

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POL)

POL 100. General Education Political Science: World Perspectives. (3 Units)

An introduction to world affairs and the role of the individual in an increasingly complex and interdependent international system. Both the conceptual and practical aspects of problem solving and decision making are examined as they relate to international cooperation and conflict.

POL 101. American Institutions. (3 Units)

A study of contemporary political institutions, with emphasis on the philosophy, structure, and behavior of the American political system, including the State of California. Meets State requirement in U.S. Constitution and California State and Local government.

POL 210. Issues American Govern. (2.7 Units)

POL 300. Quantitative Methods of Political Analysis. (3 Units)

An introduction to the techniques of quantitative political analysis, including the design, execution and analysis of research.

POL 304. Basic Concepts of Law: Substantive. (3 Units)

An examination of conflict situations which arise in contemporary life and the way in which the law and legal institutions address these conflicts. Statutory law and common law will be studied with an emphasis on case analysis, torts, crimes, property, contracts, and landlord-tenant.

POL 305. Basic Concepts of Law: Procedural. (3 Units)

A basic course in understanding the legal system with a focus on basic procedural law. Emphasis will be placed on civil procedure, evidence, and litigation, probate and corporation, partnership and agency.

POL 310. Current Issues in American Government. (3 Units)

Analysis and critical evaluation of recent major issues, conflicts and problems in American government and institutions. Current issues might include social and health services, energy, environment, multinational corporations, military spending, taxation, political economy, criminal justice, and civil rights.

POL 312. State and Local Government: Organization and Problems. (3 Units)

Analysis of functions of state and local government with particular emphasis on California. Examination of state-federal and state-local relations and the policy choices available for solving current problems. The course meets the statutory requirement for state and local government.

POL 313. Introduction to Public Administration. (3 Units)

A study of the development and practice of public administration in the United States and abroad, focusing on the theoretical and practical concerns of administration, with special attention to the relationship of public administration and democratic government.

POL 314. American Political Parties and Elections. (3 Units)

A study of the dynamics of American political behavior, including the legal regulation of parties and of elections. Analysis of voting behavior and public opinion. Study of political party organization, membership, and leadership in the context of the contemporary political scene.

POL 315. Congress and the President. (3 Units)

An analysis of development and operation of the elected decision-making structures of the United States government. Particular focus on the interrelationships between the Congress and the President.

POL 318. Public Policy Choices: Distribution of Wealth. (3 Units)

Political analysis of the distribution of wealth in the U.S. Attention to the political influence of special interest groups, political parties, and public opinion on policies relating to the tax structure; government subsidies, credits, and controls; the Social Security system and income problems of the aged; and the welfare system. Public policy reforms of the process of wealth distribution.

POL 319. Horror and Polittics. (3 Units)

Perquisite(s): POL 101 required. Co-requisite(s); POL 315 recommended. In addition to scene of terror, many times horror films deliver political commentary. What do horror films say about the times in which they were created, as well as our own time? This course will explore these issues and more.

POL 320. Urban Government and Policy Choices. (3 Units)

A survey of the structures of American municipal, county, and special districts within the context of a systematic evaluation of the public policy choices facing these units of government.

POL 323. Black Politics. (3 Units)

An analysis of the structure of power within the Black community and political interaction between activists, moderates, and conservatives. Evaluation of styles within the Black sub-political culture and manipulative aspects and tactics; e.g., coalition, confrontation, establishment politics.

POL 325. Women And Polittics. (3 Units)

Examination of the expanding role of women in politics and the legal, cultural, and socio-psychological difficulties encountered therein. This course will also look at leading female political figures.

POL 328. Cultural Pluralism in American Politics. (3 Units)

Discusses the issues of political socialization and cultural differences in the American political arena. Analyzes the political orientations of various ethnic groups in the United States, their cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, and their levels of political participation and interaction with American political institutions.

POL 330. Cultural Pluralism in Global Politics. (3 Units)

Discusses from an international perspective the issues facing various national, racial, tribal and religious groups; power, ideology, political socialization, integration, nationalism, cultural differences and separatism. Analyzes the problems of resolving conflict among different cultural groups.

POL 331. International Terrorism. (3 Units)

Analysis of the concept of terrorism, root causes and forms. Examination of theories and counter-terrorism strategies at different levels of analysis; individuals, groups, societal, states and transnational. Special emphasis on specific terrorism cases, terrorist organizations and cyber-terrorism in the Digital Age.

