

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Introduction

As Harold Laswell famously noted, politics is “who gets what, when, and how.” As a discipline, political science focuses on the study of political ideas, institutions, processes, policies, and behavior in the United States and around the world. The Department of Political Science offers a broad range of courses across five subfields: American politics, comparative politics, international relations, political theory, and political methodology.

Political science majors gain a versatile set of analytical and organizational skills that can be applied in a wide range of exciting careers in government, law, business, international organizations, nonprofit organizations, survey research, journalism, and teaching.

Advising

All majors have a primary academic advisor assigned in ConnectCarolina. 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 website (<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 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. (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/political-science-major-ba/>)

Graduate Programs

- M.A. in Political Science (Trans Atlantic Masters) (<https://tam.unc.edu/>)
- Ph.D. in Political Science (<https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/political-science/>)

Professors

Navin Bapat, Frank Baumgartner, Mark Crescenzi, Stephen Gent, Jonathan Hartlyn, Marc Hetherington, Liesbet Hooghe, Evelyne Huber, Gary Marks, Kevin McGuire, Jason Roberts, Graeme Robertson, Timothy Ryan, Donald Searing, Jeffrey Spinner-Halev, Sarah Treul Roberts, Isaac Unah, Milada Vachudova.

Associate Professors

Cameron Ballard-Rosa, Anna Bassi, Susan Bickford, Christopher Clark, Junghyun Lim, Lucy Martin, Cecilia Martinez-Gallardo, Cara Nine, Santiago Olivella, Tyler Pratt, Simon Weschle.

Assistant Professors

Ashley Anderson, Caitlin Andrews-Lee, Mary Kroeger, Lucy Martin, Alexander Sahn, Ye Wang.

Adjunct Professors

John Aldrich, Daniel Gitterman, Rebecca Kreitzer, Holger Moroff, Jonathan Oberlander, Candis W. Smith, Jonathan Weiler.

Teaching Professor

Robert Jenkins.

Teaching Associate Professors/Advisors

Suzanne Globetti, Matthew Weidenfeld.

Teaching Assistant Professors

Nora Hanagan, Niklaus Steiner.

Postdoctoral Research Associates

Sasha de Vogel, Kaneesha Johnson.

Professors Emeriti

Pamela Conover, Virginia Gray, Michele Hoyman, Michael Lienesch, Lewis Lipsitz, Stuart Elaine Macdonald, Michael MacKuen, Timothy McKeown, Dick Richardson, Lars Schoultz, John Stephens, James Stimson, 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.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FY-SEMINAR, FC-POWER.**

Making Connections 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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FY-SEMINAR, FC-VALUES.

Making Connections Gen Ed: PH, CI.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **POLI 57. First-Year Seminar: Democratic Governance in Contemporary Latin America. 3 Credits.**

This seminar explores challenges in democratic governance in contemporary Latin America. With important regional variations, the exercise of state power reflects historical continuities of corruption, patronage politics, and other abuses of state resources. There are also demands for accountability and transparency across the region and more independent judiciaries.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FY-SEMINAR, FC-GLOBAL.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, BN.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **POLI 59. First-Year Seminar: Revolution, America in 1776 and France in 1789. 3 Credits.**

We examine the political theory of revolution at two dramatic moments in history: The American Revolution and The French Revolution. This course is throws students into New York City in 1775 and Paris in 1791 by recreating and engaging with the ideas and arguments of these times through two, role-immersive simulations.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FY-SEMINAR.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, NA.

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.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FY-SEMINAR, FC-POWER.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, NA.

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.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FY-SEMINAR.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **POLI 70. First-Year Seminar: Political Conflict in the European Union and the United States. 3 Credits.**


This course examines the politics of the European Union in comparison with the United States.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FY-SEMINAR.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, NA.

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.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FY-SEMINAR.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, NA.

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.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FY-SEMINAR, FC-VALUES.

