

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political Science, broadly defined, is the study of political power and the ends to which that power is used. It is “political” in the sense that it concentrates on the institutions and processes of political systems that exercise power in an authoritative way. It is “scientific” in the sense that there is a systematic body of knowledge about political behavior which can be studied empirically, normatively, and experientially. But in a broader sense, political science also studies the larger issues of justice and the ways in which the use of political power advances or retards the achievement of justice.

Politics deals with “who gets what,” and political science is the study of that process of getting and maintaining power. It is an attempt to define and analyze the processes by which individuals define their interests and interact to promote those interests. At the same time it is the study of the moral ends to which power is used. The six officially defined areas of specialty within the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science are: American Politics, Political Theory, Public Policy, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Research Methodology.

The Bachelor of Arts in Political Science prepares students for possible careers in public administration; federal, state, and local elected office; public policy analysis; lobbying, journalism, political consulting, law, and graduate work leading to teaching, research, or administration at the university level.

In addition to the major requirements, students must complete all CASL Degree Requirements (<http://catalog.umd.umich.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences-letters/>).

Pre-Major Requirements

Students majoring in political science must take two Prerequisites:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
POL 101	American Politics ¹	3
POL 201	Politics Around the World	3-4
Total Credit Hours		6-7

¹ POL 101 is highly recommended for all upper-level courses. Junior or senior standing is a prerequisite for most 400/4000-level courses. Students are advised to complete POL 101 and POL 201 within their first four terms and POL 300 during their fourth or fifth term.

Major Requirements

Students must complete 30 credit hours of upper-level political science (POL) courses. Students are advised to complete required classes as soon as possible to prevent schedule conflicts. Those who ignore this advice may have difficulties completing their major requirements as they planned.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
American Politics - One course from (CAAP):		3
POL 311	Int Group and Pol Process	
POL 312	Legislative Process	
POL 313	American State Government	

POL 315	The American Presidency	
POL/CRJ 316	The American Judicial Process	
POL 320	Politics and Human Nature	
POL 322	Mich Gov, Pol, & Publ Policy	
POL/CRJ 323	Urban Politics	
POL 326	Presidential/Congress Election	
POL 327	Pol Parties and Elections	
POL 328	Pub Opinion and Press Groups	
POL 329	Politics and the Media	
POL 334	Organizing and Leadership	
POL 340	Federalism	
POL/CRJ/ WGST 362	Women, Politics, and the Law	
POL/CRJ 413	American Constitutional Law	
POL/CRJ 414	Civil Rights and Liberties	
POL 415	Problems in Constitutional Law	
POL 417	Constitution&National Security	
POL 484	Revitalizing Cities	
POL 489	Seminar in Urban Politics	
POL 4165/ CRJ 416	Criminal Law	
Political Theory- One course from (CAPT):		3
POL/CRJ 302	The Theory of the Law	
POL 303	Justice	
POL 304	American Political Thought	
POL 305	Race/Justice/Freedom in Amer	
POL 306	Political Ideologies	
POL 307	Marxist Thought	
POL/CRJ 308	Moral and Political Dilemmas	
POL 309	Ancient Political Theory	
POL 310	Modern Political Theory	
POL 314	Issues in Amer Pol Thought	
Public Policy- One course from (CAPP):		3
POL/ENST/ STS 325	Environmental Politics	
POL 333	Citizens and Bureaucrats	
POL 360	American Policy Process	
POL/HPS 364	Health Pol and Administration	
POL 365	Energy Policy	
POL 367	Fiscal Policy and Budgeting	
POL 466	Politics&Policies Soc Welfare	
POL/ENST 467	Food Politics and Policy	
POL/CRJ 481	Terrorism & US Natl Security	
POL 484	Revitalizing Cities	
POL/ENST 487	Comparative Enviro Policy	
POL 490	Sem in Public Administration	
Comparative Politics - One course from (CAPO):		3
POL 341	Canadian Politics	
POL 350	Pol of the Developing Areas	
POL/RELS 355	Religion and Politics	
POL 370	Communist & Post-Communist Sys	
POL 385	Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	
POL 450	Revolution	

