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The Department of Political Science offers a curriculum that provides students both a broad understanding of politics in the world today and the knowledge and skills that help students to specialize and advance in their own areas of interest. The department offers a political science major and a political science minor for the Bachelors of Arts degree. Within the major, students may take a general track or choose one of three specializations: pre-law, international affairs, or public service. The major provides students the flexibility to choose from a wide range of courses that prepare them for their future plans and careers. Students are encouraged to link their academic study with practical experience through internships and study abroad programs.

Students planning to major in political science should consult with an academic advisor as early as possible to plan their program of study. Students majoring in political science must complete core and elective requirements listed below for a minimum of 33 hours of which at least 15 must be earned at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. A minimum of three of these courses must be taken at the 400 level. POLS 405, POLS 406, POLS 416, POLS 420, POLS 435, POLS 455, POLS 459, or POLS 480 also satisfies the College of Liberal Arts Writing-Across-the-Curriculum (WAC) requirement.

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science Requirements

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Political Science Major - International Affairs Specialization

Political science majors preparing for careers in international affairs must meet the basic requirements for the political science major including core courses, a minimum of 33 credit hours in political science, three 400-level courses, international affairs specialization requirements, and completion of an existing minor or interdisciplinary program of study. The Director of Undergraduate Studies approves minors and study abroad programs.

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Political Science Major - Pre-Law Specialization

Political science majors preparing for law school must meet the basic requirements for the political science major including core courses, a minimum of 33 credit hours in political science, three 400-level courses, pre-law specialization requirements, and completion of an existing minor, internship, or interdisciplinary program of study. The Director of Undergraduate Studies approves minors and study abroad programs.

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Core Requirements: POLS 114, POLS 250, POLS 270, and POLS 300 | 12

Pre-Law Course Sequence POLS 230, POLS 333A, POLS 333B, and any two of the following: POLS 435, POLS 436, POLS 437, POLS 438, or POLS 475 | 15

Political Science 400 level courses | 3

Political Science 300-400 level electives | 9

Minor, Internship, or Interdisciplinary Study - (12 hrs. of minor course must be 300-400 level) | 12-18

Electives | 17-20

Total | 120

**Political Science Major - Public Service Specialization**

Political science majors preparing for public service careers must meet the basic requirements for the political science major including core courses, a minimum of 33 credit hours in political science, three 400-level courses, public service specialization requirements and completion of an existing minor, internship, or interdisciplinary program of study. The Director of Undergraduate Studies approves minors and study abroad programs.

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Political Science Minor

A minor in political science consists of 15 hours to be approved by the department advisor. At least nine of the required 15 credit hours must be earned at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Research and Teaching

The faculty in the department come from major academic institutions from around the country. Faculty teaching and research have received national and university wide recognition. Full-time faculty teach virtually all political science courses. The department emphasizes small sections and a close student/faculty relationship.

Advisement

Students in political science have access to the advisement services in the College of Liberal Arts. Students may also see a political science professor for more specialized counseling. Help is offered in course selection and registration, in long-range planning, and career information.

Awards

The department administers several endowed annual awards. See the departmental web page: politicalscience.siu.edu or contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies for additional information on eligibility requirements.

Political Science Courses

POLS114 - Intro American Politics 114-3 Introduction to American Politics. (University Core Curriculum) [IAI Course: S5 900] The development and current state of the American political system.

POLS150 - Polisci Orientation 150-1 Political Science Orientation. This course introduces students to the study of political science at SIUC. Students will meet the professors in the department and learn about the major subfields of the discipline, opportunities for internships and careers with a political science degree, the activities of SIUC student organizations affiliated with the department, options for graduate study in political science, and resources for improving students’ research and writing skills.

POLS205 - Political Thought 205-3 Introduction to Political Thought. This course introduces students to the fundamental questions of political life through reading classical texts in the history of political thought. Topics covered include the nature of the state, justice, equality, liberty, and political morality. Emphasis is placed on students learning how to think about political phenomena in a systematic, explicit, and critical manner.

POLS213 - State & Local Government 213-3 State and Local Government. (University Core Curriculum) [IAI Course: S5 902] Functions and decision-making processes of governments at the state and local levels in the United States.

POLS215 - Politics of US Diversity 215-3 Politics of Diversity in the United States. (University Core Curriculum course) This course analyzes identity politics in the United States. Students will study American ethnic, racial, religious, cultural and gender relations and the policies available for their
improvement. Topics include affirmative action, immigration policy, multiculturalism, assimilation, feminist politics, and church-state relations.

POLS230 - Law in American Society 230-3 Law in American Society. This is an introductory course recommended for students who want to consider possible careers in law. The following topics will be covered: the relation between law, justice, morality and religion; types and sources of law and legal rules; origin and development of common law; the role of lawyers, judges and juries; legal education in the United States. These topics will be explored through lectures, discussion groups and occasional guest speakers.

POLS250 - Intro to Comparative Politics 250-3 Introduction to Comparative Politics. (University Core Curriculum) [IAI Course: S5 905] This course provides an introduction to some major issues in the study of politics of countries around the world. Students analyze the broad array of political systems and political institutions in these countries. Topics include differences between democratic and non-democratic regimes, the causes of revolution, the role of social movements, and the politics of multi-ethnicity.

