the World Trade Organization, International Monetary Fund, and World bank; globalization.

POL S 587: Electronic Democracy

(Dual-listed with POL S 487). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered even-numbered years.

Prereq: Sophomore standing

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.

POL S 590: Special Topics

Cr. 2-5. Repeatable. F.S.

Prereq: 15 credits in political science, written permission of instructor

POL S 590A: Special Topics: American Political Institutions

Cr. 2-5. Repeatable. F.S.

Prereq: 15 credits in political science, written permission of instructor

POL S 590B: Special Topics: Public Law

Cr. 2-5. Repeatable. F.S.

Prereq: 15 credits in political science, written permission of instructor

POL S 590C: Special Topics: Political Theory and Methodology

Cr. 2-5. Repeatable. F.S.

Prereq: 15 credits in political science, written permission of instructor

POL S 590D: Special Topics: Comparative Government

Cr. 2-5. Repeatable. F.S.

Prereq: 15 credits in political science, written permission of instructor

POL S 590E: Special Topics: International Relations

Cr. 2-5. Repeatable. F.S.

Prereq: 15 credits in political science, written permission of instructor

POL S 590F: Special Topics: Policy Process

Cr. 2-5. Repeatable. F.S.

Prereq: 15 credits in political science, written permission of instructor

POL S 590G: Special Topics: Public Administration and Public Policy

Cr. 2-5. Repeatable. F.S.

Prereq: 15 credits in political science, written permission of instructor

POL S 590I: Special Topics: Internship

Cr. 2-5. Repeatable. F.S.

Prereq: 15 credits in political science, written permission of instructor

POL S 590T: Special Topics: Teaching Preparation

Cr. 2-5. Repeatable. F.S.

Prereq: 15 credits in political science, written permission of instructor

POL S 598: Graduate Student Internship

Cr. 3-6. Repeatable, maximum of 6 credits. F.S.

Prereq: 15 credits in political science, permission of the instructor
Supervised internship with administrative agencies, legislative organizations, judicial branch offices, and nonprofit groups.

POL S 599: Creative Component

Cr. arr.

Courses for graduate students:

POL S 610: Graduate Seminars

(3-0) Cr. 3. Repeatable. F.S.

Prereq: 15 credits in political science

POL S 610A: Graduate Seminars: American Political Institutions

(3-0) Cr. 3. Repeatable. F.S.

Prereq: 15 credits in political science

POL S 610B: Graduate Seminars: Public Law

(3-0) Cr. 3. Repeatable. F.S.

Prereq: 15 credits in political science

POL S 610C: Graduate Seminars: Political Theory and Methodology

(3-0) Cr. 3. Repeatable. F.S.

Prereq: 15 credits in political science

POL S 610D: Graduate Seminars: Comparative Government

(3-0) Cr. 3. Repeatable. F.S.

Prereq: 15 credits in political science

POL S 610E: Graduate Seminars: International Relations

(3-0) Cr. 3. Repeatable. F.S.

Prereq: 15 credits in political science

POL S 610F: Graduate Seminars: Policy Process

(3-0) Cr. 3. Repeatable. F.S.

Prereq: 15 credits in political science

POL S 610G: Graduate Seminars: Public Administration and Public Policy

(3-0) Cr. 3. Repeatable. F.S.

Prereq: 15 credits in political science

POL S 699: Thesis

Cr. arr. Repeatable.