POLS Political Science

POLS 1101 American Government
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Surveys government and politics, with additional attention to the government and the Constitution of Georgia. Topics include the constitutional structure of American government, the role of non-governmental institutions such as interest groups and mass media, the role of governmental institutions such as Congress and the Presidency, the operation of major political process such as elections and policy making, and the interaction between institutions and processes. Satisfies the Georgia Constitution and U.S. Constitution requirements.

POLS 1150 World Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Comparative political systems with emphasis on the variety of world polities. Differences in government structure, policy, and political traditions. Democratization, modernization, nationalism, the future of the nation state, the end of the Cold War, and the potential of developing nations.

POLS 1200 Ethics/Morals In Government
2-3 Credit Hours. 2-3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Ethics of citizenship, policy-making, and governance. Classical and modern theories of justice, with emphasis on collective goods and individual rights. Three credit option requires student research on distributive justice and public policy.

POLS 2100 Intro To Political Science
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Political ideologies and governmental systems that emphasize the development of the state and its functions including: constitutionalism, politics, and individual rights. Introduction to the science of politics through discipline specific writing skills and analytical analysis.

POLS 2101 Introduction to Political Science
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An introduction to the concepts that are considered in the systematic study of politics, such as justice, equality, regimes, and democracy. This course will examine the concepts and approaches by which political scientists explore politics theoretically and in applied settings. Required of all majors and minors in political science.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 1101.

POLS 2130 Introduction to Political Analysis
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course is part of a two-course foundation for Political Science majors. In Introduction to Political Science, students were introduced to the who, what, when, where, and why of Political Science. In this course, students will learn the how; in other words, how Political Scientists use the concepts, tools, and approaches available to them to understand the political world. Students will learn the tools of research design and both qualitative and quantitative techniques that are actively used in the discipline. Additionally, students will learn how the writing process unfolds from puzzle to final manuscript and presentation. The final goal of this course is to create an original, independent research design that can be completed in an upper-level Political Science course for presentation at a professional conference and/or publication in a professional journal. Required of all majors in political science. Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 2101.

POLS 2150 Careers In Pol Sci/Pub Admin
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Hour. 0 Lab Hours.
How to apply the political science and public administration disciplines to careers in public service. Emphasis on creating a plan for professional development, a personality profile, skills assessment, researching career clusters in public service, field interviews, developing a plan for a job search.
Prerequisite(s): PUBL 2601 or POLS 2100.

POLS 2200 Intro To American Government
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Fundamentals of American national government including Constitution, structure and powers, checks and balances, federalism, political parties and elections, citizen participation and media.

POLS 2250 International Organization
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Origin, principles, and functions of regional and global organizations transcending national boundaries. Organizational structures with emphasis on geopolitics creating structures, their functions, and dysfunctions.

POLS 2290 Foundations International Rela
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Relations between and among nation-states as posited in the context of diplomacy and international law. Theoretical frameworks for the analysis of selected historical and contemporary international problems and opportunities.

POLS 2390 Human Values/Public Problems
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Analysis of the normative aspects of public problems. Themes include technology, social justice, the ethics of communication, relationships between humanity and the environment, and the role of government in a multicultural society.

POLS 3101 Moot Court I
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Legal argumentation and decision making including writing briefs, research, and forensic skills.
Prerequisite(s): POLS 1101 or permission of the instructor.

POLS 3102 Moot Court II
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A continuation of Moot Court I, for those ready for a second semester of moot court study and competition.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "B" in POLS 3101.

POLS 3132 Asian Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
The course examines the diversities across and within South, Southeast, and East Asia. It analyzes the following key themes: nationalism, colonialism, regime change, economic development, civil society and social movements, political conflict, and ethnoreligious pluralism.
Cross Listing(s): INTS 3132.

POLS 3133 Latin American Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An examination of the major domestic and international factors in comparative Latin American political systems. Special attention and detail is given to the challenges of development and democratization.
Cross Listing(s): LAST 3133.

POLS 3134 Middle East Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines political change and economic development of the Middle East in the last century, focusing on colonialism, radical Islam, oil politics, Arab nationalism, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the U.S. role in the Middle East.
Cross Listing(s): INTS 3134.

