DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Introduction
Political science is concerned with the description and explanation of political ideas, institutions, processes, policies, and behavior, both in the United States and in other countries. The undergraduate program provides students with a basic knowledge of the political and economic relationships that exist among nations, international agencies, and governmental and nongovernmental organizations. It also introduces students to the role that traditions of thought and political ideologies have played in shaping our understanding of politics in the past and today.

Advising
All majors have a primary academic advisor in Steele Building. Students are strongly encouraged to meet regularly with their advisor and review their Tar Heel Tracker each semester. Students seeking advice about the political science major are encouraged to meet with the department’s undergraduate advisor or the director of undergraduate studies during their office hours (see contact information above). Further information on courses, undergraduate research opportunities, the honors program, careers, and graduate schools may be obtained from the department’s Web site (http://politicalscience.unc.edu).

Graduate School and Career Opportunities
Students with a major in political science may choose to continue their studies in a number of professional areas, including law, business administration, public administration, public policy analysis, international relations, and area studies. Students seeking to become professional political scientists should pursue graduate study in a Ph.D. program in political science.

The following is a brief listing of careers for which a major in political science is valuable preparation:

- positions with government agencies, such as the Foreign Service
- positions with international organizations, such as the United Nations
- positions with nongovernmental and nonprofit organizations
- law-related professions

- business professions, including data analysis and survey research
- media and journalism
- governmental research in universities, libraries, and think tanks
- secondary- and university-level teaching and administration
- federal and state government employment
- municipal management and public administration

Major
- Political Science Major, B.A. (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/political-science-major-ba)

Graduate Programs
- M.A. in Political Science (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/political-science)
- Ph.D. in Political Science (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/political-science)

Professors

Associate Professors

Assistant Professors
Cameron Ballard-Rosa, Andrea Benjamin, Christopher Clark, Lucy Martin, Santiago Olivella, Timothy Ryan.

Adjunct Professors
John Aldrich, Michele Berger, Daniel Gitterman, Rebecca Kreitzer, Holger Moroff, Michael Munger, Jonathan Oberlander, Brigitte Seim, Candis W. Smith, Niklaus Steiner, Sue Tolleson-Rinehart, Jonathan Weiler.

Teaching Professor
Robert Jenkins.

Lecturer/Advisor
Hollie Mann.

Professors Emeriti
Thad Beyle, Raymond Dawson, Lewis Lipsitz, Lars Schoultz, Jurg Steiner, James White.
POLI–Political Science