POLS270 - International Relations 270-3 Introduction to International Relations. This course provides a general introduction to major issues and controversies in the study of international relations. Topics can include war, nuclear deterrence, arms proliferation, terrorism and counter-terrorism, the United Nations, global trade and investment, economic sanctions, human rights and ethics in foreign policy.

POLS300 - Research Methods Pol Sci 300-3 Research Methods in Political Science. An examination of the research methods and data analysis techniques used by political scientists in their analysis of political questions and problems. Prerequisite: POLS 114. Lab fee: $25.

POLS304 - Classical Political Theory 304-3 Classical Political Theory: Greeks, Romans, and Christians. (Same as CLAS 305) A survey of the works of important political thinkers in the ancient and medieval world including Homer, Thucydides, Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, Augustine, Maimonides, Averroes, and Thomas Aquinas.

POLS306 - Contemporary Political Theory 306-3 Contemporary Political Theory: Justice, Identity and Power. This course is a survey of the works of important political thinkers in the 20th and 21st centuries. Key figures in this survey may include Hannah Arendt, Judith Butler, John Dewey, Michel Foucault, Jurgen Habermas, Friedrich Hayek, John Rawls, Leo Strauss and Iris Marion Young.

POLS314I - Politics and Media 314I-3 American Politics and the Mass Media. (University Core Curriculum) (Same as JRNL 314I) The role of the mass media in American politics. Emphasis will be on the way in which the news media covers political actors and institutions, the effects of media on political behavior, and the expanding role of the internet in politics.

POLS316 - Latino Politics 316-3 Latino Politics. Provides an overview of Latino politics in the United States. Students will explore the complexities of Latino identities, histories, social movements, political participation, and political representation. The course will also address such contemporary political issues as citizenship, immigration, and language policy.


POLS318 - Campaigns & Elections 318-3 Political Campaigns and Elections. Political campaigns and the role they play in American democracy. Prerequisite: POLS 114.

POLS319 - Political Parties 319-3 Political Parties. The role of political parties in American democracy, including the roles and activities of political parties in the United States. Prerequisite: POLS 114.

POLS321 - Congressional Politics 321-3 Congressional Politics. This course examines the origins and structure of Congress, congressional campaign behavior, legislative process, debates about representation and the relationship between Congress and the executive and judicial branches of government.
POLS322 - Presidential Politics 322-3 Presidential Politics. The role of the presidency in American democracy, including origin and background of the presidency, the organization of the executive branch, and the powers and functions of the president. Prerequisite: POLS 114.

POLS323 - The Supreme Court 323-3 The Supreme Court. The Supreme Court is often at the forefront of major policy debates in this country, deciding cases that have profound and lasting legal and political implications for the nation. In recent years, the Court has dealt with a wide array of cases that touch on important aspects of our social and political landscape, including the death penalty, same-sex marriage, abortion, campaign finance reform, religious freedom, freedom of speech, and redistricting. We will examine the legal and political authority of the Court, focusing on the evolution of judicial review and theories of judicial decision-making. Particular emphasis will be placed on the policy-making role of the Court as both a legal and political institution.

POLS326 - African American Politics 326-3 African American Politics. (Same as AFR 326) Designed to familiarize students with the role of African-Americans in American politics. An emphasis is placed on describing and analyzing how the structure of the American political system affects efforts by African-Americans in gaining the full benefits of the American political system. It will also address contentious sociopolitical issues that affect how African-Americans are treated in the context of the larger society.

POLS332I - Ethnicity & Nationalism 332I-3 Ethnicity, Nationalism and Culture. (University Core Curriculum) This course examines the causes, consequences and management of ethnic conflict and nationalism. Theoretical analysis will be combined with empirical case studies of ethnic and cultural competition, conflict and cooperation both within and between countries. Contributions from various scholarly disciplines will be incorporated into the examination of these issues. Additionally, moral dilemmas in the sphere of ethnicity and nationalism will be discussed.

POLS357 - Comparative Nation Building 357-3 Comparative Nation Building. A comparative study of the growth of the relationship of the armed forces with the civilian sector of the body politic, the selection, training, and professionalism of the officer corps, the control of the armed forces by the executive and legislature, the growth of strategic doctrine, insurgency and counter-insurgency warfare, and the analysis of the role of the armed forces as a governing group in a large number of non-western states. Prerequisite: POLS 250 recommended.

POLS370 - Terrorism & Counter-Terrorism 370-3 Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism. (Same as CCJ 370) Using an interdisciplinary social science perspective, an analysis of the history, sources and consequences of domestic and international terrorism and the response by policymakers. Topics include tactics, goals, recruitment and financing of terrorists; the use of military force and legal institutions in dealing with terrorism; comparison of different state responses to terrorism; and international law, human rights, and counterterrorism.

POLS372I - Politics of Global Economy 372I-3 Politics of the Global Economy. (University Core Curriculum) Examines the interaction of politics and economics and of states and markets at the international level. Special attention to inequalities of wealth and power and to the politics of international trade, finance, investment, production, energy, transportation, information, technology and development.