POLS 3135 Legislative Behavior
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
The ability of elected bodies whether they are local, state, regional, or national to represent the preferences of their constituents is linked to the ability of elected officials, their staffs, and the executive agency administrators to manage change in an arena of inadequate information. This course will examine decision making, agenda setting, elections, and institutional arrangements with a particular concern for the mechanisms legislatures have for processing information. Students will become familiar with the three contemporary approaches to the study of legislatures: historical, behavioral, and formal.
POLS 3136 The Presidency
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An analysis of the political, constitutional, behavioral, symbolic and policy roles of the President. Attention is paid to the linkages between the Presidency and the other government and political institutions.

POLS 3137 Judicial Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
In this course, students analyze and evaluate judicial politics by examining the actors, institutions, processes, and procedures that contribute to the formulation, administration, and adjudication of the law.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 1101.

POLS 3138 Constitutional Law: Government Powers
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A study of the constitutional development of the national government through landmark Supreme Court decisions. Topics include: judicial power, separation of power, federalism, and interstate commerce.

POLS 3139 Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course focuses on the study of the Bill of Rights through landmark Supreme Court decisions. Topics include freedom of speech, press, and religion, the right to privacy, rights of the accused, search and seizure law, and equal protection of the law.

POLS 3150 The Supreme Court
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Structure and functions of the Supreme Court, its use of legal reasoning, and role as policy maker.
Prerequisite(s): POLS 1101.

POLS 3160 Amer Judicial Politics/Strat
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A focused study of the roles played by the federal courts and judges in the American legal system, including political jurisprudence, politics of judicial selection, judicial decision making and strategies, and judicial review in a democracy.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 2200.

POLS 3210 Internat Relations: East Asia
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Contemporary international politics in East Asia in terms of ongoing historical trends such as the decline of imperialism, rise of nationalism, and the superpower interactions during the Cold War and Post-Cold War eras. Further emphasis on the political economy of the Asian Pacific Rim States toward the 21st century.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 1150 or POLS 2100 or POLS 2200.

POLS 3230 Modern Political Thought
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
The course in modern political thought is concerned with the differentiation of politics as an activity distinct from, and independent of, religion. Political thinkers in the modern period are distinguished by their turn to scientific and other modern modes of rationality as foundations for the analysis of politics. Central concerns include delineating the rights of powers of the individual and establishing a secular basis for a just society.
Cross Listing(s): PHIL 3230.

POLS 3231 Environmental Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines important topics in United States environmental protection policy-making. It does so within the institutional context of American politics, including the congressional, presidential, administrative, judicial, intergovernmental, and constituency components of decisions relating to environmental protection. These decisions will be examined using the focus of the regionally important aspects of environmental quality such as water, air, and land resources.

POLS 3232 Philosophy of Law
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A study of major topics in the philosophy of law, all of which concern the relationship of law to morality and justice, including the nature of law in general; the importance of the rule of law and of limiting the rule of law; and some theory and practice of criminal law.
Cross Listing(s): PHIL 3232.

POLS 3233 Politics and The Media
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A comprehensive overview of the institutions and processes of the mass media in American politics. Emphasis is given to the history and role of the mass media in the United States and to the use of the media in covering news events as well as in political campaigns.

POLS 3234 Introduction to the European Union
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course will introduce students to the history, institutions, policies, and cultures of the European Union and its member states.
Cross Listing(s): EURO 3234, INTS 3234.

POLS 3235 Women and Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A study of the relationship of women to political life and to political theory-building. Focuses on political socialization, behavior, and institutional impact based on gender, using a comparative cross-national approach.

POLS 3236 International Relations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Introduces students to the basic concepts of international relations, including those of war and peace, power, foreign policy, international organization, markets, demography, ecology, and the impact of information technology. Students will be provided with the necessary concepts, theories, and methods used in the discipline including quantitative analysis in order to gain a better understanding of the nature and problems of international relations.
Prerequisite(s): POLS 1101 or POLS 2101.
Cross Listing(s): INTS 3236.

POLS 3237 African American Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A basic appreciation of the nature, processes, structures, and functions of African American politics in the domestic and international arena and how they differ from dominant assumptions, theories, approaches, and models of American politics. Focus is on how to seek and maintain empowerment.