International Relations - One course from (CAIR):	3
POL 361 American Foreign Policy	
POL 371 Problems in Intl Politics	
POL 375 Great Pwrs Comp and Conflict	
POL 451 Peace and War	
POL 471 American Foreign Policy I	
POL 472 American Foreign Policy II	
POL 473 International Security Affairs	
Political Analysis:	3
POL/CRJ 300 Political Analysis	
Capstone:	3
POL 4910 Capstone in Political Science	
Additional Electives or Concentration to Reach a Total of 30 Credit Hours	9
Select any 9 credits of political science (POL) courses at the 300 level or above. Students also have the option to declare a concentration and take 9 credits from one of the following concentrations below:	
Public Law Concentration:	
POL/CRJ 302 The Theory of the Law	
POL/CRJ 316 The American Judicial Process	
POL 318 Criminal Law	
POL/CRJ 413 American Constitutional Law	
POL/CRJ 414 Civil Rights and Liberties	
POL 415 Problems in Constitutional Law	
POL 4165/CRJ 416 Criminal Law	
POL 417 Constitution&National Security	
POL 418 Supreme Court and Religion	
Public Administration Concentration:	
POL 313 American State Government	
POL 322 Mich Gov, Pol, & Publ Policy	
POL 333 Citizens and Bureaucrats	
POL 334 Organizing and Leadership	
POL 340 Federalism	
POL 363 Cr Just Policy and Admin	
POL/HPS 364 Health Pol and Administration	
POL 367 Fiscal Policy and Budgeting	
POL 490 Sem in Public Administration	
Public Policy Concentration:	
POL 312 Legislative Process	
POL 322 Mich Gov, Pol, & Publ Policy	
POL/ENST/STS 325 Environmental Politics	
POL 360 American Policy Process	
POL 361 American Foreign Policy	
POL/CRJ/WGST 362 Women, Politics, and the Law	
POL/HPS 364 Health Pol and Administration	
POL 365 Energy Policy	
POL 367 Fiscal Policy and Budgeting	
POL 4605 Science, Tech & Pub Policy	
POL 466 Politics&Policies Soc Welfare	
POL/ENST 467 Food Politics and Policy	

POL 471 American Foreign Policy I	
POL 472 American Foreign Policy II	
POL 473 International Security Affairs	
POL 484 Revitalizing Cities	
POL/ENST 487 Comparative Enviro Policy	
State and Local Concentration:	
POL 313 American State Government	
POL 322 Mich Gov, Pol, & Publ Policy	
POL/CRJ 323 Urban Politics	
POL 334 Organizing and Leadership	
POL 340 Federalism	
POL 484 Revitalizing Cities	
POL 489 Seminar in Urban Politics	
Political Theory Concentration:	
POL/CRJ 302 The Theory of the Law	
POL 303 Justice	
POL 304 American Political Thought	
POL 305 Race/Justice/Freedom in Amer	
POL 306 Political Ideologies	
POL 307 Marxist Thought	
POL/CRJ 308 Moral and Political Dilemmas	
POL 309 Ancient Political Theory	
POL 310 Modern Political Theory	
POL 314 Issues in Amer Pol Thought	
International & Comparative Politics Concentration:	
POL 341 Canadian Politics	
POL 350 Pol of the Developing Areas	
POL/RELS 355 Religion and Politics	
POL 361 American Foreign Policy	
POL 371 Problems in Intl Politics	
POL 375 Great Pwrs Comp and Conflict	
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POL 450 Revolution	
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POL 471 American Foreign Policy I	
POL 472 American Foreign Policy II	
POL 473 International Security Affairs	
POL/ENST 487 Comparative Enviro Policy	
Total Credit Hours	30

Notes:

1. At least 15 of the 30 upper level credit hours in the Political Science (POL) major must be elected at UM-Dearborn.
2. A maximum of 6 credit hours of POL 494, POL 495, POL 496, POL 497 internship credit may count in the 30 credit hours required for the major.
3. Any one course may be used to satisfy only one requirement within the major.

Minor or Integrative Studies Concentration Requirements

A minor or concentration consists of 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in political science (POL).