POL 332. International Security Studies. (3 Units)

Analysis of the theory and practice of international conflict, crisis, and war management. Special emphasis on the contemporary concerns of deterrence, limited war, guerrilla warfare, foreign commitments, arms races, and arms control.

POL 333. Asian International Relations. (3 Units)

Analysis of the international political behavior, foreign policies and conflicts of Asian nations, China (Peoples Republic of China), Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Philippines, India, Pakistan and Indonesia. Regional and foreign policy conflicts and wars such as the Vietnam War, the India-Pakistan-Bangladesh War, and the Philippine Civil War will be analyzed.

POL 334. American Foreign Policy. (3 Units)

The formulation and execution of foreign policy in the United States, including an analysis of competing ideological concepts, the role of President and Congress, and the influence of public opinion.

POL 335. International Politics. (3 Units)

Study of basic international political theories, principles, and practices including the examination of international system characteristics, foreign policy decision-making, nationalism, security and defense, alliances, law and organization, and war.

POL 336. Theories of International Relations. (3 Units)

Analysis of action and interaction of states, decision-making, capability analysis, balance and imbalance, systems analysis, communication, crisis, and game theory.

POL 337. European International Relations. (3 Units)

An analysis of European international relations and foreign policies including the impact of Western European economic integration, the foreign policies of the Russian Commonwealth with Eastern and Western Europe, and the changing role of NATO.

POL 338. Global Planning Future. (3 Units)

Examination of assumptions, concepts, and models for monitoring, forecasting, speculating, and predicting events and conditions affecting public policy in the international arena. Evaluation of the human and nonhuman issues and interactions that will affect both industrial and nonindustrial societies.

POL 339. Model United Nations. (3 Units)

Examination of the role of international organizations and the issues addressed by these international actors while preparing students to participate in intercollegiate Model United Nations simulations. May be repeated for credit to a maximum of 9.0 units.

POL 340. Political Change in First and Third World Countries. (3 Units)

Study of the sources and patterns of political continuity and change in selected countries of the First World (Western Democracies) and selected newly emergent states of the Third World. Cross-national comparisons within and between each world will be made.

POL 341. Gov and Politics of East Asia. (3 Units)

China, Japan, and Korea : political behavior, ideas, and institutions of societies of East Asia. Political parties and organizations, role of competing ideologies and systems of behavior, interaction of domestic and foreign policies.

POL 342. Government and Politics of the Middle East. (3 Units)

Analysis and explanation of political processes, governments, political issues and foreign relations of the Middle East. Discussion of influence of religion, oil, revolutions and conflicts on Middle East politics.

POL 343. Political Behavior in Latin America. (3 Units)

Analysis of political and cultural behavior in South America with a focus on Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Colombia , and Venezuela . Their sociopolitical institutions, elites, and interest groups; and the impact of national and cross-national cultural pluralism upon political life in the region.

POL 344. Latin America: The Revolutionary Tradition. (3 Units)

A comparative analysis of the revolutionary process in Mexico , Central America and Cuba , encompassing the dimensions of the socio-political, cultural and economic characteristics. An emphasis on post-revolutionary developmental politics in Mexico, Nicaragua, Cuba , and on the current social unrest in Central America, including an analysis of ideas, institutions, groups and economic conditions.

POL 345. Democratization. (3 Units)

Students examine the basic principles, theories, and comparative methods useful for understanding the challenges of democracy and democratization and provides insights into the range of practical policy recommendations which could be adopted to strengthen the process of democratic governance.

POL 346. Government and Politics of Russia/Commonwealth. (3 Units)

Analysis of Russia and Commonwealth of Independent States, their political history, the legacy and impact of Communist Party rule, the political economy, and the major political, social, and economic problems currently facing Russia and the Commonwealth leadership.

POL 347. Comparative Political Parties. (3 Units)

For more than a century, democratic politics has been synonymous with party politics. This class provides an understanding of the origins or parties and party systems, the reasons for their successes and failures, and their impact on political outcomes.

POL 349. Government and Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa. (3 Units)

A study of the dynamics of government and politics in Africa south of the Sahara Desert with special emphasis on South Africa . Imperialism and colonial administration, nationalism, and decolonization treated as background to the problems of modernization and nation-building in the region.

POL 350. History of Political Ideas. (3 Units)

A critical analysis of the major political philosophies and schools of thought from Plato to the sixteenth century. Examination of the political concepts of Plato, Aristotle, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, and Machiavelli.