POLS 3239 Human Rights in International Relations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course will explore the vulnerability of various political minorities to human rights abuses at the global level and provide an assessment of the roles of states, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations in human rights issues. Cross Listing(s): INTS 3239.

POLS 3250 International Organizations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Survey of formal international organizations, treaty organizations, regional organizations, trade and development organizations, and international non-governmental organizations with emphasis upon the role of these institutions in the maintenance of peace, trade, and security.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 1150 or POLS 2100.

POLS 3260 International Law
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
International agreements, cases, and customs on the legal relationships between nations. Emphasis on recognition, state succession, jurisdiction, extradition, nationality, treaties, diplomacy, and war.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 2100.

POLS 3290 Constitutional Law/For Policy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An exploration of the narrow intersection of American constitutional law and foreign policy, powers of the executive and legislative in foreign policy, and issues such as the war, treaty, and spending powers.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 2100.
POL 3300 Pol Phil: Ancient & Medieval
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Primary sources of Western political thought from Ancient Greece to the Renaissance. The political ideas of Plato, Aristotle, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Roman natural law and Stoicism, and the late medieval revival of civic republicanism.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 1200 or POLS 2100.

POL 3310 Modern Political Philosophy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Primary sources of Western thought from the sixteenth to nineteenth century. The political ideas of the Protestant Reformation, the social contract theories of Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau, utilitarianism, the impact of the French Revolution, nationalism, and socialism.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 1200.

POL 3320 American Political Thought
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Ideological traditions in American politics. Atlantic republicanism, Lockean liberalism, Jeffersonism, Jacksonian democracy, 19th and 20th century reform and radical movements, pragmatism, neoconservatism, and the influence of religion on American political thought.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 1200.

POL 3330 State and Local Government
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines the forms of organizations, the functions, and the operations of the 50 state governments. Special attention will be given to the growing problems in the urban areas such as the interplay of politics, pressure groups, and community power structures.

POL 3331 Introduction to Bureaucratic Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course examines the socio-political impacts of modern bureaucracies, how modern bureaucracy has emerged as a "fourth branch" of federal government (including historical development), and its ability to influence policy making with particular emphasis on implementation.

POL 3332 Political Parties and Elections
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A comprehensive overview of the institutions and processes that connect the public to government institutions. Course emphasis is given to the history and structure of the political parties in the United States and the electoral process and voting at and below the presidential level.

POL 3333 Southern Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines the changing political conditions and trends within the eleven states of the American South since WWII. Students will examine the events which led to the unique political environment one encounters in the South. The primary focus will be on the political environment, but also on social, cultural, and economic variables as they relate to the political system.

POL 3334 Film and Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Considers how the art of film has contributed to an understanding of major twentieth-century political events and thoughts. Topics include war, nationalism, authoritarianism, the Cold War, presidential politics and campaigning, populism and the ethos of democracy in classic and contemporary film.

POL 3335 Ethnicity and Nationalism
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course examines ethnicity and nationalism in comparative perspective. It discusses a wide variety of social and political phenomena including identity, language, violence, religion, class, gender and colonialism. Ethnic groups in almost every multiethnic country continue to compete with one another over issues of economic equity, political decentralization, power-sharing, language, educational policies and cultural rights. This course explores why and how power and passion of these groups are created by comparing ethnic conflicts across the globe and analyzes the following factors - language, religion, race, historical memories, values, territory, customs, symbols, myths and other cultural attributes.

POL 3336 Ancient Political Thought
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course examines political themes from the Ancient Greeks to the Renaissance.

POL 3338 Language and Law
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A critical examination of language as a problem-solving device and tool for understanding argument and legal contestation. Delineation of individual rights, institutional authority and legal jurisdiction with emphasis on language and legal power. Analysis of the sociology of language and law within the concepts of human rights and socio-political entitlements.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in ENGL 1102.

POL 3340 Pol & Ideol/Contemporary Euro
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Interaction between political institutions and ideas in contemporary Europe.

POL 3350 Classics Of Political Thought
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Selected texts in political theory, ancient, and modern.

POL 3420 Pol Of Underdev: Afr & Lat Am
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 2100.

POL 3421 Politics Of The Middle East
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A descriptive look at and comparison of the governments of the nationstates that comprise the area generally referred to as the Middle East.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 1150 or POLS 2100.