POLS373 - Intl & Transnational Org 373-3 International and Transnational Organizations. The growth and role of international organizations, with special attention to the political effects of military, economic and ecological interdependence. The United Nations, regional organizations, and non-governmental organizations. The effects of these organizations on international peace and justice. Prerequisite: POLS 270 recommended.

POLS375 - War/Force in World Politics 375-3 War and Force in World Politics. An examination of the use of military power and force in modern world politics. Theoretical and empirical analysis of the causes and conduct of war, and investigation of the ways states, ethnic groups, and other actors develop, manage, and employ military power to further their interests. Topics include nuclear deterrence, arms control, weapons proliferation and terrorism. Prerequisite: POLS 270 recommended.

POLS390 - Readings: Political Science 390-1 to 3 Readings in Political Science. Specialized and advanced readings in areas not covered in other political science courses. The course must incorporate both reading and writing assignments, and should entail approximately the same amount of work as a standard 300-level political science course. A minimum of five pages of writing per credit hour is required, subject to the discretion of the Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS). Students must choose a faculty member to direct the course and submit to the DUS a proposed syllabus and a completed Readings Approval Form prior to registration. For purposes of course assessment, students will submit to the DUS a copy of all written work done for the course. Students must have at least a 3.0 political science grade point average, and a minimum of 21 hours already earned in the major or completed the introductory course and six additional hours in the subfield of the proposed readings. No more than six hours of POLS 390 may be counted toward the departmental major. Special approval needed from the department.

POLS391 - Model Illinois Government 391-1 Model Illinois Government. This course is designed to prepare students for the annual Model Illinois Government (MIG) simulation held in Springfield, Illinois. The class is organized to help students develop their oral, written, and verbal presentation skills for participation in the MIG simulation. Prerequisite: POLS 213 or POLS 214 and consent of instructor.

POLS395 - Internship in Public Affairs 395-1 to 3 Internship in Public Affairs. Supervised field work in the office of a governmental agency, political party, interest group, legal agency, or other public affairs-oriented organization. The academic component of the course must incorporate both reading and writing assignments. A minimum of five pages of writing per credit hour is required, subject to the discretion of the Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS). Students must choose a faculty member to direct the internship, and submit to the DUS a written proposal for the internship and a completed Internship Approval Form prior to registration. Students will normally be granted a maximum of 3 credit hours per internship, though they may petition the DUS for more. Political Science 395 is open only to political science majors and minors. Students must have at least a 2.5 political science grade point average and six hours in the major.

POLS396 - Ambassadors 396-1 Political Science Ambassadors. Political Science Student Ambassadors are undergraduate majors involved in outreach activities on behalf of the Department. Ambassadors are engaged in a variety of activities, including the preparation of a newsletter for undergraduates, mentoring
students, organizing regular forums for the discussion of political issues, and meeting with prospective students, faculty, and nationally known visiting scholars and political figures.

POLS397 - Barbara Brown Springfield Intern 397-1 to 15 Barbara Brown Springfield Internship. The internship places well qualified students with bureaucratic agencies, select elected officials, political interest groups and lobbying organizations during the Spring semester which coincides with the Illinois legislative session. Interns perform a variety of tasks, including legislative and policy research, committee monitoring, and other activities focused on lobbying. Students are required to complete an academic component which includes maintaining an activities log, completing assigned readings and a final written project assigned by the director of the internship.

POLS398 - Demuzio Internship 398-1 to 3 Vince Demuzio Governmental Internship Program. The program offers legislative and agency internships. Legislative interns work with House and Senate members of both parties. Typically, interns work in the home office while attending classes full time and perform duties as regular staff members. Students may also intern with a state agency. Agency interns work in one of several local code department offices while attending classes full time and perform duties as regular staff members. Maximum of 15 hours.

POLS403 - Philosophy of Politics 403-3 Philosophy of Politics. (See PHIL 441)

POLS405 - Democratic Theory 405-3 Democratic Theory. (Same as PHIL 405) An examination of various aspects of democratic thought, including the liberal tradition and its impact upon the United States. Fulfills the CoLA Writing-Across-the-Curriculum (WAC) requirement. Prerequisite: POLS 114 or consent of instructor.

POLS406 - American Political Thought 406-3 American Political Thought. This course is an advanced seminar in American political thought. The course focuses on the founding ideals and practices of the American republic and how these ideals functioned in subsequent social movements, political struggles, and ideological conflicts in American political history. Fulfills the CoLA Writing-Across-the-Curriculum (WAC) requirement.

POLS413 - Federalism 413-3 Federalism. An examination of relationships among national, state, and local governments in the American federal system, with emphasis on recent literature and contemporary issues. Special attention is given to fiscal relations, interbranch cooperation and specific intergovernmental programs. Prerequisite: POLS 114 with a grade of C or better.

POLS415 - Urban Politics 415-3 Urban Politics. An examination of the environment, institutions, processes and functions of government in an urban society with particular emphasis on current problems of social control and the provision of services in the cities of the U.S.

POLS416 - Senior Seminar 416-3 Senior Seminar in Political Science. Seminar for advanced undergraduate Political Science students to examine in depth a wide variety of topics; to be taught by different instructors. Available for use as the honors seminar. Graduate students not admitted. Not for graduate credit. Restricted to political science majors. Fulfills the CoLA Writing-Across-the-Curriculum (WAC) requirement.

POLS418 - Political Communication 418-3 Political Communication. (Same as CMST 451) A critical review of theory and research, which relate to the influence of communication variables on political values, attitudes, and behavior.

POLS419 - Political Sociology 419-3 Political Sociology. (Same as SOC 475) An examination of the social bases of power and politics, including attention to global and societal political relations, as well as individual-level political beliefs and commitments; primary focus on American politics.

POLS420 - Interest Group Politics 420-3 Interest Group Politics. The role interest groups in American democracy, including the political influence of contemporary interest groups, such as labor, racial and women's organizations. Fulfills the CoLA Writing-Across-the-Curriculum (WAC) requirement. Prerequisite: POLS 114 with a minimum grade of C.

POLS422 - NPOs and NGOs 422-3 Rethinking NPOs and NGOs: Doing Good Better. This course examines the question, can NPOs and NGOs do their good works better? In looking for the answer, students consider how perspective shapes reality, the need for a new framework for action, the conflict
between limited resources and seemingly unlimited need, importance of local focus, conflicts between
donors' demand for short-term results with a situation's requirement for a long-term program, issues
caused by public policy, roles of gender and ethnicity in solving problems and the role of simplicity.
Students will do this in anticipation of becoming employed by NPOs or NGOs. Prerequisite: POLS 340
with a grade of C or better or concurrent enrollment.

POLS432 - Grant Writing 432-3 Nonprofit and Public Grant Writing. This course examines the theories,
skills and practices for writing grants for nonprofit and public organizations. Students practice these skills
by being part of a team that actually prepares a grant for a nonprofit or a public organization. Prerequisite:
POLS 340 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment.

POLS435 - Judicial Process & Behavior 435-3 Judicial Process and Behavior. An examination of
the process by which judges in both trial and appellate courts at federal and state levels are selected
and of the ways in which they make decisions. Attention to the structure of the courts. Study of the
communication and impact of judicial decisions. The course provides some insight into the methods used
to study judicial behavior. Fulfills the CoLA Writing-Across-the-Curriculum (WAC) requirement. POLS 114
and 230 recommended prerequisites.

POLS436 - Administrative Law 436-3 Administrative Law. The procedural law of public agencies,
particularly the regulatory commissions but also executive branch agencies exercising regulatory
functions. The exercise of discretion and its control through internal mechanisms and judicial review.
POLS 114 and 230 recommended.

POLS437 - Jurisprudence (Law Theories) 437-3 Jurisprudence (Theories of Law). This course provides
an examination of the major schools in legal thinking. We will investigate classic jurisprudential questions,
including: theories of how judges decide cases, the role of morality and natural rights in determinations
of law, and the role of legislative and judicial actors in the creation of law. POLS 114 and POLS 230 are
recommended.

POLS438 - Women and the Law 438-3 Women and the Law. (Same as WGSS 438) This course is
an advanced seminar in public law with a focus on gender, law and society. The course will engage
with issues in feminist legal practice and the development of legal theories regarding gender. We will
interrogate the relationship between theory and practice and the ways in which feminist jurisprudence has
taken shape in the dynamics of this relationship. POLS 114 and 230 recommended prerequisites.

POLS439 - Comparative Law & Courts 439-3 Comparative Law and Courts. In the United States,
topics ranging from abortion to gay rights and government surveillance are inevitably “solved” by the
Supreme Court. Yet for many years the Supreme Court stood alone in the world in being able to overturn
government policy. Increasingly, courts all over the world-often prodded by social actors-have begun
developing their own unique solutions to these constitutional questions, in many cases challenging
accepted social values and mores along the way. In this course we will investigate the development of
courts and constitutional rights around the world, including both national rights and international human
rights.

POLS442 - Human Resources Admin 442-3 Human Resources Administration. This course examines
foundations of human resources administration. Emphasis is placed on the study of personnel
management strategies, public sector labor relations, and other issues in the field of human resources.

POLS444 - Policy Analysis 444-3 Policy Analysis. An examination of basic concepts in the policy
sciences, approaches to policy analysis, applications to selected areas of policy, and instruments of policy
development.

POLS447 - Nonprofit Fundraising 447-3 Nonprofit Marketing and Fundraising. This course examines
the unique resource development needs of nonprofit organizations and public organizations and looks
at the principles and practical sides of meeting those through relationship management, marketing and
fundraising. Time will be taken to look at all the aspects of a successful relationship, fundraising and
marketing management plan. Students will be expected to participate in at least one fundraiser for a local
nonprofit during the semester.

POLS449 - Nonprofit Management 449-3 Management of Nonprofit Organizations. This course
examines the unique characteristics of nonprofit organizations that distinguish them from the public and

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for-profit sectors. It will explore the historical, legal, and socio-cultural and economic contexts in which nonprofits function and the expectations that are attached in these contexts. Time will be devoted to such administrative issues as board development, strategic evaluation and planning, fiscal management, fundraising, human resources issues, working with staff, volunteers and governing boards, satisfying tax codes and service distribution.

**POLS455 - Democratization** 455-3 Democratization. An examination of transitions to democracy from authoritarian rule in countries around the world. Emphasis is on understanding from a comparative perspective on the social, economic, institutional, political, cultural and international circumstances that promote, inhibit and even reverse the spread of democratic forms of government. Fulfills the CoLA Writing-Across-the-Curriculum (WAC) requirement.

**POLS456 - Gender & Global Politics** 456-3 Gender and Global Politics. (Same as WGSS 446) An advanced course examining gender systems and women's situations across cultures and countries. This course also studies the impact globalization has had on gender issues by looking at women's activism at international and transnational levels. Topics covered include women's political representation, gender and culture, women's social movements, gender and development, and gendered policy issues. POLS 250 recommended.

**POLS459 - Russia & Post-Soviet States** 459-3 Russia and the Post-Soviet States. This course examines political developments in Russia and the other fourteen Soviet successor states that gained (or regained) independence following the demise of the Soviet Union in 1991. Particular attention is paid to the degree to which Soviet legacies of communist political institutions, state socialist economic policies and ethno-federalism continue to shape the politics and economics of these countries in the post-independence period. Fulfills the CoLA Writing-Across-the-Curriculum (WAC) requirement.

**POLS460 - European Politics** 460-3 European Politics. This course provides students an overview of European integration and a better understanding of the functioning of the European Union. The course opens with a survey of historical developments in both Eastern and Western Europe from 1914 to 1989. After this historical overview, the institutions and policies of the European Union are studied in detail.

**POLS461 - Asian Politics** 461-3 Asian Politics. What explains the economic transformation that has spread from India to China? Why has this so-called "economic miracle" bypassed other countries in the Asian continent? Why have democratic institutions been adopted in certain countries and not in others? This course provides a broad overview of the politics and economics of South and Southeast Asia since 1945.

**POLS467 - Middle East Politics** 467-3 Middle East Politics. This course is designed to examine the regional politics and security of the Middle East and North Africa in a historical and comparative context. This course discusses the historical evolution of the modern states in the region, the dynamics of inter-Arab and Arab-Israeli politics and security, the role of ethnicity and religion in domestic and regional politics, and great powers' penetration of the region.

**POLS475 - International Law** 475-3 International Law. Rules and practices governing states in their relations in peace and war. Prerequisite: POLS 270 recommended.

**POLS476 - Religion and Politics** 476-3 Religion and Politics. (Same as SOC 476) Examines the connection between religious beliefs and institutions and political beliefs and institutions. Comparative studies will focus on religious political movements in the United States and throughout the world.

**POLS477 - American Foreign Policy** 477-3 American Foreign Policy. This course surveys the conduct, goals and evolution of American foreign policy since World War II. It analyzes such issues as the role of institutions, culture and individuals in the formulation of American foreign policy, the interaction between domestic and foreign politics, and the debate over American grand strategy. Prerequisite: POLS 270 recommended.

**POLS480 - Seminar in Int'l Relations** 480-3 Seminar in International Relations. Discussion-based course analyzing empirical and normative (ethical) issues in the study of international relations. Particular emphasis is placed on developing students' critical thinking skills. Fulfills the CoLA Writing-Across-the-Curriculum (WAC) requirement. Prerequisite: POLS 270 recommended.
POLS494A - Honors Research 494A-1 to 3 Honors Research. Directed research for senior honors students. Political science honors students may register for these credits if they have met all the prerequisites described in the political science Handbook. A three-person faculty committee will administer an oral examination upon completion of senior thesis. Not for graduate credit.

POLS494B - Honors Research 494B-1 to 3 Honors Research. Available to students who have completed all prerequisites of the University Honors Program and receive approval of their project from a Political Science instructor. Not for graduate credit.

POLS500A - Political Methodology-Research 500A-3 Political Methodology. Seminars in empirical research methods (A) Research Design. Course covers quantitative and qualitative empirical studies of politics.

POLS500B - Political Methodology-Stats 500B-3 Political Methodology. Seminars in empirical research methods (B) Statistical Data Analysis in Political Science I. Provides a foundation in univariate and bivariate descriptive statistics; inferential statistics including hypothesis testing about population parameters, bivariate and multivariate relationships, measures of association, and correlation; and an introduction to linear regression. Lab fee: $50.

POLS500C - Political Methodology-Stats 500C-3 Political Methodology. Seminars in empirical research methods. (C) Statistical Data Analysis in Political Science II. Provides in-depth instruction in multiple regression including assumptions of linear model, diagnostics and corrections for violation; estimating models using categorical dependent variables, nonlinear relationships, interactions, and extensions to advanced techniques as time allows. Prerequisite: POLS 500B (or permission of instructor). Lab fee: $50.

POLS502 - Research Methods Topics 502-3 to 6 Topical Seminar in Research Methods. Advanced seminar in empirical research methods. Topics will vary by instructor. Lab fee: $50.

POLS503 - Research Methods for PA 503-3 Research Methods for Public Administrators. The course aims to familiarize students with analytical techniques and research methods used currently by public administrators. Provides an introduction to applied statistics and data analysis for problems of interest to public administrators. Restricted to enrollment in MPA graduate program or consent of the department. Lab fee: $50.

POLS513 - Topical Political Behavior 513-3 to 6 Topical Seminar in Political Behavior. Topic will vary with instructor. Student should see director of graduate studies for advanced syllabus.

POLS514 - Sem in Intergovernmental Rels 514-3 Seminar in Contemporary Intergovernmental Relations. An examination of relationships among national, state, and local governments in the American federal system, with emphasis on recent literature and contemporary issues. Prerequisite: POLS 340. Restricted to enrollment in MPA graduate program or consent of department.

POLS515 - Seminar in Urban Politics 515-3 Seminar in Urban Politics. Student should see director of graduate studies for advance syllabus.

POLS516 - Pro-Seminar Political Behavior 516-3 Pro-Seminar in Political Behavior. An overview of the study of political behavior in American and comparative politics.

POLS517 - Political Communication 517-3 Political Communication. Provides an introduction to the academic study of media and politics. The primary objective is to introduce graduate students to seminal theory and research and contemporary contributions in the study of media, politics, and political communication.

POLS519 - Survey Methodology 519-3 Survey Methodology for Political Science. Provides an overview of survey methodology. Students will learn how to administer surveys for use in political science and public administration. Topics include psychology of asking and answering questions; constructing questions and questionnaires; evaluating surveys; criteria for survey modes; sampling frames and sampling designs; and ethics for survey research methods.

POLS522 - NPOs and NGOs 522-3 Rethinking NPOs and NGOs: Doing Good Better. This course examines the question, can NPOs and NGOs do their good works better? In looking for the answer, students consider how perspective shapes reality, the need for a new framework for action, the conflict
between limited resources and seemingly unlimited need, importance of local focus, conflicts between donors' demand for short term results with a situation's requirement for a long term program, issues caused by public policy, roles of gender and ethnicity in solving problems and the role of simplicity. Students will do this in anticipation of becoming leaders/managers of NPOs or NGOs.

**POL530 - Pro-Seminar in Public Law** 530-3 Pro-Seminar in Public Law. A survey of the major literature in the field of public law at the graduate level.

**POL532 - Nonprofit/Public Grant Writing** 532-3 Nonprofit and Public Grant Writing. Examines the theories, skills and practices for writing grants for nonprofit and public organizations. Students practice these skills by actually preparing grants for a nonprofit or a public organization. Prerequisite: POLS 537 with a grade of B or better.

**POL533 - Seminar in Public Policy** 533-3 Seminar in Public Policy. This course examines the approaches to the study of public policy, including a discussion of public policy theory. The course will focus on the study of how policy is developed, applied, evaluated, and developed over time.

**POL534 - Governance Networks** 534-3 Governance Networks in Public Administration. Explores the shifting locus of public service delivery over time, and examines alternative organizational arrangements through which public services are provided to citizens. Emphasis is placed on the environment, structure and management of service delivery networks including combinations of public, private, and not-for-profit actors. Explores joint agreements, public-private partnerships, and contracting regimes as elements that bind network actors in the process of delivering high quality public services. Additional focus is invested in evaluating the leadership and management strategies that can ensure accountable and ethical public policy implementation by non-governmental organizations that act with the authority of government. The factors that facilitate network performance are also explored. Prerequisite: POLS 537.

**POL535 - Administrative Ethics** 535-3 Ethical Foundations of Public Service. Examines the ethical dimensions of public service, particularly as it relates to the cultural context of the United States, while emphasizing the responsibility of the public manager to act with integrity. Assesses the virtues necessary for moral leadership in the public sector, as well as managerial strategies that reinforce ethical climates in public organizations and ethical behavior among public employees. Focuses on contemporary cases to explore the practical relevance of theories of morality and ethics. Special attention will be invested in examining the ethical implications of contemporary modes of governance and tensions between managerial and democratic values. Prerequisite: POLS 537.

**POL536 - Comparative Public Law** 536-3 Seminar in Comparative Public Law. An examination of legal systems around the world.

**POL537 - Foundations of PA** 537-3 Foundations of Public Administration. Introduction to the study and practice of administrative process and public management. Theoretical, political, and practical issues of organizing, staffing, financing and implementing government decisions and other issues are surveyed.

**POL538 - Public Law Topics** 538-3 Topical Seminar in Public Law. Advanced seminar in public law. Topics will vary by instructor.

**POL539 - Program Evaluation** 539-3 Program Analysis and Evaluation. The analysis and evaluation of governmental programs. Emphasis is placed upon use of analytical techniques to determine program impact and the use of evaluation in governmental decision making. Prerequisite: POLS 503. Restricted to enrollment in MPA graduate program or consent of department. Lab fee: $50.

**POL540 - Seminar Public Management** 540-3 Seminar in Public Management. Course is designed for advanced MPA students and examines social, political, legal and managerial constraints on the behavior of public administrators. Issues in ethics and the public's expectations of professional administrators are also examined. Restricted to students who are in the MPA program who have completed at least three required MPA courses, or the consent of the department.

**POL541 - Sem Applied Probs Public Admin** 541-3 Seminar in Applied Problems of Public Administration. Study of selected problems in public administration and policy. Emphasis placed on the practitioner's perspective. Prerequisite: POLS 340 or equivalent. Restricted to enrollment in MPA graduate program or consent of department.
POLS542 - Public Budget & Fiscal Mgt 542-3 Public Budgeting and Fiscal Management. An examination of the theory and practice of budgeting in the public sector and of selected elements of fiscal management. The course focuses on administrative aspects of budgeting and is oriented toward preparation of students for careers in the public service. Students utilize primary materials in conducting individual or class projects aimed at development of budgetary skills. Prerequisite: POLS 340 or equivalent. Restricted to enrollment in MPA graduate program or consent of department. Lab fee: $50.

POLS543 - Human Resource Management 543-3 Human Resource Management. A study of the processes and procedures used in contemporary public personnel systems. Emphasis is placed on examination of competing models of personnel administration, application of personnel management strategies to specific case problems and public sector labor relations. Prerequisite: POLS 340 or equivalent. Restricted to enrollment in MPA graduate program or consent of department.

POLS544 - Policy Analysis 544-3 Policy Analysis. This course focuses on the development and analysis of public policy alternatives and how they are used in governmental decision making.

POLS545 - Organization Theory & Behavior 545-3 Organization Theory and Behavior. An examination of various approaches to describing and understanding public organizations and the individuals within them. Emphasis is placed on study of the important theoretical literature in the field and on the applications of the theory of practical management problems in governmental units and agencies. Prerequisite: POLS 340. Restricted to enrollment in MPA graduate program or consent of department.

POLS546 - Leadership Public Admin 546-3 Leadership in Public Administration. An examination of contemporary theories of leadership and their applicability on the public and non-profit sectors. The course emphasizes the range of behaviors and actions relevant to leadership in contemporary governmental organizations and the analysis of factors resulting in leadership success or failure. Restricted to enrollment in MPA graduate program or consent of the department.

POLS547 - Nonprofit Fundraising 547-3 Nonprofit Marketing and Fundraising. This course examines the unique resource development needs of nonprofit organizations and public organizations and looks at the principles and practical sides of meeting those through relationship management, marketing and fundraising. Time will be taken to look at all the aspects of a successful relationship, fundraising and marketing management plan. Students will be expected to participate in at least one fundraiser for a local nonprofit during the semester.

POLS549 - Admin Nonprofit Organizations 549-3 Administration of Nonprofit Organizations. Examines the characteristics of nonprofit organizations that distinguish them from the public and for-profit sectors. Explores social and economic functions of nonprofits and such administrative issues as fundraising, working with volunteers and governing boards, satisfying tax codes and service distribution. Prerequisite: POLS 340 or equivalent. Restricted to enrollment in MPA graduate program or consent of department.

POLS550 - Pro-Seminar in Public Admin 550-3 Pro-Seminar in Public Administration. A survey of the major literature in the field of public administration. The course will synthesize and integrate the literature and provide an overview of topics to be covered in greater detail in other seminars. Required of M.A. and Ph.D. students offering public administration as a graduate area before enrolling in more advanced subject-matter seminars.

POLS551 - Aviation Policy Law Reg 551-3 Aviation Policy, Law and Regulation. (Same as AVM 551) Examination of the history of American aviation policy, law and regulation. The course focuses primarily on the development, implementation and enforcement of aviation policies and regulations at the federal level. Special attention is paid to the interaction of various government agencies and constituency groups, such as the aircraft industry, airport authorities, airlines, private pilots and passengers. In addition to the historical survey, students will analyze current policy and regulatory trends and identify future problems and opportunities for American aviation policy. Restricted to enrollment in MPAA graduate program or consent of instructor.

POLS552 - Adv Airport Administration 552-3 Advanced Airport Administration. (Same as AVM 552) This course will address the role and function of the airport administrator, especially related to the tasks of developing, operating and maintaining various airport services to meet the needs of key airport users. This course will study key airport administration cases at primary, commercial service, reliever and
general aviation airports. Meeting key airport regulations concerning operations and security will be a focus of the course. Restricted to enrollment in MPAA graduate program or consent of instructor.

**POLS553 - Adv Airport Safety Admin** 553-3 Advanced Airport Safety Administration. (Same as AVM 553) The Aviation Safety Administrator's job function and responsibility for safety and accident prevention within an aviation organization is examined using the case study method. The relevant theory, concepts, procedures and techniques of resource allocation, organizational design, decision modeling, task assignment, delegation of authority and responsibility, establishment of organizational goals and priorities and risk management as they relate to Aviation Safety are included. The job functions of an Aircraft Accident Investigation Team and of an Aviation Safety Inspector will be studied. Aviation safety administration literature will be reviewed. Restricted to enrollment in MPAA graduate program or consent of instructor.

**POLS554 - Aviation Planning** 554-3 Aviation Planning. (Same as AVM 554) This course fulfills a need for a semester length course on aviation planning for students concentrating in aviation administration. Airports and the aviation industry are rapidly expanding, and aviation is growing in importance on the nation's transportation agenda. Broader issues of law and regulation will be covered in an existing course, POLS 551. Restricted to enrollment in MPAA graduate program or consent of instructor.

**POLS557 - Public Financial Admin** 557-3 Public Financial Administration. The seminar provides a basic understanding of the public budgeting decision-making processes and financial management practices. It provides students with knowledge and hands-on experience of collecting and analyzing governmental data, generating financial reports, and presenting findings. It also provides students with an understanding of revenue sources and different factors that could potentially influence collections. Moreover, it gives students the opportunity to acquire experience in revenue forecasting and budget decision-making through homework assignments and in-class exercises. Prerequisites: POLS 542 and POLS 503 with grades of B or better. Lab fee: $50.

**POLS559 - Museum Collection Mgt** 559-3 Museum Collection Management. Provides students with the knowledge required to professionally use and manage a museum's collection. Addresses policies and principles of collections management, law, loans and custody, and acquisitions. Prerequisite: AD 447 or consent of instructor.

**POLS560 - Pro-Sem in Comparative Politics** 560-3 Pro-Seminar in Comparative Politics. Survey of the major literature in comparative politics at the graduate level.

**POLS569 - Top Sem in Comparative Politics** 569-3 to 9 (3,3,3) Topical Seminar in Comparative Politics. Advanced seminar in comparative politics. Topics will vary by instructor.

**POLS570 - Pro Seminar Intl Relations** 570-3 Pro-Seminar in International Relations. Survey of the major literature in international relations at the graduate level.

**POLS576 - Religion and Politics** 576-3 Religion and Politics. Examines empirical studies of religion and politics, including research on behavior, institutions, and movements. Topics include theories of religion, case studies of religious traditions, church and state relations, measurement of religion, and other topics on the intersection of religion and politics.

**POLS580 - IR Topics** 580-3 to 9 (3,3,3) Topical Seminar in International Relations. Advanced seminar in empirical international relations. Topics will vary by instructor.

**POLS590 - Readings** 590-1 to 6 Readings. Supervised readings in selected subjects. Prerequisites: POLS 592A-D for specific field, or POLS 545 or POLS 500A.

**POLS591 - Individual Research** 591-1 to 9 Individual Research. Selection, investigation and writing of a research paper under the personal supervision of a member of the department graduate staff. Prerequisite: completion of the appropriate pro-seminar for the field in which readings or individual research is to be done.

POL592B - Founds Poli Sci-Comp Politics 592B-3 Foundations of Political Science-Comparative Politics. Supervised readings in "classics" of the discipline.

POL592C - Founds Poli Sci-Intl Relations 592C-3 Foundations of Political Science-International Relations. Supervised readings in "classics" of the discipline.


POL593 - Preprofessional Sem Pol Sci 593-1 Preprofessional Seminar in Political Science. Designed to give the student an introduction to the major professional roles in the discipline. The requirements of teaching, research, publication and service are covered with discussion of where each fits into the professional role requirements and examples of how each is accomplished. Required of all Ph.D. and M.A. students in political science and other teaching assistants in political science. Graded S/U only.

POL594 - Preprofessnl Sem Public Admin 594-1 Preprofessional Seminar in Public Administration. Guides new students in preparing for the Comprehensive Exam and Professional Portfolio displaying competencies developed through their course work. Assists students writing a Research Paper through the proposal and committee process. Preparation of resume, conducting job searches and other professional development topics are also addressed. Required of all MPA students. Graded S/U only. Restricted to enrollment in MPA graduate program or consent of department.

POL595 - Internship in Public Affairs 595-1 to 6 Internship in Public Affairs. Fieldwork in the office of a governmental or quasi-governmental agency. The internship is arranged by the field coordinator of the M.P.A. degree program and provides a stipend as negotiated by the coordinator and agency representative. A paper in which the student correlates academic knowledge with practical internship experience is required. Mid-career M.P.A. students may receive credit upon completion of a paper relating previous work experience to public administration literature and theory. Restricted to enrollment in MPA graduate program or consent of department. Graded S/U only.

POL596 - Research Paper-Public Affairs 596-3 Research Paper in Public Affairs. Upon successful completion of core courses, the student expands and develops a previously written MPA graduate program paper. The project involves an issue or problem in public administration and is written with the approval and under the supervision of the student's committee chair. Restricted to enrollment in MPA graduate program or consent of department.


POL599 - Thesis 599-1 to 6 Thesis. Maximum of six hours to be counted toward a degree. Special approval needed from the instructor.

POL600 - Dissertation 600-1 to 40 (1 to 12 per semester) Dissertation. Minimum of 24 hours to be earned for the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

POL601 - Continuing Enrollment 601-1 per semester Continuing Enrollment. For those graduate students who have not finished their degree programs and who are in the process of working on their dissertation, thesis, or research paper. The student must have completed a minimum of 24 hours of dissertation research, or the minimum thesis, or research hours before being eligible to register for this course. Concurrent enrollment in any other course is not permitted. Graded S/U or DEF only.

POL699 - Postdoctoral Research 699-1 Postdoctoral Research. Must be a Postdoctoral Fellow. Concurrent enrollment in any other course is not permitted.

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