Undergraduate-level Courses

POLI 50. First-Year Seminar: Movies and Politics. 3 Credits.
Movies often reflect important social and political issues. In this course students will see a set of movies, discuss them, and put them into social and political contexts.
Gen Ed: SS, CI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 52. First-Year Seminar: Friendship in Political Thought. 3 Credits.
This seminar will explore what relationships have been designated “friendship” in the past, and why they are of such concern to political and ethical philosophers like Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, Montaigne, and Emerson.
Gen Ed: PH, CI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 53. First-Year Seminar: The Politics of Shakespeare. 3 Credits.
Literature often provides insight into political life. Issues such as power, justice, equality, and rights have long been illuminated by authors seeking to capture a wide variety of political relationships.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 54. FYS: The American Worker: Sociology, Politics, and History of Labor in the United States. 3 Credits.
This course will survey a wide range of topics on the American Laborer and the American Worker unions.
Gen Ed: NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 55. First-Year Seminar: Democracy and the Civic Ideal. 3 Credits.
This course examines the emergence of the increasingly diverse and divided ethnic and racial compositions.
Gen Ed: BN.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 56. First-Year Seminar: American Political Autobiography. 3 Credits.
How we think about ourselves as Americans, and how our identities influence our ideas about politics.
Gen Ed: PH, NA, US.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 58. FYS: Global Production and Workers’ Rights: North Carolina, Latin America, and East Asia. 3 Credits.
This course explores the politics of economic globalization, with a focus on the relationships among trade, multinational corporations, and workers’ rights.
Gen Ed: SS, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 61. First-Year Seminar: The United States and Cuba: Making Sense of United States Foreign Policy. 3 Credits.
This interdisciplinary seminar is designed for students who wish to learn about Latin America in the disciplines of history and political science.
Gen Ed: SS, CI, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 61H. First-Year Seminar: The United States and Cuba: Making Sense of United States Foreign Policy. 3 Credits.
This interdisciplinary seminar is designed for students who wish to learn about Latin America in the disciplines of history and political science.
Gen Ed: SS, CI, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 62. First-Year Seminar: How Leaders Lead Others. 3 Credits.
This course prepares the student for an understanding of influence and the practice of political leadership and persuasion.
Gen Ed: SS, CI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 63. First-Year Seminar: Social Movements and Political Protest and Violence. 3 Credits.
Unconventional collective political behavior: mass movements, riots, demonstrations, revolts, and revolution.
Gen Ed: SS, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 65. First-Year Seminar: Pressure and Power: Organized Interest in American Politics. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to offer students insight into how political scientists think about political phenomena.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 66. First-Year Seminar: The United States and the European Union: Partners or Rivals?. 3 Credits.
The alliance between America and the European Union is one of the most important political relationships today.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 67. First-Year Seminar: Designing Democracy. 3 Credits.
Introducing the study of using political institutions as levers of conflict management in ethnically plural, postconflict national states.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 70. First-Year Seminar: The Politics of the European Union. 3 Credits.
This course examines the ongoing development of the European Union.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 71. First-Year Seminar: Politics of Race, Ethnicity, Language, Religion, and Gender. 3 Credits.
This course explores the concepts of race, ethnicity, language, religion, and gender in a comparative context in order to gain a better understanding of their application in the United States.
Gen Ed: SS, US.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 71H. First-Year Seminar: Politics of Race, Ethnicity, Language, Religion, and Gender. 3 Credits.
This course explores the concepts of race, ethnicity, language, religion, and gender in a comparative context in order to gain a better understanding of their application in the United States.
Gen Ed: SS, US.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 72. First-Year Seminar: Entrepreneurship in Community and Economic Development. 3 Credits.
This is a survey course of entrepreneurial strategies as they are used in community and economic development. It involves an individual research or service project by each student.
Gen Ed: SS, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.
POLI 73. First-Year Seminar: Politics and Animal Life. 3 Credits.
Humans and animals have always lived together. Increasingly, philosophers question the exclusion of animals from political life. We explore their centrality to political thought and consider important aspects of human-animal relationships today. Finally, we reexamine the claim that animal life is incongruent with political life.
Gen Ed: PH.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 73H. First-Year Seminar: Politics and Animal Life. 3 Credits.
Humans and animals have always lived together. Increasingly, philosophers question the exclusion of animals from political life. We explore their centrality to political thought and consider important aspects of human-animal relationships today. Finally, we reexamine the claim that animal life is incongruent with political life.
Gen Ed: PH.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 75. First-Year Seminar: Thinking about Law. 3 Credits.
This seminar explores the notion of a rule of law, statutory and case law, legal analysis, and the realities of the adversarial system and legal practice. Students will be engaged in analytical thinking and expression through classroom discussion, analytical papers, and examinations.
Gen Ed: PH.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 89. First-Year Seminar: Special Topics. 3 Credits.
Course content will vary each semester.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit; may be repeated in the same term for different topics; 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 100. Introduction to Government in the United States. 3 Credits.
An introductory course designed to explain the basic processes and issues of the American political system.
Gen Ed: SS, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 100H. Introduction to Government in the United States. 3 Credits.
An introductory course designed to explain the basic processes and issues of the American political system.
Gen Ed: SS, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 101. State and Local Government in the United States. 3 Credits.
An introductory course on the government, politics, and policies at the state and local levels of the United States federal system.
Gen Ed: SS, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 101H. State and Local Government in the United States. 3 Credits.
An introductory course on the government, politics, and policies at the state and local levels of the United States federal system.
Gen Ed: SS, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 130. Introduction to Comparative Politics. 3 Credits.
This course highlights the comparative method by seeking to understand differences among diverse states on several continents.
Gen Ed: SS, BN, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 130H. Introduction to Comparative Politics. 3 Credits.
This course highlights the comparative method by seeking to understand differences among diverse states on several continents.
Gen Ed: SS, BN, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 131. Political Change and Modernization. 3 Credits.
An overview of politics and government in the Third World, emphasizing characteristics, problems, and solutions (successful and otherwise) common to nations making the attempt to modernize.
Gen Ed: SS, BN.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 150. International Relations and World Politics. 3 Credits.
The analysis of politics among nations.
Gen Ed: SS, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: PWAD 150.

POLI 150H. International Relations and World Politics. 3 Credits.
The analysis of politics among nations.
Gen Ed: SS, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: PWAD 150H.

POLI 150L. International Relations and World Politics Research Laboratory. 1 Credit.
Permission of the instructor. This laboratory section introduces students in POLI 150 to contemporary research methods in the study of international relations and world politics. Students will design and conduct independent research related to international politics.
Requisites: Co-requisite, POLI 150;
Gen Ed: EE-Mentored Research.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 190. Undergraduate Seminar. 3 Credits.
A detailed examination of selected topics in the field of political science.
Gen Ed: SS.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit; may be repeated in the same term for different topics; 12 total credits. 4 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 193. Internship in Political Science. 3 Credits.
Required preparation, six hours of POLI course credit. An opportunity to obtain credit for an internship in a government or public service organization. Pass/Fail only. Does not count toward the political science major. Requires permission of the department. Open to political science majors only.
Gen Ed: EE-Academic Internship.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Pass/Fail.

