

# DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE



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## Undergraduate Majors

- Major in Political Science
  - Environmental Politics and Policy Concentration
  - Global Politics and Policy Concentration
  - U.S. Government, Law, and Policy Concentration

## Minors

- Minor in Applied Environmental Policy Analysis
- Minor in Political Science

## Interdisciplinary Minors

- Environmental Affairs Interdisciplinary Minor
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies Interdisciplinary Minor
- Political Communication Interdisciplinary Minor

## Graduate

### Graduate Programs in Political Science

The department offers graduate programs in Political Science leading to the Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. Students interested in graduate work should refer to the Graduate and Professional Bulletin and the Department of Political Science (<http://polisci.colostate.edu>).

## Master Programs

- Master of Art in Political Science, Plan A\*
- Master of Art in Political Science, Plan B\*

## Ph.D.

- Ph.D. in Political Science, Environmental Politics and Policy Specialization\*

\* Please see department for program of study.

## Courses Political Science (POLS)

**POLS 101 American Government and Politics (GT-SS1) Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Principles, structures, and processes of American national government.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Registration Information:** Sections may be offered: Online.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**Additional Information:** Social & Behavioral Sciences 3C, Economic or Political Systems (GT-SS1).

**POLS 103 State and Local Government and Politics (GT-SS1) Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Principles, organization, and operation of American state and local government.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Registration Information:** Sections may be offered: Online.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**Additional Information:** Social & Behavioral Sciences 3C, Economic or Political Systems (GT-SS1).

**POLS 131 Current World Problems (GT-SS1) Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Background and nature of international political events.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**Additional Information:** Global & Cultural Awareness 3E, Economic or Political Systems (GT-SS1).

**POLS 232 International Relations (GT-SS1) Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Basic concepts and approaches to international relations.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Registration Information:** Sections may be offered: Online.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**Additional Information:** Global & Cultural Awareness 3E, Economic or Political Systems (GT-SS1).

**POLS 241 Comparative Government and Politics (GT-SS1) Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Major foreign political systems stressing cross-national comparison of political forces, parties, ideologies, and institutions.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**Additional Information:** Global & Cultural Awareness 3E, Economic or Political Systems (GT-SS1).

**POLS 302 U.S. Political Parties and Elections Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Foundational, institutional, and behavioral features of American political parties and elections.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 101.

**Registration Information:** Sections may be offered: Online.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 303 Politics of Organized Interests Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Role of interests in varied forms: social movements, institutions, associations, and membership groups in American politics.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 101.

**Term Offered:** Fall.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 304 Legislative Politics Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Structure, organization, behavior, processes, and policy implications of U.S. legislatures.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 101.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 305 Judicial Politics Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Allocation of powers among judicial structures in American federal system.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 101.

**Term Offered:** Fall.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 306 Executive Politics Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Structure, organization, behavior, processes, and policy implications of U.S. executive leadership.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 101.

**Term Offered:** Fall.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 309 Urban Politics Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Governmental structures and political processes in urban government.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 101 or POLS 103.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 320 Empirical Political Analysis Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Methods of empirical political inquiry.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 321 Empirical Political Analysis Laboratory Credit: 1 (0-2-0)**

**Course Description:** Laboratory applications of empirical research methods.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Registration Information:** Must have concurrent registration in POLS 320.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 331 Politics and Society Along Mexican Border Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Analysis of U.S.-Mexican relations and domestic politics as these affect regional characteristics and development of U.S.-Mexican border region.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 332 International Political Economy Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Also Offered As:** ECON 332.

**Course Description:** Theories on relations between international politics and economics. Policy implications of different theories and case studies.

**Prerequisite:** (ECON 202 or AREC 202) and (POLS 232).

**Registration Information:** Credit not allowed for both POLS 332 and ECON 332.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 341 Western European Government and Politics Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Politics in Western European countries such as Britain, France, and Germany, and countries influenced by European traditions.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 241.

**Term Offered:** Fall.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 345 Russian, Central, and East European Politics Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Political structures and processes in Russia, Central and East Europe, and selected post-Communist countries.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 241.

**Registration Information:** Must register for lecture and recitation. Freshman not allowed.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 347 Comparative Authoritarianism Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Explore non-democratic regimes in the world and the dynamics precipitating the emergence and breakdown of authoritarianism.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 241.

