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Undergraduate

Majors

• Major in Political Science (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/political-science/political-science-major/)
• Environmental Politics and Policy Concentration (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/political-science/political-science-major-environmental-politics-policy-concentration/)
• Global Politics and Policy Concentration (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/political-science/political-science-major-global-politics-policy-concentration/)
• U.S. Government, Law, and Policy Concentration (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/political-science/political-science-major-us-government-law-policy-concentration/)

Minors

• Minor in Applied Environmental Policy Analysis (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/political-science/applied-environmental-policy-analysis-minor/)
• Minor in Political Science (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/political-science/political-science-minor/)

Interdisciplinary Minors

• Environmental Affairs Interdisciplinary Minor (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/university-wide-programs/interdisciplinary-studies/environmental-affairs-interdisciplinary-minor/) (No new students are being admitted to this minor)
• Environmental Studies in the Liberal Arts Interdisciplinary Minor (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/university-wide-programs/interdisciplinary-studies/environmental-studies-liberal-arts-interdisciplinary-minor/)
• Latin American and Caribbean Studies Interdisciplinary Minor (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/university-wide-programs/interdisciplinary-studies/latin-american-caribbean-studies-interdisciplinary-minor/)
• Political Communication Interdisciplinary Minor (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/university-wide-programs/interdisciplinary-studies/political-communication-interdisciplinary-minor/)

Graduate

Graduate Programs in Political Science

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

Master's Programs

• Master of Arts in Political Science, Plan A and Plan B* (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/political-science/ma-political-science-environmental-politics-policy-specialization/)
• Master of Arts in Political Science, Political Analysis Specialization, Plan B (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/political-science/ma-political-science-political-analysis-specialization/)
• Master of Arts in Political Science, Power, Justice, and Democracy Specialization, Plan A and Plan B (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/political-science/ma-political-science-power-justice-democracy-specialization/)
• Master of Public Policy Administration, Plan C, M.P.P.A. (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/political-science/public-policy-administration-plan-c-mppa/)

Graduate Certificates

• Graduate Certificate in International Security (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/political-science/international-security-graduate-certificate/)
• Graduate Certificate in Political Economy (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/political-science/political-economy-graduate-certificate/)

* No new students are being admitted to this program.
• Graduate Certificate in Public Policy Analysis (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/political-science/graduate-certificate-public-policy-analysis/)

Ph.D.

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

* Please see department for program of study.

Courses

Subjects in this department include: Political Science (POLS) and Public Policy + Administration (PPA)

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: Historical background and theoretical perspectives explaining current international political and economic events.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
Additional Information: Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion 1C, 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: Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion 1C, 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: Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion 1C, Economic or Political Systems (GT-SS1).

POLS 301 Colorado Legislature Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Evolution and organization of the Colorado General Assembly, and of the legislative process. Examination of the role of committees, parties, leadership, and interest groups in that process.
Prerequisite: POLS 101.
Restriction: Must not be a: Freshman, Sophomore.
Registration Information: Junior standing. This is a partial semester course. Credit not allowed for both POLS 301 and POLS 381A2.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