Making Connections Gen Ed: PH.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **POLI 76. First-Year Seminar: The Obama Presidency. 3 Credits.**

This course examines the presidency of Barack Obama, the first African American to serve in the nation's highest office.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FY-SEMINAR, FC-POWER.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, US.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **POLI 77. Immigrants and Refugees in World Politics. 3 Credits.**

This class focuses on two different types of global migrants, immigrants and refugees, and explores why these two groups move out of their countries and how they are treated by receiving countries. Immigrants and refugees have traditionally been thought of as politically, legally, and ethically different from each other and this class explores these differences, but it also explores the many ways that they are similar.

Rules & Requirements


 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FY-SEMINAR, FC-GLOBAL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **POLI 87. First-Year Seminar: What Does it Mean to be a Good Citizen?. 3 Credits.**

What, if any, responsibilities accompany democratic citizenship? Voting? Active participation in political meetings? Obeying laws? Volunteering in one's community? Preserving natural resources for future generations? Adhering to certain values? Protesting unjust laws? This course offers an overview of the different ways in which Americans have answered these questions.


Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FY-SEMINAR, FC-VALUES, COMMBEYOND.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **POLI 89. First-Year Seminar: Special Topics. 3 Credits.**

Special topics course. Content will vary each semester.


Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FY-SEMINAR.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **POLI 100. American Democracy in Changing Times. 3 Credits.**

Why do Americans love democracy, but hate politics? Why are there only two political parties? Why do voters hate, yet respond to negative campaigning? This course will introduce students to politics in the United States, addressing these and many more questions about how American democracy works. Honors version available.


Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FY-LAUNCH (only designated sections), FC-VALUES.
Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, NA.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **POLI 130. Introduction to Comparative Politics. 3 Credits.**

This course examines the diversity of political arrangements in societies across the globe. Honors version available.


Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FY-LAUNCH (only designated sections), FC-GLOBAL.
Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, BN, GL.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **POLI 150. International Relations and Global Politics. 3 Credits.**

An introduction to the study of political and economic relations in the international system. Topics covered include international conflict, trade, global finance, international institutions, civil war, and human rights. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FY-LAUNCH (only designated sections), FC-GLOBAL.
Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, GL.
Grading Status: Letter grade.
Same as: PWAD 150.

POLI 150L. International Relations and Global Politics Research Laboratory. 1 Credits.

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. Permission of the instructor.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: EE- Mentored Research.
Requisites: Corequisite, POLI 150.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

POLI 190. Undergraduate Seminar. 1-3 Credits.

A detailed examination of selected topics in the field of political science. Honors version available.


Rules & Requirements

Repeat Rules: May be repeated for credit; may be repeated in the same term for different topics; 12 total credits. 12 total completions.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **POLI 193. Internship in Political Science. 3 Credits.**

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.


Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** HI-INTERN.
Making Connections Gen Ed: EE- Academic Internship.
Requisites: Prerequisite, at least two POLI courses.
Repeat Rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading Status: Pass/Fail.

 **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.


Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FC-PAST.
Making Connections 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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FC-POWER.
Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FC-POWER.

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FC-POWER.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **POLI 205. Politics in the U.S. States. 3 Credits.**

State and local governments in the United States exercise considerable power over public policies such as education, social welfare, and taxation. This course examines similarities and differences across the U.S. states to better understand the causes and consequences of politics in these settings. Previously offered as POLI 101. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FC-POWER.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **POLI 206. Race and the Right to Vote in the United States. 3 Credits.**

This course surveys scholarly literature on political psychology, electoral institutions, racial politics, and access to the ballot in the United States. In 30 hours of community service with partner organizations, students forge deeper connections between the university and the broader community. Through consistent reflections on the importance and potential downfalls of service learning, students gain a multi-faceted view of the practice and learn how to become better service learners.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FC-POWER, HI-SERVICE.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, EE- Service Learning, US.

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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FC-POWER.

Making Connections 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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FC-QUANT.

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FC-GLOBAL or FC-POWER.

Making Connections Gen Ed: GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: GLBL 210, ANTH 210, GEOG 210, HIST 210.

POLI 211. Religion and Politics. 3 Credits.