POL 351. Modern Political Thought. (3 Units)

A study of principal political philosophers from the seventeenth century to the present. Special emphasis is given to writers such as John Stuart Mill and Karl Marx, whose concepts of political criticism have become predominant in the modern world.

POL 354. American Political Thought. (3 Units)

A critical analysis of the political ideas that have emerged within the United States . Special attention is given to twentieth century political theories that aim to achieve social justice and/or alternative life styles through a restructuring of the economy.

POL 360. American Constitutional Law: Distribution of Power. (3 Units)

An examination of the nature and development of the United States constitutional system. Emphasis on the role of the courts in interpreting the concepts of separation of powers, federalism, the police power, and the commerce clause.

POL 361. American Constitutional Law: Civil Rights. (3 Units)

A study of fundamental rights as protected by the U.S. Constitution and other legal provisions. The role of the courts in interpreting freedom of expression and conscience, due process, and equal protection of the laws.

POL 366. Criminal Law and Procedures. (3 Units)

Materials and cases treating Criminal Law and procedures within the context of the American policy. Systematic analysis of the role of the citizen in relationship to operational legal principles and procedures of Criminal Law. An emphasis on contemporary problems and recent court decisions.

POL 370. Public Opinion and Propaganda. (3 Units)

The nature of public opinion and its manipulation by propaganda in modern society. Relations between government and other social institutions and the opinions of groups and individuals; the press, pressure groups.

POL 371. Conflict, Violence, Nonviolence and Peace. (3 Units)

Examination of relevant theories and instances of aggression, sociopolitical conflict and conflict resolution, various types of political violence (as terrorism, revolution, urban riots) and nonviolence. Course will present an overview of all these topics, or focus on one topic in detail, such as terrorism, revolution, or nonviolence.

POL 372. International Institutions. (3 Units)

Prerequisite(s): POL 335 required. An examination of the theories and practices of international institutions. The origins, structures, functions, and effectiveness of international institutions will be discussed. Major issues include war and conflict, global economy, environment, human rights, and global health.

POL 373. International Political Economy. (3 Units)

An examination of the theoretical approaches to the study of international political economy and contemporary issues in the global economy. Major topics include international trade, international finance, economic development, multinational corporations, and globalization.

POL 374. International Human Rights. (3 Units)

Prerequisite(s): POL 335 required. An examination of the historical evolution and practices of human rights in world politics. Emphasis on the dynamic interaction between governments, and international and domestic human rights institutions. The topics include political rights, torture, refugees, racism, environment, and women's rights.

POL 375. Technical Policy and the Future. (3 Units)

Various humanistic, ethical, legal, and political-economic policy issues surrounding the use and future development of technology, in such areas as energy, food production, transportation, computers, communications, electronic surveillance, medicine, weaponry, and space. The issue of high technology vs. appropriate technology also global restructuring trends from technological change. Course will focus on one or more such technological topics depending upon the instructor.

POL 380. Mock Trial I. (3 Units)

Students will be taught the basics of how to present a case in a simulated trial environment. Students will create opening and closing statements, and cross-examinations and direct examinations. Students will have the opportunity to participate as witnesses. Upper division status is recommended or consent of instructor is required.

POL 401. Political and Public Sector Leadership. (3 Units)

Prerequisite: 12 units of upper division courses are required. This is an applied techniques, skills-development course. It blends ideas from several different sectors of political theory, public policy, public relations, conflict negotiation, and intercultural communication to teach students skills that are necessary for leadership roles.

POL 494. Independent Study. (1-3 Units)

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor and department chair. Independent study of a particular problem under the direction of a member of the Political Science Department. Course is not repeatable for credit in the Political Science major or minor.

POL 495. Special Topics in Political Science. (1-3 Units)

An intensive study of an issue or a concept in political science that is of special interest to both the faculty member and the students. Repeatable course. Three hours of seminar per week.

POL 496. Internships in Political Science. (3 Units)

Practical application of coursework in political science through supervised work and field experience in politics, government administration, public and private paralegal agencies such as offices of lawyers and judges, and community agencies. Repeatable course.

POL 498. Directed Research. (1-3 Units)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. The student develops and completes an individual study under faculty supervision. Repeatable course.

POL 594. Independent Study. (1-3 Units)

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor and department chair. Independent study of a particular problem under the direction of a member of the Political Science Department.