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)
Prerequisite: POLS 101.
Grade Modes: S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 306 Executive Politics Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Prerequisite: POLS 101.
Grade Modes: S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.
Special Course Fee: No.
POLS 307 Media and Politics  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: An introduction to the field of political communication, focusing on the role of the news media in national and international politics.
Prerequisite: POLS 101.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both POLS 307 and POLS 380A4.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 308 Political Psychology  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: The psychology behind political attitudes and decision-making.
Prerequisite: POLS 101.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
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. Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both POLS 347 and POLS 380A3.
Term Offered: Fall.
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 Air, Climate, and Energy Policy Analysis Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Discussion and analysis of air quality, climate, and energy nexus, with a focus on policy impacts on the economy and the environment under future scenarios.
Prerequisite: POLS 101.
Registration Information: Sophomore standing. Sections may be offered: Online.
Term Offered: Fall (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 367 Power, Equity and Inclusion in Env Justice Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Examines procedural environmental injustice, as defined by the exclusion of marginalized groups from decision-making processes and the underenforcement of environmentally protective regulations in marginalized communities. Exploration of the degree to which power, equity and inclusion in policy processes create and perpetuate marginalization, weaving a single case study throughout the semester for illustration.
Prerequisite: POLS 101.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both POLS 367 and POLS 380A5.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 370A Study Abroad--Amazon: Global Environmental Politics Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Explore global environmental politics in the Brazilian Amazon. Through lectures, site visits, and meetings with local decision-makers, stakeholders and activists, apply international relations theories and concepts to understand various social, economic, political and ecological dimensions of global environmental problems, such as biodiversity loss and climate change, and efforts to address these problems from the global to local levels.
Prerequisite: POLS 232.
Registration Information: Sophomore standing. Written consent of instructor. Students need a minimum of a 2.5 GPA per Education Abroad standards. Sections offered as Mixed Face-to-Face or Online. Credit not allowed for both POLS 370A and POLS 382A.
Term Offered: Fall (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 371A Study Abroad--London : Comparative UK and US Policy Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Study and practice of public policy and law in the US and UK. In-depth comparative study of the central features of the American and UK policy-making process, administration, and legal system. Review a variety of substantive policy issues and existing public policies from a comparative perspective.
Prerequisite: POLS 101 or POLS 103 or POLS 241.
Registration Information: Sophomore standing. Written consent of instructor. This is a partial semester course. Credit allowed for only one of the following: POLS 371A, POLS 482B, or POLS 482C.
Term Offered: Spring (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 380A5 Study Abroad--London : Comparative UK and US Policy Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Discussion and analysis of air quality, climate, and energy nexus, with a focus on policy impacts on the economy and the environment under future scenarios.
Prerequisite: POLS 101 or POLS 103 or POLS 241.
Registration Information: Sophomore standing. Written consent of advisor. Requires the completion of the internal application form for students interested in the program. To be eligible, students should have a 3.000 GPA or greater. Students should register for 3 credits in the spring and fall semesters, and for 2 credits in the summer term.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 405 Race and Ethnicity in U.S. Politics Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Prerequisite: POLS 101.
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.

POLS 431 International Law Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Prerequisite: POLS 232.
Grade Modes: S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 432 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.

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 434 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 435 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 436 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 437 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 438 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 439 Comparative Asian Politics 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 440 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 441 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 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 Political Systems Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Examines the meaning of political space; states and nations; competition for territory, including methods and justifications; the structure of political space focusing on states; geopolitics; and the state in an era of globalization. Concepts are illustrated by real-world situations.
Prerequisite: POLS 101.
Registration Information: Sophomore standing. Sections may be offered: Online or Mixed Face-to-Face. Credit not allowed for both GR 440 and POLS 440.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 444 Comparative Political Systems Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Examines the meaning of political space; states and nations; competition for territory, including methods and justifications; the structure of political space focusing on states; geopolitics; and the state in an era of globalization. Concepts are illustrated by real-world situations.
Prerequisite: POLS 101.
Registration Information: Sophomore standing. Sections may be offered: Online or Mixed Face-to-Face. Credit not allowed for both GR 440 and POLS 440.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 445 Comparative Political Systems Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Examines the meaning of political space; states and nations; competition for territory, including methods and justifications; the structure of political space focusing on states; geopolitics; and the state in an era of globalization. Concepts are illustrated by real-world situations.
Prerequisite: POLS 101.
Registration Information: Sophomore standing. Sections may be offered: Online or Mixed Face-to-Face. Credit not allowed for both GR 440 and POLS 440.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 446 Comparative Political Systems Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Examines the meaning of political space; states and nations; competition for territory, including methods and justifications; the structure of political space focusing on states; geopolitics; and the state in an era of globalization. Concepts are illustrated by real-world situations.
Prerequisite: POLS 101.
Registration Information: Sophomore standing. Sections may be offered: Online or Mixed Face-to-Face. Credit not allowed for both GR 440 and POLS 440.
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 452 Policy Analysis 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 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 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 469 Study Abroad: Politics in the Mediterranean Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Study and practice of public policy and law in the US and UK. In-depth comparative study of the central features of the American and UK policy-making process, administration, and legal system. Review a variety of substantive policy issues and existing public policies from a comparative perspective.
Prerequisite: POLS 101 or POLS 103 or POLS 241.
Registration Information: Sophomore standing. Written consent of instructor. This is a partial semester course. Credit not allowed for both POLS 469B and POLS 469C.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
POLS 486A Practicum: Legislative Politics Credits: 6 (0-8-2)
Course Description: Advanced seminar that integrates different theories and approaches to the study of domestic and/or international politics and policy.
Prerequisite: POLS 300 to 499 - at least 12 credits.
Restriction: Must not be a: Freshman, Sophomore.
Registration Information: Must register for laboratory and recitation.
Term Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: Yes.