POLI 196. Independent Study in Political Science. 1-3 Credits.
Permission of the director of undergraduate studies. Readings and research under the supervision of a member of the department. Open to political science majors.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 9 total credits. 3 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 200. The President, Congress, and Public Policy. 3 Credits.
An analysis of the roles and influence of the president, the Congress, and other participants in the making of national policy.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade.
POLI 201. Politics of Bureaucracy. 3 Credits.
Problems of the public service; internal dynamics of public organizations; acquisition and allocation of public funds; the roles of bureaucracy in relation to public policy, clients, the citizenry, and society.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 202. The United States Supreme Court. 3 Credits.
Examination of the process of policy making on the Supreme Court. Focuses upon the selection of justices, factors affecting the court's decision making, and the impact of its policies.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 203. Race, Innocence, and the Decline of the Death Penalty. 4 Credits.
A large majority of Americans supports the death penalty in the abstract, but the number of death sentences and executions has been declining since the mid-1990s. This course explores the decline of the death penalty by looking at race, questions of innocence, and the new politics of capital punishment.
Gen Ed: SS, US.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 204. Introduction to Southern Politics. 3 Credits.
This course examines the politics of the American South. Each state is studied separately and we examine the region from a broad/general perspective. Both academic books and journal articles are read. By the end of the course, students should be familiar with historical and contemporary politics in the South.
Gen Ed: SS, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 207. The Politics of Organized Interests. 3 Credits.
This course examines how interests organize themselves, enter into and then interact within interest communities, and seek to influence government policy through electoral activity and lobbying legislators, executives, and courts.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 208. Political Parties and Elections. 3 Credits.
An analysis of the dynamics of party alignment and realignment and of nomination and election to public office in American national government.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 209. Analyzing Public Opinion. 3 Credits.
A study of forces affecting public opinion and its expression in various political activities. Emphasis on gathering and analyzing opinion data. Course may be taught in the computer classroom.
Gen Ed: SS, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 209H. Analyzing Public Opinion. 3 Credits.
A study of forces affecting public opinion and its expression in various political activities. Emphasis on gathering and analyzing opinion data. Course may be taught in the computer classroom.
Gen Ed: SS, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 210. Global Issues and Globalization. 3 Credits.
Survey of international social, political, and cultural patterns in selected societies of Africa, Asia, America, and Europe, stressing comparative analysis of conflicts and change in different historical contexts. LAC recitation sections offered in French, German, and Spanish.
Gen Ed: GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.
Same as: GLBL 210, ANTH 210, GEOG 210, HIST 210.

POLI 215. Political Psychology: An Introduction. 3 Credits.
Findings of the behavioral sciences are examined as they relate to politics. Includes such issues as human nature, community, political socialization, alienation, mass movements, belief systems, and personality.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 217. Women and Politics. 3 Credits.
A comparison of men and women as political actors at the mass and elite level in America. Topics considered include the "gender gap," the women's movement, abortion, and the Equal Rights Amendment.
Gen Ed: SS, US.
Grading status: Letter grade.
Same as: WGST 217.

POLI 218. Politics of Sexuality. 3 Credits.
Examines the role of lesbians, gays, and bisexuals as political actors in the United States, both as individuals and collectively as a social movement.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade.
Same as: WGST 218.

POLI 220. Race, Ethnicity, and Electoral Representation in the United States. 3 Credits.
This course examines the electoral representation of racial and ethnic minorities in the United States. While multiple ethnic groups are studied, there will be an emphasis on the two largest minority groups in the country: Latinos and African Americans.
Gen Ed: US.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 231. Latin America and the United States in World Politics. 3 Credits.
A survey of the events, institutions, and issues that have dominated relations between Latin America and the United States.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 232. Politics of the United Kingdom. 3 Credits.
An introduction to contemporary UK politics emphasizing the political battle between socialist and conservative ideologies.
Gen Ed: SS, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 232H. Politics of the United Kingdom. 3 Credits.
An introduction to contemporary UK politics emphasizing the political battle between socialist and conservative ideologies.
Gen Ed: SS, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.
POLI 235. The Politics of Russia and Eurasia. 3 Credits.  
Factors and forces that explain the rise and demise of the Soviet political system and consideration of emerging new political configurations in the area.  
Gen Ed: SS, BN.  
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 235H. The Politics of Russia and Eurasia. 3 Credits.  
Factors and forces that explain the rise and demise of the Soviet political system and consideration of emerging new political configurations in the area.  
Gen Ed: SS, BN.  
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 236. Politics of East-Central Europe. 3 Credits.  
Examines contemporary politics in east-central Europe by looking at the communist period, the 1989 revolutions, and the political, economic, and social transformations underway in the area.  
Gen Ed: SS, BN.  
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 236H. Politics of East-Central Europe. 3 Credits.  
Examines contemporary politics in east-central Europe by looking at the communist period, the 1989 revolutions, and the political, economic, and social transformations underway in the area.  
Gen Ed: SS, BN.  
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 237. The Politics of China. 3 Credits.  
An introduction to the politics of People's Republic of China with a focus on the Reform Era. Provides a working knowledge for understanding political events in contemporary China in three parts: historical background, evolution of political institutions, and changing relations between ordinary people and the Chinese state.  
Gen Ed: SS, BN.  
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 238. Contemporary Latin American Politics. 3 Credits.  
An introduction to contemporary political conditions in Latin America, including consideration of leading theoretical explanations. Country emphasis varies with instructor.  
Gen Ed: SS, BN, Fl.  
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 238H. Contemporary Latin American Politics. 3 Credits.  
An introduction to contemporary political conditions in Latin America, including consideration of leading theoretical explanations. Country emphasis varies with instructor.  
Gen Ed: SS, BN, Fl.  
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 239. Introduction to European Government. 3 Credits.  
A treatment of the political institutions and processes of western European democracies, with special attention to France, Germany, England, and Italy.  
Gen Ed: SS, GL, NA.  
Grading status: Letter grade  
Same as: EURO 239.