Religion and politics are deeply intertwined in contemporary America, as evidenced by heated and often highly partisan debates over a wide variety of political issues such as abortion and immigration. This course addresses the variety of ways in which religion and politics intersect for voters and political elites with a focus on understanding how scholars operationalize religious concepts and use data to make empirical claims about the relationship between religion and politics.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **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.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FC-GLOBAL.

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-POWER.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, US.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: WGST 217.

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.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-POWER.

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-POWER.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

POLI 233. Comparative Politics of the Middle East. 3 Credits.

This course is designed as an introduction to contemporary Middle Eastern politics for advanced undergraduates. To explore this topic, the course combines systematic analytical approaches to big questions with concrete knowledge of events and developments in specific countries. In so doing, it aims to give students a critical understanding of politics while simultaneously building empirical knowledge about the Middle East/North Africa region. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-GLOBAL.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, BN.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

POLI 234. Comparative Politics of the Global South. 3 Credits.

An overview of politics and government in the Global South, emphasizing theories and challenges of development, modernization, and democratization. Regional emphasis may vary by instructor.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, BN.

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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-GLOBAL.

Making Connections 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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-GLOBAL.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, BN.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

POLI 238. Politics of the Global South: Latin America. 3 Credits.

An introduction to politics and political economy of Latin America, emphasizing Latin America's position in the Global South and including consideration of leading theoretical explanations of development and political change. Country emphasis varies with instructor. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-GLOBAL or FC-POWER.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, BN.

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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-GLOBAL.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, GL, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: EURO 239.

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.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-PAST.

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: AAAD 240.

POLI 241. Comparative Political Behavior. 3 Credits.

Political behavior is the study of attitudes, ideology, and engagement with the government. Why are some individuals more likely than others to support specific policies? How do we understand the connection between voters and political parties? What makes an individual more likely to vote? When and where are broad social movements, wars, rebellions and revolutions most likely to occur? Comparative political behavior studies how these phenomena operate across different institutional and cultural environments. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-GLOBAL.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

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.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-POWER.

Making Connections Gen Ed: CI, US.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: AMST 248, ENGL 248, WGST 249.

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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: PWAD 252.

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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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? Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-GLOBAL.

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-GLOBAL.

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-PAST or FC-POWER.

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-GLOBAL.

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-POWER.

Making Connections 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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-VALUES.

Making Connections 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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-VALUES.

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-POWER or FC-VALUES.

Making Connections Gen Ed: PH, GL, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: PHIL 272, PWAD 272.

POLI 275. Nationalism, Immigration and the Politics of Identity. 3 Credits.

Examination of the theories of nationalism and immigration, followed by an analysis of the interplay between national identity, immigration, and populism. This course first explores these issues theoretically and then more concretely by examining these issues in England and Scotland. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-VALUES.

Making Connections Gen Ed: PH, NA.

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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-VALUES.

Making Connections 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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-VALUES.

Making Connections Gen Ed: PH, NA, US.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

POLI 281. Data in Politics I: An Introduction. 3 Credits.

The Information Revolution has had a transformative effect on business, journalism, law, policy, and more. This course illustrates the breadth of ways in which data can help solve important social problems and increases students' comfort handling and analyzing data themselves. Students leave with a foundation for acquiring more advanced techniques.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-QUANT.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, QI.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

POLI 285. Applied Experimental Research: Politics in the US and Europe. 3 Credits.

The course familiarizes students with experimental research methods in political science, including laboratory experiments, field experiments, and survey experiments. Students will design and conduct an experimental research project on a research question about US or European politics.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, QI.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: EURO 285.

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.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-KNOWING or FC-QUANT.

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-KNOWING or FC-QUANT.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, QI.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

POLI 290. Special Topics in Political Science. 3 Credits.

A detailed examination of special topics in political science.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat Rules: May be repeated for credit; may be repeated in the same term for different topics; 12 total credits. 12 total completions.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

POLI 291. Undergraduate Learning Assistant Practicum. 1-3 Credits.

This course is for students selected as Undergraduate Learning Assistants (ULAs) for political science courses during the semester they serve as ULAs. This course will provide support and structure to make them effective in their role, including training in pedagogy and University policies; ongoing mentorship and supervision; and opportunities for reflection, assessment, and evaluation. May not count toward the political science major. Permission of the instructor.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: HI-LEARNTA.