POLS 486B Practicum: Government Credits: Var[1-6] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Participatory study of civic engagement in public education. Examination of civic engagement pedagogies and their role in public life. Evaluation of and participation in Public Achievement program in partnership with local K-12 schools.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and practicum.
POLS 486C and SPCM 486C may not be taken concurrently.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 486C Practicum: Civic Engagement Credits: 3 (1-0-4)
Also Offered As: SPCM 486C.
Course Description: Participatory study of civic engagement in public education. Examination of civic engagement pedagogies and their role in public life. Evaluation of and participation in Public Achievement program in partnership with local K-12 schools.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and practicum.
POLS 486C and SPCM 486C may not be taken concurrently.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 487 Internship – Washington DC Semester Credits: Var[6-9] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Students in The Washington Center semester programs will work with an organization in Washington DC. Most internships are for 4 days/week and individually tailored for each student. The Washington Center ensures that all internships are “substantive and challenging.” At least 80% of the student’s work is non-clerical. Supervised by a professional academic program advisor.
Prerequisite: POLS 101 or POLS 103 or POLS 232 or POLS 241.
Registration Information: Sophomore standing. Requires written consent of program advisor, and the completion of the internal application form for students interested in the program. To be eligible, students should have a 3.000 GPA or greater.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 492 Capstone Seminar Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Advanced seminar that integrates different theories and approaches to the study of domestic and/or international politics and policy.
Prerequisite: POLS 300 to 499 - at least 12 credits.
Restriction: Must not be a: Freshman, Sophomore.
Registration Information: Junior standing. Sections may be offered: Online.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 495 Independent Study Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Instructor Option.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 496 Washington DC Semester Colloquium Group Study Credits: Var[2-3] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Participating in the Washington DC semester program, groups of more than two students will work together under the supervision of faculty to explore how government and politics occurs in Washington, DC. Students will interact with members of the cabinet, ambassadors, leading journalists and CEOs. Participation in small group discussions and attendance at programming related to the internship. Portfolio creation of a student’s work documenting and reflecting on their experiences.
Prerequisite: POLS 101 or POLS 103 or POLS 232 or POLS 241.
Registration Information: Sophomore standing. Written consent of advisor. Requires the completion of the internal application form for students interested in the program. To be eligible, students should have a 3.000 GPA or greater.
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)
Prerequisite: POLS 420 or POLS 421.
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.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
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 533  Advanced Topics in US Foreign Policy  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Provides a comprehensive overview of the US foreign policy-making process. Topics covered include the domestic causes of US foreign policy, military and defense policy, foreign economic policy, and the US role in international organizations.
Prerequisite: POLS 531.
Registration Information: Offered as an online course only.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 534  International Environmental Security  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Explores how environmental challenges cause insecurity for people and states, as well as how the conduct of international politics can cause environmental instability and degradation. Topics covered include the international politics of climate refugees, energy security, food security, water wars, and environmental peacebuilding.
Prerequisite: POLS 531.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 535  Emerging Threats in International Security  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Comprehensive overview of emerging ("non-traditional") issues in the study of international security. Examples of topics covered include terrorism, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, artificial intelligence, human trafficking, organized crime, and cyber security.
Prerequisite: POLS 531.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 536  Comparative Politics  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Prerequisite: None.
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.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
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 543  US Foreign Policy  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Provides an overview of US foreign policy including US foreign relations, foreign economic policy, and the US role in international organizations.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both POLS 544 and ETST 544.
Term Offered: Fall.
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: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both POLS 550 and PPA 550.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 550  Advanced Public Administration  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: PPA 550.
Course Description: Overview of study of public administration; recent developments in theory and practice.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both POLS 550 and PPA 550.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 551  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.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
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 558  Administrative Law  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: PPA 558.
Course Description: Introduction to the different roles that each branch of the national and state governments play in administrative law, also the politics of administration and regulation. Attention dedicated to the complex ways areas of law interact across administrative decision-making and disputes.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online. Credit allowed for only one of the following: POLS 558, PPA 558, or POLS 580A2.
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: A broad introduction to political science.
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 I  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Quantitative approaches and methods for the study of political life.
Prerequisite: POLS 320.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 626 Political Research Laboratory  Credit: 1 (0-2-0)
Course Description: Application of qualitative methods and techniques to research design and data collection.
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 627 Quantitative Methods of Political Research II  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Apply quantitative social science research methods to research. Develop analytical skills for use in political science and public policy, improve research design skills, assess the validity and limits of information and available data, and gain a thorough grounding in basic regression analysis. Strong emphasis on conceptual understanding and application.
Prerequisite: POLS 625.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Term Offered: Spring (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 660 Theories of the Policy Process  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: PPA 660.
Course Description: Recent developments in public policy.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both PPA 660 and POLS 660.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 665 Public Policy Analysis  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: PPA 665.
Course Description: The practice of policy analysis and the tools used to conduct an analysis including: forecasting, cost benefit analysis, cost effectiveness analysis, and policy design.
Prerequisite: PPA 501 or POLS 625.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Graduate cooperative program, Professional.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both POLS 665 and PPA 665.
Grade Mode: Traditional.