POLI 239H. Introduction to European Government. 3 Credits.  
A treatment of the political institutions and processes of western European democracies, with special attention to France, Germany, England, and Italy.  
Gen Ed: SS, GL, NA.  
Grading status: Letter grade  
Same as: EURO 239H.

POLI 240. African American Politics. 3 Credits.  
A survey of African American political development from emancipation to the present. The course examines the dynamics of minority group politics with African Americans as the primary unit of analysis. Students consider African American politics in domestic and global contexts and issues of local, regional, national, and international relevance.  
Gen Ed: HS.  
Grading status: Letter grade  
Same as: AAAD 240.

POLI 248. Intersectionality: Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Social Justice. 3 Credits.  
The first goal of this super course is to give students real tools for how to address multiple modes of difference and identity formations like race, gender, class, and sexuality.  
Gen Ed: CI, US.  
Grading status: Letter grade  
Same as: AMST 248, ENGL 248.

POLI 252. International Organizations and Global Issues. 3 Credits.  
Examines international organizations and their relationships with and impact upon international politics, international law, and selected global issues.  
Gen Ed: SS, GL.  
Grading status: Letter grade  
Same as: PWAD 252.

POLI 252H. International Organizations and Global Issues. 3 Credits.  
Examines international organizations and their relationships with and impact upon international politics, international law, and selected global issues.  
Gen Ed: SS, GL.  
Grading status: Letter grade  
Same as: PWAD 252H.

POLI 253. Problems in World Order. 3 Credits.  
An examination of selected topics in international relations, such as security and defense, international integration, and north-south relations.  
Gen Ed: SS, GL.  
Grading status: Letter grade  
Same as: PWAD 253.

POLI 254. International Environmental Politics. 3 Credits.  
Covers the politics of environmental issues, with a focus on issues that have become internationalized. It focuses on the special problems that arise in creating rules for environmental management and regulation when no single government has authority to enforce those rules.  
Gen Ed: SS, GL.  
Grading status: Letter grade  
Same as: ENEC 254.

POLI 255. International Migration and Citizenship Today. 3 Credits.  
This class explores the moral, economic, political, and cultural dimensions of international migration. It is discussion-based and tackles such thorny questions as, Do we have an obligation to let poor people into our rich country? What constitutes persecution? How do foreigners affect national identity? How should citizenship be allocated?  
Gen Ed: GL, US.  
Grading status: Letter grade.
POLI 255H. International Migration and Citizenship Today. 3 Credits.
This class explores the moral, economic, political, and cultural dimensions of international migration. It is discussion-based and tackles such thorny questions as, Do we have an obligation to let poor people into our rich country? What constitutes persecution? How do foreigners affect national identity? How should citizenship be allocated?
Gen Ed: GL, US.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 256. The Politics of the First Era (1880–1914) of Globalization. 3 Credits.
This course considers the politics of international trade and finance on the eve of World War I. We explore the factors, domestic and international, that facilitated integration prior to World War I, as well as those that prevented a return to economic openness in the 1920s and 1930s.
Gen Ed: SS, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 257. Politics, Society, and Culture in Postwar Germany. 3 Credits.
The interdisciplinary seminar will explore cultural, historical, and political issues of contemporary Germany and analyze German developments from the postwar period to the present. Readings and discussions in English.
Gen Ed: HS, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 257, EURO 257.

POLI 260. Crisis and Change in Russia and Eastern Europe. 3 Credits.
Draws on historical, political, economic, and sociological perspectives to analyze social, cultural, and institutional change.
Gen Ed: SS, BN.
Grading status: Letter grade.
Same as: PWAD 260, SOCI 260.

POLI 265. Feminism and Political Theory. 3 Credits.
Introduction to feminist theory and its implications for the study and practice of political theory. Topics: women in feminist critiques of the Western political tradition, schools of feminist political theory.
Gen Ed: PH, CI, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.
Same as: WGST 265.

POLI 270. Classical Political Thought. 3 Credits.
Survey designed to introduce students to major political thinkers and ideas of the ancient world and of the medieval period.
Gen Ed: PH, NA, WB.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 270H. Classical Political Thought. 3 Credits.
Survey designed to introduce students to major political thinkers and ideas of the ancient world and of the medieval period.
Gen Ed: PH, NA, WB.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 271. Modern Political Thought. 3 Credits.
Survey course designed to introduce students to major political thinkers and schools of thought dating roughly from the 16th century to the present.
Gen Ed: PH, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 271H. Modern Political Thought. 3 Credits.
Survey course designed to introduce students to major political thinkers and schools of thought dating roughly from the 16th century to the present.
Gen Ed: PH, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 272. The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense. 3 Credits.
An analysis of ethical issues that arise in peace, war, and defense, e.g., the legitimacy of states, just war theory, terrorism, weapons of mass destruction.
Gen Ed: PH, GL, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: PHIL 272, PWAD 272.

