DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

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 & Global 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: Diversity & Global Awareness 3E, Economic or Political Systems (GT-SS1).
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 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 392  Washington DC Semester Seminar  Credits: Var[2-3] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Topics vary each semester, but each focuses on some aspect of politics and government in Washington, DC.
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 3.00 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)
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 415  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 420  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 440 Political Geography Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: GR 440.
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: GR 100 or 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 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: None.
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: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 466A  Practicum: Legislative Politics  Credits: 6 (0-8-2)
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 482B and POLS 482C.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 466B  Practicum: Government  Credits: Var[1-6] (0-0-0)
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. Offered as Mixed Face-to-Face.
Term Offered: Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 466C  Practicum: Civic Engagement  Credits: 3 (1-0-4)
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.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: Yes.

POLS 466D  Practicum: Agriculture and Food Systems  Credits: Var[1-6] (0-0-0)
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. Offered as Mixed Face-to-Face.
Term Offered: Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 482 A  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.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 482 B  Study Abroad: Comparative UK and US Policy - London  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 482B and POLS 482C.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 482 C  Study Abroad: London Experience  Credit: 1 (0-0-1)
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 482B and POLS 482C.
Term Offered: 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: None.
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: None.
Prerequisite: None.
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)
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.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
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 Mode: 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)
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 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:
Prerequisite: POLS 100 to 481 - at least 15 credits.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: 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:
Prerequisite: POLS 321.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Must have concurrent registration in POLS 625.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: 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: Traditional.
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.
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, 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:
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 689 Thesis Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
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.

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.
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 500.
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 Personnel Administration 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 Organization Theory 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 565 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 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 587 Internship Credits: Var[1-6] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Supervised professional work experience related to public policy and administration.
Prerequisite: PPA 500 to 699 - at least 18 credits.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both POLS 552A and PPA 551.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 592 Special Topics in Public Policy and Admin Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Current topics in public policy and administration.
Prerequisite: PPA 500 or PPA 501.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: May only be taken once for credit. Sections may be offered: Online.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 660 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.