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, 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 310 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 311 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 312 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 (POLI 323).
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 313 Environmental Politics and Policy Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Governmental strategies and processes for the protection of environmental and natural resources.
Prerequisite: POLS 101.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both POLS 313 and POLS 380A3.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 314 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.
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 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 3.000 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.
Special Course Fee: No.

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  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 433  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: 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)
Prerequisite: POLS 241.
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 450 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 451 Public Policy Process Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
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 452 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 453 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 454 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 455 Study Abroad: Politics and Culture in Turkey 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 456 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 457 Study Abroad--Spain and Morocco: Politics of Food in the Mediterranean Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Examine the politics of food in Spain and Morocco, namely Spain and Morocco, by investigating the policies regarding agriculture and food systems. Explore the roles of women in the food systems and understanding new and innovative food economies alternative to the industrialized food systems.
Prerequisite: 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 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: None.
Restriction: Must not be a: Freshman, Sophomore.
Registration Information: Must register for laboratory and recitation.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: Yes.

POLS 486B Practicum: Government Credits: Var[1-6] (0-0-0)
Course Description: 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.
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: S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student 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: None.
Restriction: Must not be a: Freshman, Sophomore.
Registration Information: Must register for laboratory and recitation.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 495 Independent Study Credits: Var[1-18] (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.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor 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.
Restriction: Traditional.
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)
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: Traditional.
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.
Restriction: Traditional.
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 560  Approaches to the Study of Politics  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.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Modes: S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.
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.
Restriction: Sections may be offered: Online. Credit allowed for only one of the following: POLS 587, PPA 587, or POLS 580A2.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
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.
Term 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 Modes: S/U within Student Option, Traditional.
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.
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 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.
Registration Information: May be repeated for credit.
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: Written consent of instructor.
Term Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 695  Independent Study  Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description: 
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 699  Thesis  Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description: 
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.
POLS 709  Environmental Politics in the U.S.  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Selected primary materials on governmental performance, groups, and mass public in American environmental politics.
Prerequisite: (POLS 500 or POLS 501) and (POLS 670).
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

POLS 729  Political Theory and the Environment  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Political thought applied to questions of the environment.
Prerequisite: POLS 520 and POLS 670.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
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 Administration  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 nongovernmental 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 545 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 554 Administrative Law Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
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: Sections may be offered: Online.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 575 Public Service Administration Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Advanced study of public and nonprofit organizations. Focus on strategic planning, performance metrics and outcomes, social equity, and leadership.
Prerequisite: PPA 553.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 576 Social Equity in Public Service Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Examines social equity as it applies to public organizations and public service. Investigating the historical, theoretical, and legal considerations of equity in public service. Exploring solutions to equity challenges in public administration.
Prerequisite: PPA 500 to 699 - at least 3 credits, may be taken concurrently.
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.
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.