**Registration Information:** Sophomore standing. Credit not allowed for both POLS 347 and POLS 380A3.

**Term Offered:** Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 351 Public Administration Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Government organization and management; decision processes; political and intergovernmental relations in administration.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 101.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 361 U.S. Environmental Politics and Policy Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Public and contemporary issues relating to U.S. environmental policy.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 101.

**Registration Information:** Sections may be offered: Online.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 362 Global Environmental Politics Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Cross-national and international contexts of environmental politics and policy.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 232.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 364 U.S. Energy Policy Analysis Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Discussion and analysis of energy use and its impact on the economy and environment with an emphasis on future policy.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 101.

**Registration Information:** Sections may be offered: Online.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 371 U.S. Space Policy Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Analysis of U.S. space politics, space law, and space policy making.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Registration Information:** Sections may be offered: Online.

**Term Offered:** Fall.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 405 Race and Ethnicity in U.S. Politics Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Relationships among American racial/ethnic groups, political attitudes, behavior; race and ethnicity roles in elections; implications for public policy.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 101.

**Term Offered:** Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 409 Urban and Regional Politics Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Governance processes and public policies in metropolitan regions.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 101 or POLS 103.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 410 American Constitutional Law Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Allocation of powers among structures in American federal system.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 101.

**Term Offered:** Fall.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 413 U.S. Civil Rights and Liberties Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** U.S. Constitutional provisions and cases pertaining to the rights and liberties of individuals.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 101.

**Terms Offered:** Spring, Summer.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 420 History of Political Thought Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Issues and texts related to tradition of political thought from the ancient through the modern period.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Registration Information:** Sections may be offered: Online.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 421 Contemporary Political Theories Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Major political theories and ideologies of contemporary times.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Term Offered:** Fall.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 422 Democratic Theory Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Competing approaches to the theory and practice of democracy, both locally and globally.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 101.

**Registration Information:** Sophomore standing.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 423 American Political Theories Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Major American theories and ideologies: their development and present uses.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 101.

**Term Offered:** Spring.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 431 International Law Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Rules and obligations for conduct of relations among states and other international entities.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 232.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 433 International Organization Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** History, development, structure, process, and activity of selected public international organizations.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 232.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 435 United States Foreign Policy Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Institutions, responsibilities, processes, and issues in formulation and execution of U.S. foreign policy.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 232.

**Registration Information:** Sophomore standing. Sections may be offered: Online.

**Term Offered:** Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 436 Comparative Foreign Policy Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Effect of varying international and domestic contexts on foreign policy choices and outcomes across different countries, cultures, issues, and time.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 232 and POLS 241.

**Term Offered:** Spring.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 437 International Security Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Examines the conditions that make for war and peace in international relations.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Registration Information:** Sections may be offered: Online.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 442 Environmental Politics in Developing World Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Examines environmental politics in developing countries and evaluates climate change, natural resource governance and environmental justice.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 241.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 443 Comparative Social Movements Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Reviews major works dealing with conceptual and theoretical foundations of social movements and examines a number of cases across regions.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 241.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 444 Comparative African Politics Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** African political systems focusing on precolonial, colonial influences; rise of nationalism; approaches to new political order; influences of development.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 241.

**Terms Offered:** Spring, Summer.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 445 Comparative Asian Politics Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** East and South Asian political systems emphasizing issues of development, political culture, and institutional change.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 241.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Summer.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 446 Politics of South America Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** South American political actors and institutions with emphasis on themes of development, democracy, revolution, and international affairs.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 241.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 447 Politics in Mexico, Central America, Caribbean Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Mexican politics with comparison to one or more Central American and Caribbean countries.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 241.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 448 Comparative Racial/Ethnic Politics Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Comparative examination of politics of race and ethnicity and role it plays in formation of nation-states.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 241.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 449 Middle East Politics Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Political issues of the Middle East, including the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, Islamism, and democratization.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 241.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 451 Public Policy Design and Governance Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Examination of governance institutions outside the scope of traditional bureaucratic organizations and accountability.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 101 or POLS 103.

**Registration Information:** Junior standing.

**Term Offered:** Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 459 Program Evaluation for Public Administrators Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** An overview of research methods and statistical methods for public administrators.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 101.

**Registration Information:** Junior or senior standing. Sections may be offered: Online.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 460 Public Policy Process Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Explanations of U.S. policy formation, implementation, and impact.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 101.