POLI 274. African American Political Thought. 3 Credits.
A consideration of the political thought of African Americans, particularly within the context of the broader spectrum of American political thought, and both as reaction and contribution to that thought.
Gen Ed: PH.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 276. Major Issues in Political Theory. 3 Credits.
An examination of major issues in political thought, including equality; obedience; violence and nonviolence; justice; forms of social, economic, and political life; liberty; and human nature and politics.
Gen Ed: PH, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 276H. Major Issues in Political Theory. 3 Credits.
An examination of major issues in political thought, including equality; obedience; violence and nonviolence; justice; forms of social, economic, and political life; liberty; and human nature and politics.
Gen Ed: PH, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 280. American Political Thought. 3 Credits.
A survey course in American political ideas from the 17th century to the present, with emphasis on the role of politics, society, and economy in American thought.
Gen Ed: PH, NA, US.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 280H. American Political Thought. 3 Credits.
A survey course in American political ideas from the 17th century to the present, with emphasis on the role of politics, society, and economy in American thought.
Gen Ed: PH, NA, US.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 281. Quantitative Research in Political Science. 3 Credits.
An introduction to 1) conceptual foundations of scientific study of politics, 2) research design, 3) descriptive statistics, and 4) inferential statistics. To accomplish these goals, the course employs class lectures, readings, and problem set assignments.
Gen Ed: SS, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 285. Research Methods and Experiments. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to provide students with a thorough understanding of the various quantitative research methods available to researchers in social science. No prerequisite is required. The course will focus on experimental methods in political science, including laboratory experiments, field experiments, and survey experiments.
Gen Ed: SS, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade.
POLI 287. Strategy and International Relations. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the study of strategic decision making in international relations, with an emphasis on the application of basic game theoretic models. Incorporates in-class simulations of international relations scenarios.
Gen Ed: SS, GL, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: PWAD 287.

POLI 288. Strategy and Politics. 3 Credits.
Offers an introduction to positive political theory, the application of rational choice analysis (or economic models) to the study of political phenomena. Topics include social choice theory, legislative voting, problems of cooperation and collective action, and public choice theory. Encourages students to think about politics from a critical vantage point.
Gen Ed: SS, CI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 333. Race and Public Policy in the United States. 3 Credits.
Exploration of the relationship between race and public policy in the U.S. Primary focus on African Americans, but other racial groups also studied. Key areas include reproductive justice, health care, employment, labor, welfare, education, housing, environmental justice, policing, criminalization, foreign policy, immigration, and war.
Gen Ed: SS, US.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: AAAD 333.

POLI 345. Buying Influence: Interest Groups and Public Policy. 3 Credits.
Students will gain an understanding of the role interest groups play in American public policy and how that role has shifted over time. The course emphasizes the role of interest groups in four policy areas: civil rights, the environment, social policy, and campaign finance.
Gen Ed: SS, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: PLCY 345.

POLI 384. Introduction to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics. 3 Credits.
One course in economics strongly recommended. This interdisciplinary gateway course provides an introduction to subjects and quantitative techniques used to analyze problems in philosophy, political science, and economics.
Gen Ed: PH.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: PHIL 384, ECON 384.

Advanced Undergraduate and Graduate-level Courses

POLI 400. Executive Politics. 3 Credits.
This course explores how presidents select policy options, how they decide timing, what shapes their congressional support, and how they build successful coalitions.
Gen Ed: SS, CI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 401. Political Economy I: The Domestic System. 3 Credits.
Problems of the national government in managing capitalist development and economic growth; political constraints; patterns of conflict among domestic actors.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 402. Assessing Political Tradecraft: Modeling How Leaders Influence Other Leaders. 3 Credits.
This course uses modern analytic techniques and theories to assess how actual leaders turn their peers into followers. It uses psychology, economics, institutional design, and public administration to criticize our understanding of leadership and the nature of political interactions. The course utilizes a writing-intensive and project-oriented teaching strategy.
Gen Ed: SS, CI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 404. Race, Immigration, and Urban Politics. 3 Credits.
This course provides a survey of the literature on race, immigration, and urban politics in the contemporary United States. The goal is to understand the complex relationship between racial/ethnic identity and local political processes. Students explore topics such as police brutality, immigration, the education system, and coalition politics.
Requisites: Prerequisite, POLI 100.
Gen Ed: SS, EE-Service Learning, US.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 406. State Governments: Laboratories of Democracy. 3 Credits.
Advanced topics in state government and politics, including political behavior and processes, governmental institutions, public policies. Emphasis on how states serve as the laboratories of democracy in a federal system.
Requisites: Prerequisite, POLI 100 or 101.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 409. Mock Constitutional Convention. 3 Credits.
Students employ their understanding of political and practical politics to write a new constitution for the United States. Emphasis is on the creative blending of theory and practice.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 410. The Constitution of the United States. 3 Credits.
A study of the fundamental principles of constitutional interpretation and practice in the United States by means of lectures, textbooks, and cases. Emphasis will be on the political context surrounding the impact following Supreme Court decisions.
Gen Ed: SS, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 411. Civil Liberties under the Constitution. 3 Credits.
An analysis of the complex political problems created by the expansion of protection for individual liberties in the United States. Emphasis will be on contemporary problems with some supplemental historical background.
Gen Ed: HS, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 412. United States National Elections. 3 Credits.
Course studies United States presidential and congressional elections. Emphasis on individual vote, changing party strengths, and the relation of outcomes to policy.
Gen Ed: SS, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 412H. United States National Elections. 3 Credits.
Course studies United States presidential and congressional elections. Emphasis on individual vote, changing party strengths, and the relation of outcomes to policy.
Gen Ed: SS, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.
POLI 416. Constitutional Policies and the Judicial Process. 3 Credits.
Analysis of the structure and functions of judicial systems emphasizing the organization, administration, and politics of judicial bureaucracies and roles of judges, juries, counsel, litigants, and interested groups in adjudication processes.
Gen Ed: SS, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: PWAD 416.