POL 3430 Governments Of Africa
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Political institutions and governments of Africa and the African Union; ethnic conflict and state disintegration; democratization and post-colonial political economy; post-Apartheid South Africa; public health and environmental issues of the continent.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 1150 or POLS 2100.

POL 3431 African Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines salient themes and background of contemporary African political systems. The emphasis will be on government and politics of modern Africa bearing on the emergence of post-colonial states and regional and global ramifications.
POLS 3433 Survey of Comparative Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course introduces students to the basic concepts of comparative politics, including those of democratization, regime transition, electoral politics, political parties, ethnic conflict, and economic development. Students will be provided with the necessary concepts, theories, and methods used in the discipline including quantitative and qualitative analysis in order to gain a better understanding of the nature and problems of comparative politics.

POLS 3438 Gender and the Law
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course focuses on legal issues related to gender, and considers judicial decisions that have helped shape policies related to issues such as reproductive rights, employment discrimination, family law, Title IX, and sexual harassment. Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 1101.

POLS 3440 Latin American Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examination of cultural traditions, economic institutions and problems, efforts to strengthen and deepen the recent transitions to democracy, and civil-military relations in post authorization Latin America. Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 1150 or POLS 2290.

POLS 3450 Polti Sociology Of Natlism
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Various theories of nationalism and their social, historical economic and cultural contexts. Cultural, ethnic, and national identity and conflict are the focus. Ethnic, religious, civic, economic and anti-colonial nationalism are examined in a global perspective. Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 2100.

POLS 3460 Governments Of East Asia
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Comparative examination of the contemporary political institutions, processes, and ideas of the People's Republic of China, Japan, and two Koreas. Emphasis on historical, social, cultural, and contemporary issues. Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 2100.

POLS 3470 Govt Of European Union
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Political systems of the European Union member countries; European federalism; EU political and security institutions and policy-making; integration and expansion of the union. Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 1150, or POLS 2100 or POLS EURO 2000.

POLS 3480 Governments Of Western Europe
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Comparison of the major Western European governments, emphasizing the forces impacting political stability in Parliamentary systems. Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 2100.

POLS 3490 Pol Trans Of Former Sov Union
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Political change in the former Soviet Union with emphasis on the new direction of the political, economic and social transformation of the regime. Comparison of the Tsarist autocracy, the Soviet Totalitarianism, and the contemporary Russian political system. Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 2100.

POLS 3500 Third World National Security
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examination of the role, behavior and perspective of Third World nations in the international system, including ethnic conflicts, war, and their search for stability within a chaotic world. Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 1150 or POLS 2100.

POLS 3520 Comparative Foreign Policy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examination of various theories of state type and foreign policy behavior and evaluation of such theories in foreign policy analysis. Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 1150 or POLS 2100.

POLS 3530 Global Environmental Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Introduction to the politics of environmental issues from local, national, and international perspectives including public perception, competing ideologies, the nature of the political process, the courts, the media, and political institutions.

POLS 3532 Political and Social Aspects of Law
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Law as a dynamic societal institution. Sources and functions of both civil and criminal law and operation of the legal process viewed from the perspectives of jurisprudence, political science, and sociology. Prerequisite(s): POLS 1101.

POLS 3551 Introduction to United Nations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
In this course, students will be introduced to the concepts of international organizations and the part that they play today in international politics. Specifically, we will examine the United Nations, its structure and function, its failures and successes, and what the future holds for this organization.

Cross Listing(s): INTS 3551.

POLS 3712 Community Development
1-2 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Covers the various meanings of and approaches to community development. Students will be required to work with nonprofit community development organizations outside of class for either 4 hours per week (one credit) or 10 hours per week (two credits) in addition to classroom meetings. Prerequisite(s): POLS 1101.

POLS 3980 Africa Amer & The Amer Pol Sys
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Overview of African American politics in the U.S. from reconstruction to the present, addressing African American political development from theory to application in local, state, and national political systems. Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 2100 or POLS 2200.

POLS 3990 Spec Topics Publ Admin/Pol Sci
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Topics and issues not available in other courses. Topics will be announced before each offering of the course. Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 1150 or POLS 2100 or POLS 2200.
Cross Listing(s): PUBL 3990.