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, Graduate cooperative program, 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 672 Power, Justice, and Democracy  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Examines research related to the key themes of power, development, democracy, inequality, justice, labor/work, and social transformation. Analyze themes through a variety of theoretical literatures and practical examples.
Prerequisite: POLS 300 to 499 - at least 3 credits.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 684 Supervised College Teaching  Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Written consent of instructor.
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 693  Advanced Topics--Research Methods  Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)  
Course Description: Seminar on specialized research methods for political scientists. Topics vary.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: May be repeated for credit.
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.
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.

Public Policy + Administration (PPA)

PPA 500  Research Methods for Public Policy and Admin  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)  
Course Description: Introduction to the design, logic, and ethics of research methods appropriate for the evaluation of policies and programs before, during, and after implementation.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 501  Program Evaluation and Quantitative Methods  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)  
Course Description: Overview of program evaluation and hands-on application to managerial decision making in public administration. Topics include program evaluation, data collection and measurement in public administration, descriptive statistics, measures of association and other bivariate statistics, index variable construction, regression analysis, and an overview of selected other methods applied to problems of public administration and policy.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
PPA 530 Civic Engagement Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Focus on public engagement directed at the tools, theories, and processes relevant to public policy and administration. Introduction to the role citizens play in democracy, decision making, public administration, and public policy. Trends of engagement are explored alongside strategies useful to manage, encourage, and facilitate public participation in public policy and administration. Practice is emphasized.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 540 International Policy Toolkit Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Provides a valuable toolkit for those interested in working for an intergovernmental organization, international non-governmental organization, or for the U.S. foreign policy-making apparatus. Topics covered include regime change, civil society, political culture, terrorism, and international organizations.
Prerequisite: PPA 500 or PPA 501.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 541 Principles & Processes of International Mgmt Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Policy-making and policy-implementation processes of intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations.
Prerequisite: PPA 500 or PPA 501.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 542 Policy Accountability--Non-Democratic Regimes Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Theoretical knowledge and practical, real-world applications that navigate the complex political and economic terrain of non-democratic regimes.
Prerequisite: PPA 500 to 699 - at least 9 credits.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 543 Evidence-Based Decision Making Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: A survey of evidence-based decision making, including tools, constraints, and opportunities for public servants.
Prerequisite: PPA 501.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 544 Ethics and Efficacy--Global Policymaking Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: In-depth study of international policymaking success and failure with a focus on ethics and cross-border issues. Provides the expertise and awareness necessary for leadership in international policy and management.
Prerequisite: PPA 500 to 699 - at least 9 credits.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 550 Advanced Public Administration Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: POLS 550.