POLI 417. Advanced Political Psychology. 3 Credits.
Examines in greater depth issues in the field of political psychology, including conflict and conflict resolution, socialization, attitude formation, mass movements, leader-follower relationships, and psychobiography.
Gen Ed: SS, CI, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 418. Mass Media and American Politics. 3 Credits.
Junior-senior standing required. Examination of the role, behavior, and influence of the mass media in American politics.
Gen Ed: SS, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 419H. Race and Politics in the Contemporary United States. 3 Credits.
Restricted to juniors and seniors. Surveys the vast literature on race and politics in the contemporary United States and examines the complex relationship between racial and ethnic identity and political outcomes. It explores broad political science concepts in the context of racial and ethnic groups.
Gen Ed: SS, US.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 419. Race and Politics in the Contemporary United States. 3 Credits.
Restricted to juniors and seniors. Surveys the vast literature on race and politics in the contemporary United States and examines the complex relationship between racial and ethnic identity and political outcomes. It explores broad political science concepts in the context of racial and ethnic groups.
Gen Ed: SS, US.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 420. Legislative Politics. 3 Credits.
Examines the politics of the United States Congress. Emphasis on representation, the legislative process, and policy making.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 420H. Legislative Politics. 3 Credits.
Examines the politics of the United States Congress. Emphasis on representation, the legislative process, and policy making.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 421. Framing Public Policies. 3 Credits.
This course will focus on the process by which policies get framed, or defined, in public discussions. Framing is focusing attention on some elements of a complex public problem rather than others. Readings combine psychological background with case histories of United States and comparative public policy changes over time.
Gen Ed: SS, CI, EE-Mentored Research.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 422. Minority Representation in the American States. 3 Credits.
This class explores the political representation of blacks, Latina/os, women, and gays and lesbians in the American states. How do these groups achieve descriptive and substantive representation? How does state context shape the political representation of these minorities? Students taking this course should have a strong interest in state politics.
Gen Ed: SS, US.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 424. Legislative Procedure in Congress. 3 Credits.
Examines legislative procedure in Congress. Requires active participation in a Model Congress.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 428. Sexuality, Race, and Gender: Identity and Political Representation. 3 Credits.
Analyzing the impact of the descriptive representation of marginalized communities on public policy, legislation, and social change. Sexual orientation, identity, gender, ethnicity and race, and the intersectionality of these communities. We seek to understand the role that elected officials can have in driving change, affecting their colleagues and constituents.
Gen Ed: SS, US.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 429. Diversity and Politics. 3 Credits.
Diversity is sometimes cited as a facilitator of political cooperation but more often it is considered a challenge for constructive civic engagement. This course engages the various ways in which different forms of diversity (e.g., racial, ethnic, religious, linguistic, national origin) and politics interact across a wide range of societies.
Requisites: Prerequisite, POLI 130.
Gen Ed: GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 430. Analysis of National Security Policy. 3 Credits.
Course explores contemporary threats to national security, approaches to national security strategy, policy instruments, the role of military force, and the policy-making process.
Gen Ed: SS, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 431. African Politics and Societies. 3 Credits.
The problems of race, class, and ideology are explored in the countries south of the Zambezi River, along with the political and economic ties that bind these countries.
Gen Ed: SS, BN, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 432. Tolerance in Liberal States. 3 Credits.
This course will compare the theory and practice of tolerance in the United States and Europe, with particular attention to Great Britain and France.
Gen Ed: PH, CI, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 433. Politics of the European Union. 3 Credits.
Examines the politics and political economy of institutional change and policy making in the European Union in comparative perspective.
Gen Ed: SS, GL, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.
POLI 433H. Politics of the European Union. 3 Credits.
Examines the politics and political economy of institutional change and policy making in the European Union in comparative perspective.
Gen Ed: SS, GL, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 434. Politics of Mexico. 3 Credits.
This course provides a survey of 20th-century politics in Mexico, including the construction of the single-party regime under the PRI and the political and economic changes in the second half of the century that marked the end of the one-party regime and inaugurated a new era of political competition.
Gen Ed: SS, BN.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 435. Democracy and Development in Latin America. 3 Credits.
The analysis of central issues of democracy and development in Latin America.
Gen Ed: SS, BN, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 435H. Democracy and Development in Latin America. 3 Credits.
The analysis of central issues of democracy and development in Latin America.
Gen Ed: SS, BN, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 436. Democracy and Development in Latin America (Spanish). 3 Credits.
The analysis of central issues of democracy and development in Latin America.
Gen Ed: SS, BN, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 437. Political Change in Asia. 3 Credits.
This course will address how various nations in Asia are handling the pressures of democratization, the globalization of "democratic norms," and internal challenges to authoritarian regimes.
Gen Ed: SS, BN, FL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 438. Democracy and International Institutions in an Undivided Europe. 3 Credits.
Explores the collapse of communist rule in 1989 and the reaction of international institutions to the challenges of democratization, economic transition, ethnic conflict, and European integration in an undivided Europe.
Gen Ed: SS, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 440. How to Stay in Power When the People Want You Dead: The Politics of Authoritarian Survival. 3 Credits.
Dictators do not rely on consent of the people to stay in power. But they do still face constraints and must perform a delicate balancing act to maintain enough support to stay in office and reap its rewards. This class seeks to understand when autocrats are successful and when they fail.
Gen Ed: SS, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 441. Israeli Politics and Society. 3 Credits.
This course will explore Israeli society, Israeli politics, and the Arab-Israeli conflict.
Gen Ed: BN, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 442. International Political Economy. 3 Credits.
Theories of international political economy, major trends in international economic relations, selected contemporary policy issues.
Requisites: Prerequisites, ECON 101 and POLI 150.
Gen Ed: SS, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: EURO 442.