POL 101 American Politics 3 Credit Hours

This course examines the national institutions and political processes of American government. Potential topics include: the Constitution, the Founding, Congress, the Presidency, the Supreme Court, federalism, elections, voting, public opinion, interest groups, political parties, civil rights, civil liberties, or public policy. (F, W).

POL 201 Politics Around the World 3 to 4 Credit Hours

This course examines the world's major forms of government: democracies and non-democracies, their institutions, and the processes that affect their stability and the transitions between them. (F, W).

POL 205 Intro to Public Administration 3 Credit Hours

Introductory study of the administrative phase of public policy development. Such aspects of administration as personnel and fiscal management are considered and related to issue of accountability, public responsibility, and notions of public interest. (F,W).

POL 250 Intro to Political Theory 3 Credit Hours

This course examines the role of political theory as a tool for the critical analysis of political reality. It analyzes several dominant political conceptions such as justice, equality, democracy, civility, and authority. (YR).

POL 260 The Arms Race and War 3 Credit Hours

An examination of the causes and consequences of the contemporary arms race. Special attention is given to nuclear weapons, the risk of war, and the prospect for arms control and disarmament. (YR).

POL 300 Political Analysis 3 Credit Hours

Introduction to research design, data collection and analysis, sampling, and statistics for social scientists. (F,W).

POL 302 The Theory of the Law 3 Credit Hours

A comprehensive introduction to the theoretical foundations and the political functions of law, with special emphasis on the different moral justifications of law; the relation between law and justice; the relation between law and freedom; due process and fairness in any legal system. This course is designed to have special relevance for those considering law as a career. (OC).

POL 303 Justice 3 Credit Hours

An analysis of theories of justice. The relation between morality and political power is considered. (AY).

POL 304 American Political Thought 3 Credit Hours

The principal American contributions to political theory. (OC).

POL 305 Race/Justice/Freedom in Amer 3 Credit Hours

This course examines the social and political thought of selected African American political thinkers. Its focus will be to assess the origins, development and implications of their ideas in the context of the changing dynamics of racial politics in America and the world. (AY).

POL 306 Political Ideologies 3 Credit Hours

An examination of significant modern ideologies, especially liberalism, conservatism, and Marxism. (YR).

POL 307 Marxist Thought 3 Credit Hours

The theories of selected communist thinkers and the implications that these ideas have for the contemporary world. (OC).

POL 308 Moral and Political Dilemmas 2 to 3 Credit Hours

The course focuses on the tensions and relations between personal morality and political action by examining the moral aspect of contemporary policy issues such as the right to life, environmental policy, and discrimination. (YR).

Restriction(s):

Cannot enroll if Class is Freshman or Sophomore

POL 309 Ancient Political Theory 3 Credit Hours

An examination of seminal ancient and classical thinkers and texts such as Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, and the Bible on significant themes pertaining to justice, government, religion, and philosophy. (YR).

POL 310 Modern Political Theory 3 Credit Hours

The course studies the origins of modern political theory and practice, and the development of "modern" democratic liberalism. (YR).

POL 311 Int Group and Pol Process 3 Credit Hours

An examination of the structure, techniques, and internal politics of interest groups, their role in policy making and relationship with political parties, legislative and executive bodies, and administrative agencies. (AY).

POL 312 Legislative Process 3 Credit Hours

An analysis of legislative systems with emphasis on the changing realities of congressional and state power and policy making. (YR).

POL 313 American State Government 3 Credit Hours

A comparative analysis of politics, political processes, and governmental institutions in American state and local governments. (YR).

POL 314 Issues in Amer Pol Thought 3 Credit Hours

Fundamental and recurring issues in American political thought, as they appear in the most influential and representative works on public affairs since the end of the Civil War. Topics may include Social Darwinism and its progressive critics, "revisionist" critiques of the Constitution, political aspects of philosophic pragmatism, the "revolt against formalism" in law, political doctrines of Progressivism and the New Deal, mid-century changes in progressive liberalism, the revival of classical liberalism and its "fusion" with traditional conservatism, political-philosophical aspects of environmentalism, the political thought of the civil rights movement and its critics, feminism and its diversification, and the capacities of American political culture and institutions to conduct a sustained opposition to terrorism. The course concentrates on analyzing extended works of reasoning in books, essays, judicial opinions and other public documents. POL 304, American Political Thought, is recommended as a forerunner to this course.