**Registration Information:** Junior standing. Sections may be offered: Online.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 462 Globalization, Sustainability, and Justice Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**  
**Course Description:** Public and private policies to promote sustainability and social justice in a globalizing world.  
**Prerequisite:** POLS 232 or POLS 241.  
**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.  
**Grade Mode:** Traditional.  
**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 463 Urban Policy and Management Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**  
**Course Description:** Policy choices and management issues associated with urban government.  
**Prerequisite:** POLS 101 or POLS 103.  
**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.  
**Grade Mode:** Traditional.  
**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 465 Public Policy Analysis Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**  
**Course Description:** Methods and tools used in the practice of policy analysis and evaluation of current public policy; emphasis on applied analysis.  
**Prerequisite:** POLS 101.  
**Registration Information:** Sophomore standing. Sections may be offered: Online.  
**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.  
**Grade Mode:** Traditional.  
**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 482A Study Abroad: Politics and Culture in Turkey Credits: 3 (0-0-3)**  
**Course Description:** Politics, history and material culture of Turkey. A study abroad experience.  
**Prerequisite:** POLS 241.  
**Registration Information:** Written consent of instructor. Freshman not allowed.  
**Term Offered:** Summer.  
**Grade Mode:** Traditional.  
**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 486A Practicum: Legislative Politics Credits: 6 (0-8-2)**  
**Course Description:**  
**Prerequisite:** None.  
**Registration Information:** Must register for laboratory and recitation.  
**Term Offered:** Spring.  
**Grade Mode:** Instructor Option.  
**Special Course Fee:** Yes.

**POLS 486B Practicum: Government Credits: Var[1-6] (0-0-0)**  
**Course Description:**  
**Prerequisite:** None.  
**Term Offered:** Spring.  
**Grade Mode:** Instructor Option.  
**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 492 Capstone Seminar Credits: 3 (0-0-3)**  
**Course Description:**  
**Prerequisite:** None.  
**Registration Information:** Must have taken upper-division course in at least four subfields of political science.  
**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.  
**Grade Mode:** Traditional.  
**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 495 Independent Study Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)**  
**Course Description:**  
**Prerequisite:** None.  
**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.  
**Grade Mode:** Instructor Option.  
**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 500 Governmental Politics in the U.S. Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**  
**Course Description:** Selected primary source materials on performance of government officials and institutions at federal, state, and local levels.  
**Prerequisite:** None.  
**Registration Information:** Must have taken three upper-division credits in American politics with a grade of B or better.  
**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.  
**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.  
**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 501 Citizen Politics in the U.S. Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**  
**Course Description:** Selected primary source materials on behavior of individuals and groups in American politics.  
**Prerequisite:** None.  
**Registration Information:** Must have taken three upper-division credits in American politics with a grade of B or better.  
**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.  
**Grade Mode:** Traditional.  
**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 509 Gender and the Law Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**  
**Course Description:** Relationship between gender and the law and the changing nature of that relationship over time.  
**Prerequisite:** POLS 410 or POLS 413.  
**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.  
**Grade Mode:** Traditional.  
**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 520 Theories of Political Action Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**  
**Course Description:** Intensive review of primary material on Western political thought.  
**Prerequisite:** POLS 420 or POLS 421.  
**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.  
**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.  
**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 530 International Relations Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**  
**Course Description:** Theory and methodology utilized in different approaches to international relations.  
**Prerequisite:** None.  
**Registration Information:** Nine credits in international relations or related studies.  
**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.  
**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.  
**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 531 International Security Studies Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**  
**Course Description:** Theories of international security as applied to different issue areas, both traditional and non-traditional.  
**Prerequisite:** None.  
**Registration Information:** Graduate standing. Three upper-division credits in international relations with a grade of B or better.  
**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.  
**Grade Mode:** Traditional.  
**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 532 Governance of the World Political Economy Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**  
**Course Description:** Theoretical and practical debates on the organization and governance of the world political economy.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Registration Information:** Nine upper-division credits in international relations with a grade of B or better.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 540 Comparative Politics Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Theories, methods, and approaches to study of comparative politics.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Registration Information:** Three upper-division credits in comparative politics with a grade of B or better.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 541 Political Economy of Change and Development Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Responses of the state and its institutions to political, economic, and social change.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Registration Information:** Three upper-division credits in comparative politics with a grade of B or better.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 542 Democracy and Democratization Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Theoretical foundations of democracy and democratization across world regions.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 544 National Identities and Nation Building Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Also Offered As:** ETST 544.