POLI 443. American Foreign Policy: Formulation and Conduct. 3 Credits.
The role of Congress, the press, public opinion, the president, the secretary and the Department of State, the military, and the intelligence community in making American foreign policy. Emphasizes the impact of the bureaucratic process on the content of foreign policy.
Requisites: Prerequisite, POLI 150; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: PWAD 443.

POLI 444. Seminar on Terrorism. 3 Credits.
This course explores the causes of terrorist behavior. The course also examines the government’s response to terrorism, the internal implications of terrorists’ campaigns, and prospects for conflict resolution.
Gen Ed: SS, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: PWAD 444.

POLI 445. When Countries Go Broke: Political Responses to Economic Crises. 3 Credits.
What happens when countries go broke? This course examines the complex interdependence between taxation, debt, and the development of the state, and considers how politicians have generated and responded to a series of economic crises in the past half century.
Gen Ed: SS, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade

POLI 447. Immigrant Integration in Contemporary Western Europe. 3 Credits.
Immigrant integration has been one of the most intense political issues in Western Europe in recent decades. The extent to which these immigrants have successfully integrated is a hot topic of debate across Europe, and there is no consensus about the best way to promote integration. This course explores these debates.
Gen Ed: SS, CI, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade

POLI 448. The Politics of Multilevel Governance. 3 Credits.
Political authority is changing around the world. Decision making has shifted down to state and local governments, such as Catalonia and Scotland, and up to international organizations such as the European Union and the World Health Organization. What does this mean for the future of the national state?
Gen Ed: SS, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade

POLI 450. Contemporary Inter-American Relations. 3 Credits.
A comprehensive analysis of hemispheric international relations and foreign policies of individual Latin American nations.
Gen Ed: SS, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.
POLI 450H. Contemporary Inter-American Relations. 3 Credits.
A comprehensive analysis of hemispheric international relations and foreign policies of individual Latin American nations.
Gen Ed: SS, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 451. Race, Ethnicity, and Political Change in Comparative Perspective. 3 Credits.
The course examines the interplay of race, ethnicity, political institutions, and political mobilization in modern state and nation-building. Through the use of broadly drawn international case studies, the politics of ethnicity and race is analyzed from the perspective of global processes of state building, colonialism and decolonization, and capitalist development as well from local development of ideology and political organizations.
Gen Ed: SS, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 452. Africa and International Conflict. 3 Credits.
The purpose of this course is to examine Africa’s conflicts using an historical examination and advances in international relations theory. We will examine European colonial intervention, the wars of independence, the Cold War, and the use of proxies, insurgencies, the African World War, the Sudanese War, and the "war of terrorism.
Gen Ed: BN, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 457. International Conflict Processes. 3 Credits.
Analysis of international conflict and the causal mechanisms that drive or prevent conflict. Emphasis is on the conditions and processes of conflict and cooperation between nations.
Gen Ed: SS, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: PWAD 457.