Course Description: Overview of study of public administration; recent developments in theory and practice.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both POLS 550 and PPA 550.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 551 Public Human Resources Management Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Study of public sector human resource methods and practices. Focus on modern personnel systems, laws, and policies related to the management of human resources in the public sector.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both POLS 552A and PPA 551.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 552 Public Budgeting and Finance Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Overview of public budgeting concepts, tools, and techniques. Focus is placed on understanding and analyzing public budget proposals and modern techniques for public budgeting processes.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both POLS 552B and PPA 552.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 553 Public Organizational Management and Behavior Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Theories of behavior of individuals and organizations in government bureaucracies.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both POLS 652 and PPA 553.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
PPA 555 Environmental Law and Policy  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Explores different methods of setting environmental goals, economic incentives, and the roles of federal, state, and local governments in protecting the natural environment. Focus on substantive policy areas to connect theory with practice.
Prerequisite: POLS 660 or POLS 665 or PPA 665.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 558 Administrative Law  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: POLS 558.
Course Description: Introduction to the different roles that each branch of the national and state governments play in administrative law, also the politics of administration and regulation. Attention dedicated to the complex ways areas of law interact across administrative decision-making and disputes.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online. Credit allowed for only one of the following: POLS 558, PPA 558, or POLS 580A2.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 559 Nonprofit Management  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Study the management of nonprofit organizations. Focus on understanding the role nonprofits plan in public service and strategies for creating and operating a nonprofit. Historical, theoretical, and legal issues of nonprofit organizations are explored.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 560 City Management  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Administrative functions, organization, politics, and problems associated with city government. In-depth study of the administrative management of US cities.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 561 State and Local Government Finance  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Examines issues in state and local government finance to understand how governments make expenditure and revenue decisions. Topics include public choice, fiscal federalism, costs and production of state and local goods and services, and intergovernmental grants.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 562 Healthcare Finance  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Examines the challenges confronting healthcare finance including health economics and management of financial resources in healthcare organizations. Emphasizes public policy and administrative challenges in the management of healthcare organizations.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 565 Municipal Finance  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Examines the impact of public policy on municipal finance. Focus on policy choices and their consequences. Topics include public choice theories, fiscal federalism, and intergovernmental grants.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 566 Theories of the Policy Process  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: POLS 660.
Course Description: Recent developments in public policy.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both PPA 660 and POLS 660.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
PPA 665  Public Policy Analysis  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
**Also Offered As:** POLS 665.
**Course Description:** The practice of policy analysis and the tools used to conduct an analysis including: forecasting, cost benefit analysis, cost effectiveness analysis, and policy design.
**Prerequisite:** PPA 501 or POLS 625.
**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
**Registration Information:** Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both POLS 665 and PPA 665.
**Grade Mode:** Traditional.
**Special Course Fee:** No.

PPA 670  Capstone in Public Policy and Administration  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
**Course Description:** Opportunity to reflect, integrate, and synthesize what has been learned in the MPPA program. Completing the capstone demonstrates mastery of the knowledge gained in the core curriculum, selected specialization, and internship experience.
**Prerequisite:** PPA 500 to 699 - at least 21 credits.
**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
**Registration Information:** Sections may be offered: Online.
**Grade Mode:** Traditional.
**Special Course Fee:** No.