**Course Description:** How statist conceptions of race and ethnicity have been mobilized in nation-building projects.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Registration Information:** Credit not allowed for both POLS 544 and ETST 544.

**Term Offered:** Fall.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 550 Advanced Public Administration Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Overview of study of public administration; recent developments in theory and practice.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 351.

**Registration Information:** Written consent of instructor required.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 552A Topics in Public Administration, Personnel Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:**

**Prerequisite:** POLS 351.

**Registration Information:** GPA of 3.00 or better.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 552B Topics in Public Administration, Budgeting and Finance Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:**

**Prerequisite:** POLS 351.

**Registration Information:** GPA of 3.00 or better.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 552C Topics in Public Administration, Regulation Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:**

**Prerequisite:** POLS 351.

**Registration Information:** GPA of 3.00 or better.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 587 Internship Credits: Var[1-6] (0-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Supervised work experience in a professional setting related to political science.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 500 to 99999 - at least 18 credits.

**Registration Information:** Graduate standing in Political Science.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Grade Mode:** S/U Sat/Unsat Only.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 620 Approaches to the Study of Politics Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:**

**Prerequisite:** POLS 100 to 481 - at least 15 credits.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Term Offered:** Fall.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 621 Qualitative Methods in Political Science Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Research design, data gathering and organization, ethical issues, and computer applications in qualitative political research.

**Prerequisite:** SOC 311 or POLS 620, may be taken concurrently.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Registration Information:** Credit not allowed for both POLS 621 and SOC 610.

**Term Offered:** Spring (odd years).

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 624 Scope and Methods of Political Science Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Graduate survey of the scope of the Political Science discipline and the range of research designs and methods used in the discipline.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 300 to 9999 - at least 15 credits.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 625 Quantitative Methods of Political Research Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**  
**Course Description:** Quantitative approaches and methods for study of political life.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 320.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Term Offered:** Spring.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 626 Political Research Laboratory Credit: 1 (0-2-0)**

**Course Description:**

**Prerequisite:** POLS 321.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Registration Information:** Must have concurrent registration in POLS 625.

**Term Offered:** Spring.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 652 Public Organization Theory Credits: 3 (0-0-3)**

**Course Description:** Theories of behavior of individuals and organizations in government bureaucracies.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 351.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Term Offered:** Fall.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 660 Theories of the Policy Process Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Recent developments in policy analysis.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 351 or POLS 460.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 665 Public Policy Analysis Credits: 3 (0-0-3)**

**Course Description:** The practice of policy analysis and the tools used to conduct an analysis including: forecasting, CBA, CEA, and policy design.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 625.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Graduate cooperative program, Professional.

**Term Offered:** Spring (odd years).

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 670 Politics of Environment and Sustainability Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Domestic, international, and comparative dimensions of environment and natural resource politics and policy.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Registration Information:** Written consent of instructor.

**Term Offered:** Fall.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 684 Supervised College Teaching Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)**

**Course Description:**

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Registration Information:** One year of graduate work.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Grade Mode:** Instructor Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 692 Seminar in Environmental Policy Credits: 3 (0-0-3)**

**Course Description:** Topics in domestic and/or global environmental policy.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Term Offered:** Fall.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 695 Independent Study Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)**

**Course Description:**

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Grade Mode:** Instructor Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 699 Thesis Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)**

**Course Description:**

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Grade Mode:** Instructor Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 709 Environmental Politics in the U.S. Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Selected primary materials on governmental performance, groups, and mass public in American environmental politics.

**Prerequisite:** (POLS 500 or POLS 501) and (POLS 670).

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 729 Political Theory and the Environment Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Political thought applied to questions of the environment.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 520 and POLS 670.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Modes:** S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 739 International Environmental Politics Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Theories and methodologies used in analyzing international environmental politics and policy.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 530 and POLS 670.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 749 Comparative Environmental Politics Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Application of comparative political theory to analysis of environmental politics.

**Prerequisite:** (POLS 540 or POLS 541) and (POLS 670).

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 759 Environmental Policy and Administration Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Effects of regulation, intergovernmental relations, and resource availability on federal environmental programs in U.S.

**Prerequisite:** POLS 670.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 795 Independent Study Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)**

**Course Description:**

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Grade Mode:** Instructor Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**POLS 799 Dissertation Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)**

**Course Description:**

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Grade Mode:** Instructor Option.

**Special Course Fee:** No.