

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POL)

POL-1010 American National Government 3 Credits

Nature, purpose, theories, and evolution of the government of the United States. Relationships between structure, function, and process. Dynamics of political change, including historical development and significance of the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the subsequent amendments. Specific emphasis on the federal system, significant Supreme Court decisions, and the role of citizens within the construct.

Lecture: 3 hours

Prerequisite(s): ENG-0995 Applied College Literacies, or appropriate score on English Placement Test; or departmental approval.

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POL-101H Honors American National Government 3 Credits

Nature, purpose, and function of government of the United States at the national level. Relationships between structure, function and process. Dynamics of political change, including role and significance of U.S. Constitution. Current issues of American public policy with a focus on the analysis and interpretation of primary source materials.

Lecture: 3 hours

Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I or eligibility for ENG-101H College Composition I; or departmental approval.

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POL-1020 State & Local Government 3 Credits

Examination of state and local governments within the United States federal system. Intergovernmental relations and dynamics of the electoral process, including impacts of public policy decisions on individual lives. Several policy areas may be studied.

Lecture: 3 hours

Prerequisite(s): ENG-0995 Applied College Literacies, or appropriate score on English Placement Test; or departmental approval. Note: ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II taken prior to Fall 2021 will also meet prerequisite requirements.

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POL-179H Honors Contract in Political Science 1 Credit

Honors Contract complements and exceeds requirements and expected outcomes for an existing 1000-level honors course through formulation of a contract with a faculty mentor. This independent study at the honors level may also be taken with a non-honors course. When taken with a non-honors course the Honors Contract adds an honor experience to that course. In conjunction with a faculty mentor, student will formulate a contract, which upon completion will result in distinctive scholarship. The student is required to meet on a regularly scheduled basis with the instructor for mentor-student tutorial sessions. A maximum of six Honor Contracts (six credit hours) may be taken at the college (includes 179H and 279H).

Lecture: 1 hours

Prerequisite(s): Must be taken concurrently with a 1000-level course whose instructor agrees to mentor the student in this contract. Departmental approval required.

POL-1820 Independent Study/Research in Political Science 1-3 Credits

Directed individual study. Study/research title and specific content arranged between instructor and student. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits of different topics.

Lecture: 1-3 hours

Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval, and instructor approval, and ENG-0995 Applied College Literacies, or appropriate score on English Placement Test. Note: ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II taken prior to Fall 2021 will also meet prerequisite requirements.

POL-182H Honors Independent Study in Political Science 1-3 Credits

Honors-level directed individual study. Must meet criteria set forth in the Honors Course Checklist used to approve regular honors courses. Study/research title and specific content arranged between instructor and student. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits of different topics.

Lecture: 1-3 hours

Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval and instructor approval, and ENG-0995 Applied College Literacies, or appropriate score on English Placement Test; and must have earned an A or B in at least 3 honors courses. Note: ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II taken prior to Fall 2021 will also meet prerequisite requirements.

POL-2020 Introduction to Conflict and Peace Studies 3 Credits

Introduction to the field of conflict analysis, resolution, and peace studies is intended to provide a solid foundation for further inquiry and application. Examines definitions of conflict and diverse views of its resolution, and explores thinking about human behavior and social systems as they relate to the origins of conflict and the role of conflict in violent and peaceful social changes.

Lecture: 3 hours

Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I or concurrent enrollment; or departmental approval: permission from instructor.

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POL-2030 Comparative Politics 3 Credits

Examination of various political philosophies and ideologies and the study of several nations and their governments including industrialized democracies. Explores the ideological underpinnings, economic systems, and most salient political and social issues of each of these case-study states.

Lecture: 3 hours

Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I, and POL-1010 American National Government, or by instructor's discretion.

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POL-2041 Conflict Resolution and Management

3 Credits

Explore the role and nature of conflict in personal, professional, and community lives. Learn essential theories that inform constructive responses to conflict and understand core skills that help prevent and de-escalate intense conflict situations. Conflict in human interaction is addressed through an interdisciplinary approach that includes conflict analysis, focusing upon conflict prevention, reduction, and de-escalation techniques. Includes intrapersonal intelligence theories and their affect in interpersonal interactions. Also covers symbolic systems of meaning making and how to apply them for understanding human actions and conflict.

Lecture: 3 hours

Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I; or departmental approval.