POLS 4010 Politics Of Budgetary Process
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Procedures and strategies for national, state and local government budgets. Emphasis on politics, fiscal and monetary policy, revenue systems, audits, planning, and accounting systems. Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in PUBL 2601.

POLS 4030 Public Policy Development
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Decision making for public policy. Emphasis on decision making theories, politics of the policy making process, mobilization of political support, cost and benefits of public policies, and application of decision theory to selected public policy issues. Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in PUBL 2601.

POLS 4031 Selected Topics in Political Science
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Course allows various contemporary topics within Political Science to be examined.
POLS 4050 Principles Public Management  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Theory and cases on the management of public and not for profit agencies. Emphasis on total quality management, rational and incremental decision making, cost benefit analysis, politics and public policy of decision making, accountability measures, and political culture.  
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in PUBL 2601.  

POLS 4100 Indep Study In American Govt  
1-3 Credit Hours. 1-3 Lecture Hours. 1-3 Lab Hours.  
Advanced, or individualized topics on American government. Emphasis on individual research, reading, and scholarly writing.  
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 2100.  

POLS 4110 American Presidency  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Roles of the President as head of government and head of state. Emphasis on constitutional powers, separation of powers, checks and balances, political leadership styles, election politics and media, and the function of executive power in democratic societies.  
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 2100.  

POLS 4130 American Political Thought  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Examines political themes and thinkers from the Colonial to the Contemporary period.  

POLS 4131 Introduction to Public Affairs  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
A study of the policy process in the American political system focusing on the analysis, formulation, implementation, and evaluation of public policies. Specific policy areas such as welfare, information technology, education, health, and foreign policy are examined.  
Prerequisite(s): POLS 1101.  

POLS 4132 U.S. Foreign Policy  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Provides basic information and understanding of the key elements and actions involved in the formulation and execution of U.S. foreign policy. Special attention is given to the impact of U.S. foreign policy on the international system.  
Cross Listing(s): INTS 4132.  

POLS 4133 International Political Economy  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Examines the interplay between international politics and international economics or business or the process of international wealth acquisition and transfer. Emphasis will be on the dynamics that give rise to asymmetric distributions: who gets what, when and how among different players in the global economy.  

POLS 4134 International Law and Diplomacy  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Examines the body of literature, concepts, and historical perspectives of international law and diplomacy as related to the critical problems of the Post-Cold War era. Focuses on the legal, oral, and strategic dimensions of several past, present, and proposed means of conflict resolution.  

POLS 4135 International Organizations  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
A theoretical and analytical study of the organization, powers, and problems of global and regional international organizations.  
Cross Listing(s): INTS 4135.  

POLS 4136 Politics of the Global North  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
This course focuses on examination of the cultural, social, and political factors that contribute to the structure, function, and problems of contemporary nation-states in the Global North.  
Prerequisite(s): POLS 1101 or POLS 2101.  
Cross Listing(s): INTS 4136.  

POLS 4137 Politics of the Global South  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
A study of government and politics in the major developing countries of Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Historical, cultural, religious, and economic factors influencing the political systems of these countries are also studied. Cross Listing(s): INTS 4137.  

POLS 4138 International Terrorism  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Designed to explore the political, religious, economic, and social issues which pervade the global environment. Key issues to be addressed include different forms of terrorism, conflict resolution, and at the state level reunification issues. Emphasizes the critical, and perhaps, decisive and controlling impact which terrorist groups level on policy changes.  
Cross Listing(s): INTS 4138.  

POLS 4139 Contemporary Political Thought  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Theorists since the onset of the twentieth century have questioned the scientific foundations of modern political ideas and institutions. Issues to be discussed may include the nature and limits liberalism, the rise of mass politics, the benefits and dangers of modern technology, and the emergence of multiculturalism and feminism.  

POLS 4160 The American Congress  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Bicameral structure and function of the national legislature. Congress as policy-maker and institution of representative government. Role of political parties in Congress.  
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 2100.  

POLS 4180 Administrative Law  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
The framework of law governing federal administrative agencies. Emphasis on judicial responsibility, enforcement, discretion, summary actions, hearing, procedural safeguards, search and seizure, due process, and civil rights.  
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in EURO 2000 or POLS 210 or PUBL 2601.  