Making Connections Gen Ed: EE- Service Learning, EE - Undergraduate Learning Assistant, ULA.

Repeat Rules: May be repeated for credit. 9 total credits. 9 total completions.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

POLI 325. Institute of Politics Fellows Seminar in Civic Leadership. 1.5 Credits.

This course is facilitated by a Fellow from the UNC Institute of Politics, an experienced political practitioner who has held elected or appointed office. Over the course of the semester, students will engage in active and sustained dialogue with the Fellow and with one another on topics relevant to the Fellow's professional experience in public life. May not count toward the political science major.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat Rules: May be repeated for credit. 3 total credits. 2 total completions.

Grading Status: Pass/Fail.

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.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-POWER, RESEARCH.

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: PLCY 345.

POLI 350. Peace Science Research. 3 Credits.

This Course-based Undergraduate Research Experience (CURE) introduces students to the practice of quantitative research on peace, conflict, and conflict resolution. Students work in teams to develop original research projects that answer policy-relevant questions in the field of peace science.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: RESEARCH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, EE- Mentored Research.

Requisites: Prerequisite, POLI 150.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

POLI 381. Data in Politics II: Frontiers and Applications. 3 Credits.

New approaches to data analysis are having a transformative effect on business, journalism, law, and policy - to name just a few sectors. This course is for students who have a basic familiarity working with social science data. It uses this foundation to teach more advanced ways to think about inference and uncertainty, with an emphasis on cutting-edge techniques and applications to real world problems.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, QI.

Requisites: Prerequisite, POLI 281.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

POLI 384. Gateway 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. Honors version available.


Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-VALUES.

Making Connections Gen Ed: PH.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: PHIL 384, ECON 384.

 **POLI 395. Mentored Research in Political Science. 1-3 Credits.**
Required preparation, six hours of POLI course credit. Permission of the instructor. Students carry out a research project under the direct supervision of a faculty mentor. Learning contract required. Open to political science majors.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** RESEARCH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: EE- Mentored Research.

Repeat Rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 6 total completions.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

POLI 396. Directed Readings in Political Science. 1-3 Credits.
Required preparation, six hours of POLI course credit. Permission of the instructor. Directed readings in a special field under the direction of a faculty member. Learning contract required. Open to political science majors.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat Rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS.

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.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** HI-SERVICE.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, EE- Service Learning, US.

Requisites: Prerequisite, POLI 100.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **POLI 405. Local Politics in the United States. 3 Credits.**

This course provides an overview of the politics of local governments in the United States. Topics covered include the economics and history of urban agglomerations, local governments' place in the American federal system, the role of race and immigration in how parties and coalitions govern, whether local governments are responsive to voters, and the role cities play in shaping housing, education, climate, and criminal justice policy.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FC-POWER, RESEARCH.

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.

Rules & Requirements

Requisites: Prerequisite, POLI 100 or 101.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

POLI 409. Mock Constitutional Convention. 3 Credits.

Students employ their understanding of political philosophy and practical politics to write a new constitution for the United States. Emphasis is on creative blending of theory and practice.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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 and the impact following Supreme Court decisions.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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. Honors version available.


Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **POLI 414. Election Administration in the United States. 3 Credits.**
This is a course about how we administer elections in the United States. The people, processes, and rules by which we administer elections in the United States are critically important to the exercise of free and fair elections that is a cornerstone of a democratic form of governance. A major component of this course is your work as an elections official in the Fall 2024 election. Must be a registered voter in Orange County, NC.


Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** HI-SERVICE.
Requisites: Prerequisite, POLI 100.
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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** RESEARCH.
Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, NA.
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. Honors version available.


Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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.


Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** RESEARCH.
Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** RESEARCH.
Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: GL.
Requisites: Prerequisite, POLI 130.
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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, GL.
Grading Status: Letter grade.
Same as: PLCY 430, PWAD 430.

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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, GL, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: EURO 433.

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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: RESEARCH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, BN, GL.

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.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: RESEARCH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: EURO 438.

POLI 439. Analyzing European Public Opinion. 3 Credits.

The course introduces students to the theory and practice of studying European public opinion. The course is split into four parts. In the first part, we will discuss core concepts and important problems in the study of public opinion. In the second part, we will study tools and common data sets for the analysis of European public opinion. In the third part, we will examine several recent contributions on different aspects of European public opinion.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-QUANT.

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.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: RESEARCH.

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-GLOBAL.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, GL.

Requisites: Prerequisite, POLI 150.

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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS.

Requisites: Prerequisite, POLI 150; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: PWAD 443.

POLI 444. Terrorism and International Peace. 3 Credits.

The U.S. 9/11 attack represents the defining terrorist attack to Americans, but in most of the world, terrorism has long been part of politics. We will examine what motivates individuals to consider violence, how individuals organize to protect their political interests, the types of tactics used by violent groups and the state's response, before concluding with a study of collapsed states, the international implications of political violence, and possibilities for conflict resolution.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: RESEARCH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: PWAD 444.

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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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?

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

POLI 449. Beg, Borrow, or Steal: How Governments Get Money and Its Effects on Accountability. 3 Credits.

This course explores the politics behind taxation, foreign aid, natural resources, and debt, focusing on how each affects accountability and state capacity. Topics include when governments tax; whether taxation causes democratization; the effects of foreign aid and oil money on corruption and conflict; and how government debt shapes domestic politics.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, BN.

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."

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: RESEARCH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: BN, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: PWAD 452.

POLI 453. When Countries Go Broke: Political Responses to Financial Crises. 3 Credits.

What happens when countries go broke? This course considers the complex historical relation between revenue generation and the development of the nation-state, and details a variety of major crises facing governments today, including the political determinants of and responses to major recent financial crises.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: RESEARCH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, 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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: RESEARCH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS.

Requisites: Prerequisite, POLI 150.

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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: PWAD 469.

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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: PH, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **POLI 475. Environmental Political Theory. 3 Credits.**

This course brings the tools and techniques of political theory to bear on contemporary environmental challenges. Students will examine different conceptions of nature and of human-nature relations, investigate arguments about the moral and political status of nonhuman others, think about the role of individual responsibility in addressing climate change, and grapple with issues of inequality, environmental justice, and power.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FC-POWER or FC-VALUES.

Making Connections Gen Ed: PH.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

POLI 476. The Political Theory of the American Founding. 3 Credits.

A role-immersive simulation of the Constitutional Convention of 1787. Students employ their knowledge of the political theory and science of the founding period to become the Convention of 1787 and write a constitution.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: PH, CI, NA.

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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: PH, CI, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: WGST 477.

POLI 478. The Politics, Philosophy, and Economics of Education. 3 Credits.

The course explores the politics, philosophy, and economics of US education. We will cover topics such as the goals of education; education politics at the local, state, and federal levels; school finance; accountability; markets in education; the role of philanthropy; and student debt.

Rules & Requirements

Grading Status: Letter grade.

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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, QI.

Requisites: Prerequisite, POLI 287 or 288.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

POLI 490. Advanced Special Topics in Political Science. 3 Credits.

A detailed examination of advanced special topics in political science. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

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.

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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections 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.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **POLI 691H. Honors Seminar in Research Design. 3 Credits.**

Required of all students in the honors program in political science.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** RESEARCH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: EE- Mentored Research.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **POLI 692H. Honors Thesis Research. 3 Credits.**

Required of all students in the honors program in political science.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** RESEARCH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: CI, EE- Mentored Research.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **POLI 693H. Honors Thesis Research. 3 Credits.**


Required of all students in the honors program in political science.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** RESEARCH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: EE- Mentored Research.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **POLI 698. Philosophy, Politics, and Economics: Capstone Course. 3 Credits.**

Permission of the department. This capstone course advances PHIL 384, focusing on such theoretical and philosophical issues as the analysis of rights or distributive justice and the institutional implications of moral forms.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FC-VALUES.

Requisites: Prerequisite, PHIL 384.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: PHIL 698, ECON 698.

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