POL-2050 Study Abroad in Peace and Conflict Resolution

3 Credits

Study abroad opportunity covering theory and practice of Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies. Students will have an opportunity to meet with decision makers across fields while experiencing the rich culture of the country/countries. Students will begin to understand issues from multiple cultural perspectives, enhance their intercultural communication and adjustment skills, and analyze conflict resolution efforts and their impact at multiple levels. Basic language and cultural instruction will be included along with excursions to areas of interest. Requires participation in a travel abroad experience. Additional costs required.

Lecture: 3 hours

Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I, and POL-2020 Introduction to Conflict and Peace Studies, and POL-2041 Conflict Resolution and Management; and departmental approval: instructor permission required.

POL-2060 Political Systems of Africa

3 Credits

Comparative discussion of selected topics in Africa with particular focus on interrelationship between internal and external affairs. Examination of colonial policies, party systems, interest groups and modes of development.

Lecture: 3 hours

Prerequisite(s): POL-1010 American National Government is recommended.

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POL-2070 International Relations

3 Credits

Study of International Relations. Explores how individuals, nation-states, non-governmental and international organizations interact with one another. Emphasis on major sub-fields of security, international political economy, international development and the global environment.

Lecture: 3 hours

Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I and POL-1010 American National Government, or by instructor's discretion.

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POL-2100 Constitutional Law

3 Credits

The origins and development of American constitutional and legal system. Emphasizes the structure and role of Supreme Court in constitutional interpretation and major decisions concerning important areas of litigation. Major areas of emphasis include federalism, separation of powers, civil liberties, civil rights, and rights of the criminally accused. Historical and current court cases discussed.

Lecture: 3 hours

Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I, and POL-1010 American National Government.

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POL-2110 Terrorism and Counterterrorism

3 Credits

An interdisciplinary examination of the complex nature, types and historical evolution of terrorism. Will analyze terrorism and its political, economic, religious, psychological and ideological dimensions. Select acts of domestic and global terrorism will be examined to better understand terrorists' motives, methods and objectives. Counterterrorism strategies and how democratic nations should respond to terrorism and future terrorist threats will be evaluated

Lecture: 3 hours

Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I or ENG-101H Honors College Composition I.

POL-2120 Women and Politics

3 Credits

[This course is cross-listed as WGS-2120. Credit can only be earned once for either course.] This is an introductory course to the study of the United States' political process from a gender perspective. Specifically, the course looks at how gender impacts the political process in the United States and how women impact the political process at the federal, state, and local levels of government. Content includes addressing policy issues that may be of particular interest to women. Policy topics may vary and include reproductive rights, pay, employment, child care, and health care.

Lecture: 3 hours

Prerequisite(s): POL-1010 American National Government, or HIST-1020 History of Civilization II, or HIST-1520 United States History Since 1877.

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POL-2130 Politics of Race

3 Credits

Analysis of minority group interactions within the American political system. Focus on the strategies employed both within and outside government to achieve political ideals and their roles and political behaviors in national, state, and local levels.

Lecture: 3 hours

Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I.

POL-2140 Implementing Peace Studies and Conflict Management Theories and Practices with Service Learning
3 Credits

This course will integrate theories and skills in Peace Studies and Conflict Management with service learning. Students will gain practical experience, serve their community, and engage with issues surrounding the promotion of social justice, social service, or conflict management at local, regional, national, or international levels. A minimum of 40 hours service learning required over the course of the semester.

Lecture: 3 hours

Prerequisite(s): POL-2020 Introduction to Conflict and Peace Studies, and POL-2041 Conflict Resolution and Management.

POL-2820 Advanced Independent Study/Research in Political Science
1-3 Credits

Directed individual advanced study. Study/research title and specific content arranged between instructor and student. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits of different topics.

Lecture: 1-3 hours

Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval, and instructor approval, and ENG-0995 Applied College Literacies, or appropriate score on English Placement Test. Note: ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II taken prior to Fall 2021 will also meet prerequisite requirements.

POL-282H Honors Advanced Independent Study in Political Science
1-3 Credits

Honors-level directed individual study. Must meet criteria set forth in the Honors Course Checklist used to approve regular honors courses. Study/research title and specific content arranged between instructor and student. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits of different topics.

Lecture: 1-3 hours

Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval and instructor approval, and ENG-0995 Applied College Literacies, or appropriate score on English Placement Test; and must have earned an A or B in at least 3 honors courses. Note: ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II taken prior to Fall 2021 will also meet prerequisite requirements.