POLS 4190 Environmental Laws and Regulations  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
An introduction to hazardous waste regulations, solid waste management programs, the Clean Air Act, OSHA regulations, the Clean Water Act, environmental audits, remediation technology, and issues relating to the impact of environmental laws on society.  

POLS 4200 Ind Study International Relat  
1-3 Credit Hours. 1-3 Lecture Hours. 1-3 Lab Hours.  
Individual research and reading in international relations under the supervision of a member of the faculty. Primary focus on wide reading, conferences with the advisor, and written reports. Open to students with a 3.0 average in political science and at least a 2.5 GPA overall. Apply to the department by mid-semester preceding the semester independent study is contemplated. Open to transient students only with permission of the department head.  
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 1150 or POLS 2100 or POLS 2200 or POLS 2290.  

POLS 4210 Politics of Public Policy  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
This course provides students with the analytical tools to assess the role of politics in policy making. Approaches policy making process as a multi-level analysis of interrelated government institutions and facilitates student processing and evaluation of complex political information embedded in the theory and practice of public policy formation.
POLS 4220 Politics of Economic Inequality
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Explores the relationship between economic inequality and political voice, institutional governance, and public policy. It considers the causes of economic inequality, historical struggles in political development, and the socio-economic context of economic inequality all within a theoretical framework of equality and inequality.

POLS 4238 International Conflict
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines the causes of international conflict, including theories about alliances, power, bargaining, arms races, conventional and nuclear deterrence, and nuclear weapon proliferation.

POLS 4239 Politics and the Military
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course examines the major theories of civil-military relations and how these relations play out in modern politics. Topics covered include: civilian control of the military, military intervention in politics, the military in the developing world, and the experiences of minorities in the military.

POLS 4240 Asian Regional Security
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Applies international relations theory and conceptual frameworks to a broad discussion of regional policy with a focus on the changing role of China.

POLS 4250 Media & Politics In Latin Amer
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examination of the role of the media in the political process of Latin America, and the media portrayal of political events in Latin America.

POLS 4270 Intelligence & National Security Policy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An examination of the roles played by the president, the National Security Council, the Cabinet Departments of State, Defense, and Homeland Security, and the intelligence community in the national security/defense policy-making process.

POLS 4280 Theory Of International Relat
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Relations among nations with emphasis on political realism vs. idealism in international politics, causes of war, and conflict resolution methods. Covers some of the pertinent global issues of the post-Cold War Era; e.g., nuclear proliferation, multinational corporations, environmental and public health, and human rights protection issues.

POLS 4290 American Foreign Policy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Analysis of U.S. foreign policy and factors, both domestic and global, contributing to its formulation.

POLS 4300 Religion & Political Thought
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Religious traditions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam as sources of political ideas.

POLS 4330 Liberalism and the Modern State
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Historical and conceptual development in the theory and practice of liberal democracy from the 17th century to the present.

POLS 4340 Comparative Judicial Systems
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Comparative survey of judicial procedures in political systems of the Global North and the Global South.

POLS 4400 Indep Study Comparative Govt
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Individual research and reading in comparative government under the supervision of a member of the faculty. Primary focus on wide reading, conferences with the advisor and written reports. Open to students with a minimum of 90 semester hours, including 12 semester hours in political science at the 3000 level or above; must have a 3.0 average in political science or a 2.5 overall GPA. Apply to department by the mid-semester preceding the semester independent study is contemplated. Open to transient students only with permission of the Dean of Arts and Sciences at AASU and the student's home college.

POLS 4410 Asia and the United States
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
How the U.S. and Asian countries grapple with key issues facing the world today such as trade, security, and environment.

POLS 4438 Legal Reasoning and Writing
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course introduces rule-based reasoning in writing legal documents. Students read and analyze precedents and statutes, use them as a basis for their argument, and translate written arguments into oral arguments. The persuasive writing style is emphasized. Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 1101.

POLS 4440 Immigration Law and Policy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Analyzes the evolution of U.S. immigration law and policy, and current controversies in the field. Explores the intersection of immigration policy with fundamental principles of sovereignty, national security, equality and human rights.

POLS 4460 Politics of East Asia
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Primer on the history, nationalism, political institutions, maritime disputes and economic development of Southeast and East Asia. Offers a comprehensive and integrated introduction to the present problems and issues of the region.