Restriction(s):

Can enroll if Level is Undergraduate

POL 315 The American Presidency 3 Credit Hours

The course examines the expansion of presidential powers, focusing on the constitutional and political development in the president's role as chief executive, legislative leader, and administrative head of state. Topics include: separation of powers, presidential selection, impeachment, relations with Congress and bureaucracy, emergency powers, presidential character, and leadership. (YR).

POL 316 The American Judicial Process 3 Credit Hours

An analysis of American legal institutions, processes and doctrines, and their relationship to the formulation of public policy and the solution of social problems. (AY).

POL 318 Criminal Law 3 Credit Hours

A survey of landmark Supreme Court decisions in the field of criminal law and related issues of criminal justice. State court decisions when applicable may also be included. (AY).

POL 320 Politics and Human Nature 3 Credit Hours

An analysis of the political process in terms of the attitudes, values, and behavior of human beings. (OC).

Prerequisite(s): POL 101

POL 322 Mich Gov, Pol, & Publ Policy 3 Credit Hours

This course explores government, politics, and public policy in Michigan. It examines the major governmental and nongovernmental institutions involved in state level policy making, the processes used by these institutions to influence public policy, and the policies that emerge through their interaction. (YR).

POL 323 Urban Politics 3 Credit Hours

A survey of the political process in urban areas giving special attention to the changing role of cities in American politics. (YR).

POL 325 Environmental Politics 3 Credit Hours

An examination of policy making about problems affecting the environment, at a global, national, and local scale. (AY).

POL 326 Presidential/Congress Election 3 Credit Hours

This course will focus on the most recent and upcoming presidential and congressional elections from the perspective of how they fit into and help illustrate the broad theoretical frameworks and findings on elections and voting behavior in political science. Topics will include nominating and general election campaigns, campaign financing, participation, party coalitions, and news media. (OC).

Prerequisite(s): POL 101

POL 327 Pol Parties and Elections 3 Credit Hours

A basic survey of American political party organization and the American election system. The course sometimes includes an examination of parties and elections in comparative perspective. (YR).

POL 328 Pub Opinion and Press Groups 3 Credit Hours

A study of the nature and formation of public opinion, the techniques for its measurement, and its role in the political system. (AY).

POL 329 Politics and the Media 3 Credit Hours

This course investigates the relationships between the news media and our major political institutions; the structure of the modern media; their influence on public opinion; their effects on our party and electoral system; their role in defining political reality and agenda setting; and their influence upon our political institutions and the policy-making process. (YR).

POL 333 Citizens and Bureaucrats 3 Credit Hours

The focus of this course is citizen participation in administrative behavior. Attention is paid to the perspectives of both citizens and bureaucrats. The course uses broad concepts of political participation and organization behavior. (YR).

POL 334 Organizing and Leadership 3 Credit Hours

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the theory and practice of local democratic action. The course draws on the history, practices, and lessons of the American community organizing tradition and the civil rights movement and relates those past experiences to current issues. In collaboration with local community partners, students learn about effective methods of civic engagement and leadership, as currently practiced in metropolitan Detroit.

POL 340 Federalism 3 Credit Hours

Federalism is considered from both legal and operational perspectives. Students examine traditional views of Federalism as well as empirical and technical studies about intergovernmental relations at national, state, and metropolitan levels. (YR).

POL 341 Canadian Politics 3 Credit Hours

A survey of Canadian politics and government. It provides an understanding of the Canadian political tradition and some of the concerns of contemporary Canada; includes a focus on the cultural and socioeconomic bases of the political system, the development of constitutional structures, the scope of public policy and the dynamics of policy process. (OC).

POL 350 Pol of the Developing Areas 3 Credit Hours

A comparative study of political development, political and governmental structures, and conflict patterns, especially of an ethnic nature. (AY).

POL 355 Religion and Politics 3 Credit Hours

The primary focus of the course is on political movements or systems that take a religious form or have a religious base or use a religiously-rooted ideology. Possible themes or cases covered include the Catholic Church as a political system, Evangelical politics in America, religious uprisings, and Islamic political movements. (AY).

POL 360 American Policy Process 3 Credit Hours

An analysis of political decision-making processes on a range of issues with an emphasis on how various political actors attempt to influence the process to their own advantage. (YR).

POL 361 American Foreign Policy 3 Credit Hours

Survey of American foreign policy in various regions of the world. Instances of policy making, such as the Cuban missile crisis, are explored in detail. (YR).

POL 362 Women, Politics, and the Law 3 Credit Hours

An examination of the political behavior of women in American politics. Included is an analysis of the legal and legislative demands of American women. (AY).

POL 363 Cr Just Policy and Admin 3 Credit Hours

The structure and processes of criminal justice administration in America, including analysis of current issues in police behavior, courts, and corrections. (AY).

POL 364 Health Pol and Administration 3 Credit Hours

Structure and processes of health administration in America, including analysis of current issues in health policy. (AY).

POL 365 Energy Policy 3 Credit Hours

The course reviews the important elements in energy policy and a brief history of that development. It also considers what factors have been important in those developments. Finally, there is discussion of the potential for policy developments at all levels of government. (OC).

POL 367 Fiscal Policy and Budgeting 3 Credit Hours

This course is intended to introduce students to the fundamental elements of the federal budget. During the class we will examine the budgetary process and how it has evolved over time. Contemporary proposals to reform the budget process will be considered as well. Careful attention will also be paid to important components of the federal budget including entitlements, defense spending, and discretionary non-defense spending. We will consider various policy reforms as legislators seek to find ways of maintaining popular programs while controlling costs. Finally, the course will conclude by examining some famous budgetary conflicts in recent American history.

Restriction(s):

Can enroll if Level is Undergraduate

POL 370 Communist & Post-Communist Sys 3 Credit Hours

China and Russia are the focal points of this course. Among questions explored are: How are Russia and China ruled? Are their forms of government and their economic systems "moderating" and becoming more like those of the United States? How successful have these governments been in meeting the needs of the people? (OC).

POL 371 Problems in Intl Politics 3 Credit Hours

Present-day problems in world politics, with particular emphasis on the great powers and on areas and events of political conflict in the contemporary world. (YR).

POL 375 Great Pwrs Comp and Conflict 3 Credit Hours

This course focuses on the foreign policies of major international powers, such as China, Russia, and the Western European democracies. Attention is also paid to the causes of the rise and decline of major powers. (YR).

POL 385 Israeli-Palestinian Conflict 3 Credit Hours

The course focuses on the Israeli-Palestine conflict in its domestic, regional, and world-wide dimensions. (W, YR).

POL 390 Topics in Political Science 3 Credit Hours

Examination of problems and issues in selected areas of political science. Title as listed in Schedule of Classes will change according to content. Course may be repeated for credit when specific topics differ. (OC).

POL 390J Topics in Political Science 3 Credit Hours

Topic: Freedom of Religion in America. This course is designed to explore a variety of historical and contemporary issues dealing with freedom of religion as guaranteed in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights. Special attention will be given to the landmark decisions of the Supreme Court interpreting the Establishment and Free Exercise clauses of the First Amendment and the legal and political controversies raised by these decisions. The course is designed to lead to a greater understanding of the symbiotic relationship between religion and politics, the importance of religious liberty to democracy, and the inevitable tensions between religious groups, and between church and state in a free society.

Prerequisite(s): HIST 365

POL 398 Independent Studies 1 to 3 Credit Hours

Readings or analytical assignments in Political Science in accordance with the needs and interests of those enrolled and agreed upon by the student and instructor.

POL 399 Independent Study 1 Credit Hour

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POL 413 American Constitutional Law 3 Credit Hours

A major theme of this course is the development of the Constitution as shaped by the Supreme Court, Congress, and the president. The course examines the constitutional interpretation of government authority which includes such topics as judicial review, appointments, executive privilege, war power, federalism, commerce power, taxing and spending power, and substantive due process. (AY).

Restriction(s):

Cannot enroll if Class is

POL 414 Civil Rights and Liberties 3 Credit Hours

An analysis of the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment, with particular emphasis upon recent landmark or controversial Supreme Court decisions dealing with freedom of speech and religion, rights of criminal defendants; cruel and unusual punishment, right to privacy; civil rights and equal protection clause; and apportionment. (YR).

Restriction(s):

Can enroll if Class is Junior or Senior

Can enroll if Level is Undergraduate

POL 415 Problems in Constitutional Law 3 Credit Hours

Selected areas of constitutional law of current interest. Topics to be announced. (AY).

Restriction(s):

Can enroll if Class is Junior or Senior

POL 4165 Criminal Law 3 Credit Hours

A survey of the major judicial, executive, and legislative decisions in the field of criminal law. (AY).

POL 417 Constitution&National Security 3 Credit Hours

This course focuses on the issue of national security and how the federal government has used power to protect its citizens. It analyzes relevant national security issues in order to understand how government action is constrained by the Constitution and social norms. The course examines the historical development of national security in the United States including habeas corpus, wiretapping, military tribunals, state secrets, and extraordinary rendition. Particular close attention is paid to the modern development of national security. The emphasis in reading will be on cases, executive orders, congressional hearings, and statutes. For graduate credit elect POL 517.

Restriction(s):

Cannot enroll if Class is Freshman or Sophomore

POL 418 Supreme Court and Religion 3 Credit Hours

A study of the major landmark decisions of the Supreme Court interpreting First Amendment guarantees of religious liberty. The course emphasizes case law defining the meaning of the Establishment Clause and the Free Exercise Clause and their significance for religious liberty in America.

Restriction(s):

Cannot enroll if Class is Freshman or Sophomore

POL 445 Environmental Law 3 Credit Hours

A survey of common law theories and analysis of environmental statutes from a functional perspective. The course also includes environmental law aspects of constitutional law, administrative law and criminal law, as well as the public trust doctrine and public lands. Student cannot receive credit for both ENST 350 and ENST/POL 445.

POL 450 Revolution 3 Credit Hours

A consideration of violent political change and the conditions which promote it. The course covers both revolutionary theories and empirical research. Specific revolutions are considered. (YR).

Restriction(s):

Cannot enroll if Class is

POL 451 Peace and War 3 Credit Hours

An examination of the causes of war and the means of securing peace. (YR).

Prerequisite(s): HIST 365 or HONS 300

Restriction(s):

Cannot enroll if Class is

Can enroll if Attribute is Honors Program

POL 4605 Science, Tech & Pub Policy 3 Credit Hours

This course explores the intersection of science, technology, and public policy. Scientific knowledge and technological innovations are exceptionally powerful resources for policy-makers and for societies; they also pose great challenges and risks. This course will look at how science and technology affect the pursuit of policy goals in areas such as public health, environmental sustainability, economic growth, and national security. Students will not receive credit for more than one of POL 460, POL 560, and PPOL 560.

Restriction(s):

Cannot enroll if Class is Graduate

POL 466 Politics&Policies Soc Welfare 3 Credit Hours

The course examines the relationship between politics and public policy as related to the provision of social welfare programs in the United States.

Restriction(s):

Cannot enroll if Class is Freshman

POL 467 Food Politics and Policy 3 Credit Hours

How do politics affect our food at the global, national and urban/local scale? This course examines close historical relationships between politics and food; the politics of conventional agriculture and food policy; and alternative agriculture movements and food systems, with a particular emphasis on urban food policy and urban food systems.

POL 471 American Foreign Policy I 3 Credit Hours

American foreign policy in Western Europe, Russia, and Latin America. (OC).

Restriction(s):

Can enroll if Class is Junior or Senior

POL 472 American Foreign Policy II 3 Credit Hours

American foreign policy in the non-western world. (OC).

Restriction(s):

Can enroll if Class is Junior or Senior

POL 473 International Security Affairs 3 Credit Hours

International Security is the branch of world politics concerned with the threats, primarily military in nature, to the peace and security of the nation, states, and the international community. (AY).

Restriction(s):

Can enroll if Class is Junior or Senior

POL 481 Terrorism & US Natl Security 3 Credit Hours

The United States responded to the events of September 11, 2001 with a series of unprecedented action under the umbrella of homeland security and the "War on Terror." This course examines American National security policy by asking a few key questions: What is terrorism and how does it threaten the United States? How has the United States responded to the threat of terrorism over time? What have the consequences of US policy been to date? Finally, how would we balance a desire for security with our desire for civil liberties and ethical action?

Prerequisite(s): CRJ 468

Restriction(s):

Can enroll if Level is Undergraduate

POL 484 Revitalizing Cities 3 Credit Hours

What have we done to address decline in city neighborhoods and downtowns? Why? How has it worked? Why? What's the hope for the future? This course uses a public policy lens to engage students in a quest for answers to these questions. (YR)

POL 487 Comparative Enviro Policy 3 Credit Hours

This course explores environmental policy as a result of political processes involving diverse participants and entailing movement through several stages - from defining an issue as an environmental problem to placing it on political agenda and then receiving a response at domestic governmental or international levels. This course analyzes environmental issues from a cross-cultural and comparative perspective, with a particular attention given to political institutions, political change, levels of development, political culture, public participation, and international commitments that shape the nature and dynamics of environmental politics and policy in different countries. Course POL 101 is recommended before taking this course.

Restriction(s):

Cannot enroll if Class is Freshman or Sophomore

POL 489 Seminar in Urban Politics 3 Credit Hours

Selected topics in urban politics.

POL 490 Sem in Public Administration 2 to 3 Credit Hours

Selected topics in public administration.

POL 491 Seminar in Political Science 3 Credit Hours

Selected topics in political science. Title as listed in Schedule of Classes changes according to content. Course may be repeated for credit when topics differ. (AY).

POL 4910 Capstone in Political Science 3 Credit Hours

This course provides students with a culminating and integrative experience within political science. In particular, it is designed to ensure students discuss, critically evaluate, and actively engage with important issues and questions within the discipline. Students will be required to design and carry out significant research project(s).

Restriction(s):

Can enroll if Class is Junior or Senior

POL 492 Seminar in Political Analysis 3 Credit Hours

An advanced in-depth look at the problems and techniques of empirical research. Gives special attention to research design, data collections, measurement, and validity. Statistics for social scientists will also be covered. (OC).

POL 494 Internship Seminar 3 Credit Hours

This is the academic part of the internship. Students meet with other interns once a week to analyze political dynamics within their placements. Students are required to keep journals, prepare papers and reports, and do other written work. Anyone taking POL 495 or 497 is required to take POL 494. It may not be taken by itself. Repeatable if topic differs. Only six hours of internship credit is allowable toward concentration requirement.

POL 495 Public Affairs Internship 3 to 6 Credit Hours

Field study placements in national, state, county, local government or private agencies. Primarily for junior or senior political science concentrators or other qualified applicants. Maximum of 20 students selected each term. Students must also register for POL 494. Only six hours of internship credit is allowed toward concentration requirement.

POL 496 Canada Internship 3 or 6 Credit Hours

Field study placements in Canada at national, provincial, or local levels, or in private agencies. Course is offered only in spring semester. Primarily for junior or senior political science concentrators, or other qualified applicants. Students must also register for POL 494. Only six hours of internship credit is allowed toward concentration requirement.

POL 497 Washington, D.C. Internship 3 to 6 Credit Hours

Field placements in Washington, D.C. Course is offered only in summer semester. Primarily for junior or senior political science concentrators or other qualified applicants. Only six hours of internship credit is allowed toward concentration requirement.

POL 498 Directed Studies 1 to 6 Credit Hours

Directed individual study of any subject agreed upon by the student and the instructor. May not duplicate a formal course offering. (OC).

POL 499 Directed Studies 1 to 6 Credit Hours

Directed individual study of any subjects agreed upon by the student and the advising instructor, which shall not duplicate a formal course offering.

* An asterisk denotes that a course may be taken concurrently.

Frequency of Offering

The following abbreviations are used to denote the frequency of offering: (F) fall term; (W) winter term; (S) summer term; (F, W) fall and winter terms; (YR) once a year; (AY) alternating years; (OC) offered occasionally