POLI 458. International Conflict Management and Resolution. 3 Credits.
Examines the management and resolution of international and civil wars.
Requisites: Prerequisite, POLI 150.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: PWAD 458.

POLI 459. Trans-Atlantic Security. 3 Credits.
The course explores the development of Euro-Atlantic security institutions (NATO, EU) and compares security policy in the United States and Europe. Cases include policy toward the Balkans, Afghanistan, Russia, and Ukraine. Includes review of concepts of security and selected international relations approaches to international organizations.
Gen Ed: SS, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: PWAD 459.

POLI 469. Conflict and Intervention in the Former Yugoslavia. 3 Credits.
Focuses on ethnic and political conflicts in the former Yugoslavia and efforts by the international community to end conflict and promote peace and reconstruction.
Gen Ed: SS, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: PWAD 469.

POLI 469H. Conflict and Intervention in the Former Yugoslavia. 3 Credits.
Focuses on ethnic and political conflicts in the former Yugoslavia and efforts by the international community to end conflict and promote peace and reconstruction.
Gen Ed: SS, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: PWAD 469H.

POLI 470. Social and Political Philosophy. 3 Credits.
An examination of the logic of social and political thought with an analysis of such concepts as society, state, power, authority, freedom, social and political obligation, law, rights.
Gen Ed: PH, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 470H. Social and Political Philosophy. 3 Credits.
An examination of the logic of social and political thought with an analysis of such concepts as society, state, power, authority, freedom, social and political obligation, law, rights.
Gen Ed: PH, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 471. Contemporary Political Thought. 3 Credits.
Survey of the historical foundations, central tenets, and political consequences of prominent 20th-century political theories. Topics include contemporary liberalism and Marxism, fascism, theories of development, populism, feminism.
Gen Ed: PH, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 471H. Contemporary Political Thought. 3 Credits.
Survey of the historical foundations, central tenets, and political consequences of prominent 20th-century political theories. Topics include contemporary liberalism and Marxism, fascism, theories of development, populism, feminism.
Gen Ed: PH, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 472. Problems of Modern Democratic Theory. 3 Credits.
Major problem areas in democratic theory including definitions, presuppositions, and justifications of democracy, liberty, equality, minority rights, public interest, participation, dissent, and civil disobedience.
Gen Ed: PH, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 472H. Problems of Modern Democratic Theory. 3 Credits.
Major problem areas in democratic theory including definitions, presuppositions, and justifications of democracy, liberty, equality, minority rights, public interest, participation, dissent, and civil disobedience.
Gen Ed: PH, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 473. Politics and Literature. 3 Credits.
Identifies and interprets political ideas using historical and contemporary literary sources. Examines literature as political practice.
Gen Ed: PH, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 474. Religion and Politics. 3 Credits.
Examines the relationship between religion and politics, with emphasis on the United States. Topics include church-state issues, religious-political movements, religion and public policy, religion and voting.
Gen Ed: HS.
Grading status: Letter grade.
POLI 477. Advanced Feminist Political Theory. 3 Credits.
Examines in greater depth and complexity current issues in feminist political theory. Topics: theories of subjectivity and solidarity, feminist poststructuralist and post-Marxist thinking, gender in the public sphere.
Gen Ed: PH, CI, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: WGST 477.

POLI 488. Game Theory. 3 Credits.
Increasingly, political and social scientists are using game theory to analyze strategic interactions across different settings. This course aims to give students a deep technical understanding of the most relevant concepts of game theory and how these concepts have been applied to the study of political and economic phenomena.
Requisites: Prerequisite, POLI 287 or 288.
Gen Ed: SS, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 490. Advanced Undergraduate Seminar. 3 Credits.
A detailed examination of advanced special topics in political science.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit; may be repeated in the same term for different topics; 12 total credits. 4 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 490H. Advanced Undergraduate Seminar. 3 Credits.
A detailed examination of advanced special topics in political science.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit; may be repeated in the same term for different topics; 12 total credits. 4 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 630. Political Contestation in Europe. 3 Credits.
Permission of the instructor for undergraduates. Examines recent developments in the European integration process by exploring the potential for political contestation concerning European Union matters in national politics. Familiarizes students with the main theoretical approaches and the extensive empirical work dealing with the effects of European integration.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 631. European Security: The Enlarging European Union and the Trans-Atlantic Relationship. 3 Credits.
Permission of the instructor for undergraduates. Since the collapse of communism from 1989 to 1991, the European Union has faced a fundamentally different geopolitical neighborhood and an evolving relationship with the United States. We will explore how Europe has addressed new challenges to its security in its neighborhood and beyond.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 632. The European Union as a Global Actor. 3 Credits.
Permission of the instructor for undergraduates. This seminar introduces students to basic theoretical approaches to both international relations and the European Union by focusing on the European Union's external relations and foreign policies.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade.

POLI 633. Tolerance and Liberal States. 3 Credits.
Permission of the instructor for undergraduates. This course examines tolerance and citizenship in the European Union and North America, with particular attention to the United States, Britain, France, Spain, Italy, Germany, and The Netherlands.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade.