

Political Science - CPS (POL)

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POL 1120. International Relations. (3 Hours)

Introduces students to the core ideologies and methodologies of the study of international relations. Examines critical topics in international relations, such as war and diplomacy, international cooperation, and the nature of the international system. Emphasizes the nature of the international sphere and key topics currently affecting politics among states.

Attribute(s): NUpath Societies/Institutions

POL 1200. Comparative Politics. (3 Hours)

Introduces students to the comparative study of political organization and behavior in a variety of political systems present in a range of countries around the world. Examines different structures of political systems, governing institutions, leadership, political participation, major issues in political change, and sources of instability.

Attribute(s): NUpath Societies/Institutions

POL 1300. American Government. (3 Hours)

Introduces students to the American system of government, how it functions, and its politics. Studies early American history and philosophy as the source of the American Declaration of Independence, the design of the U.S. Constitution, and major issues in the development of the American political system. Examines the roles of public opinion, political behavior and participation, political parties, and interest groups in shaping American politics and policy. Includes a detailed analysis of major governmental institutions, their structures, and their operation.

Attribute(s): NUpath Societies/Institutions

POL 1990. Elective. (1-4 Hours)

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

POL 2315. State and Local Government. (3 Hours)

Examines the political and administrative context of state and local government in the United States. Surveys the structure, function, and politics of states and city/town government within the context of the U.S. federal system and studies comparatively the diversity of political institutions and practices. Examines the nature of local politics and political participation from a practical and theoretical standpoint.

POL 2320. Political Parties and Interest Groups. (3 Hours)

Examines the organization and role of political parties and interests groups within the American political system. Analyzes the historical and current establishment of political parties and interest groups, how they operate from state to state, and assesses their overall contribution to and value in the American political system.

POL 2430. Survey of Political Thought. (3 Hours)

Examines the most important writers and philosophical arguments relevant to main currents in political science today. Includes texts from ancient Greece up to the modern era.

Attribute(s): NUpath Societies/Institutions

POL 2990. Elective. (1-4 Hours)

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

POL 3126. Global Governance. (3 Hours)

Introduces students to the concept of global governance. Summarizes the core architectural elements of global governance and examines the key issues related to international organization and regime formation. Analyzes global, regional, and issue-based international organizations and regimes.

Prerequisite(s): POL 1120 with a minimum grade of D-

POL 3135. International Conflict and Negotiation. (3 Hours)

Examines various manifestations of international conflict, including the nature of conflict; various degrees of conflict; and how conflicts evolve, are managed, and are resolved. Analyzes key concepts and practices in the conduct of diplomacy and negotiation.

Prerequisite(s): POL 1120 with a minimum grade of D-

POL 3140. International Security. (3 Hours)

Examines key issues in international security that are prevalent in the foreign policy agendas of states, international organizations, and nongovernment organizations. Discusses critical issues in security, including the role of armed violence, terrorism, organized crime, and nuclear proliferation. Considers emerging challenges in areas of disease, food security, and cybersecurity in light of traditional and nontraditional responses to international and domestic threats.

Prerequisite(s): POL 1120 with a minimum grade of D-

POL 3220. Democracy in Comparative Politics. (3 Hours)

Assesses the development of democracy in a variety of states and examines challenges facing states in the establishment and maintenance of democratic political systems. Examines the process of democratization and institutional differences in democratic political systems. Analyzes methodological options for evaluating democratic institutional performance and political development.

Prerequisite(s): POL 1200 with a minimum grade of D-

POL 3320. American Foreign Policy. (3 Hours)

Examines the formation and conduct of U.S. foreign and national security policy. Analyzes modern and historic cases in American foreign policy. Emphasizes the period following the end of the cold war.

Prerequisite(s): POL 1300 with a minimum grade of D-

POL 3330. Politics and Mass Media. (3 Hours)

Analyzes several facets of the mass media, including the role of newspapers, radio, television, and the Internet in public opinion formation. Examines their use and effectiveness in political campaigns, their impact on public policymaking, and the degree of objectivity and/or bias in reporting the news.

Prerequisite(s): POL 1300 with a minimum grade of D-

POL 3400. Political Science Research Methods. (3 Hours)

Explores the range of research methods and designs used in political science and examines the logic of social scientific inquiry. Offers students an opportunity to learn to apply various methodologies, including experimental research, comparative methods, case study analysis, and survey and interview research. Requires students to complete an intensive writing assignment as part of the course.

Prerequisite(s): (MTH 2300 with a minimum grade of D- or MTH 2310 with a minimum grade of D- or MTH 3300 with a minimum grade of D-); POL 2430 with a minimum grade of D-

Attribute(s): NUpath Writing Intensive

POL 3990. Elective. (1-4 Hours)

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

POL 4850. Political Science Capstone. (3 Hours)

Integrates and assesses the knowledge and skills developed by students participating in the political science curriculum. Students conduct extensive research in a new area of analysis, culminating in the completion of a significant final paper or project. Students produce an intensive and scholarly written assignment as part of the capstone.

Prerequisite(s): POL 3400 with a minimum grade of D-

Attribute(s): NUpath Capstone Experience, NUpath Writing Intensive

POL 4955. Project. (1-4 Hours)

Focuses on in-depth project in which a student conducts research or produces a product related to the student's major field. May be repeated without limit.

POL 4990. Elective. (1-4 Hours)

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

POL 4996. Experiential Education Directed Study. (1-4 Hours)

Draws upon the student's approved experiential activity and integrates it with study in the academic major.

Attribute(s): NUpath Integration Experience