POLS 4490 Russian Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Political change in the former Soviet Union with emphasis on the new direction of the political, economic, and social transformation of the regime. Comparison of tsarist autocracy, Soviet totalitarianism, and the contemporary Russian political system.

POLS 4491 How to Win a Political Campaign
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
The course will address fundamental elements of campaign operations from candidate suitability to voter mobilization as a practice. The goal of the course is simply to provide relevant real-world training for students to engage in meaningful political engagement in the electoral process.

POLS 4510 National Security of the Developing South
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examination of the role, behavior and perspective of Developing South states in the international system, including ethnic conflicts, war, and their search for stability within a chaotic world.

POLS 4520 Comparative Judicial Systems
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Comparative survey of judicial procedures in political systems of the Global North and the Global South.
POLS 4530 Marxism, Socialism, and Democracy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Readings in Marxist and other socialist texts as well as critiques of socialism. Examination of communist regimes, revolutions, and social democratic governments. Evaluation of significance for contemporary democratic theory and practice.

POLS 4534 Feminist Political Thought
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course examines how conceptions of gender have informed notions of political agency, community, and identity. This course foregrounds the role of gender relations in redefining the nature and significance of politics.

POLS 4550 Insurgency and Civil War
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An examination of the forms of organized movement aimed at the overthrow of a government through the use of violence. A survey of the measurements taken by a government to defeat insurgency and/or to resolve civil war.

POLS 4560 Comparative Foreign Policy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examination of various theories of state type and foreign policy behavior and evaluation of such theories in foreign policy analysis.

POLS 4570 Politics and Security in Southwest Asia
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An in-depth understanding of the political and security challenges confronting Southwest Asia (Pakistan, Afghanistan, India) and how those challenges affect global security.

POLS 4580 Violent Non-State Actors
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An examination of the different types of VNSAs and how they challenge the nation-state.

POLS 4581 Model United Nations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Prepares students for Georgia Southern’s participation in the National Model United Nations Conference in New York City in the spring of each year. Students learn the structure, function and organization of the United Nations as well as in-depth knowledge of the particular country that they will be representing in New York. Emphasis is placed on learning parliamentary procedure and diplomatic skills as part of the research conducted for becoming an advocate of the country being represented. Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of “C” in INTS 3551 or POLS 3551.

POLS 4582 Model United Nations II
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course is designed for students in the second year of their participation on Georgia Southern University’s National Model United Nations (NMUN) delegation. In addition to studying a different country and region of the world which requires students to learn the history, culture, and foreign policies of their assigned country, NMUN students also research and write on topics in different United Nations committees. Second-year delegates also take on added responsibility to plan, coordinate, and execute three Georgia Southern-sponsored Model United Nations conferences. Emphasis is placed on learning the intricacies and nuances of parliamentary procedure as it applies to both the Middle School and High School conferences conducted by Georgia Southern University. Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of “C” in INTS 3551 or POLS 3551.

POLS 4583 Theories Of Justice
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A consideration of the primary theories of justice formulated through history. Examines and evaluates the theoretical foundations of conceptions of justice from a variety of perspectives. Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100 or POLS 1101.

POLS 4620 Internship
1-3 Credit Hours. 5 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Field experience in government, public service, or applied politics. Only open to juniors or above. Cross Listing(s): PUBL 4620.

POLS 4630 Internship
1-3 Credit Hours. 5 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Field experience in government, public service, or applied politics. Graded on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U) basis. Cross Listing(s): PUBL 4630.

POLS 4640 Internship
1-3 Credit Hours. 5 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Field experience in government, public service, or applied politics. Graded on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U) basis. Cross Listing(s): PUBL 4640.

POLS 4650 Practicum
3 Credit Hours. 3-6 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Student will pursue a research topic along with his/her field experience in government, public service or applied politics. Research paper or portfolio is required. Open to students with junior or senior status.

POLS 4791 Field Internship in Political Science
3-12 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
The internship is designed to give students practical experience in a government-qualified agency and/or environment. Prerequisite(s): POLS 1101 and POLS 2101; departmental approval required.

POLS 4890 Independent Study in Political Science
1-12 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Provides opportunity to work one-on-one with an instructor to tailor a subject of interest to the student.

POLS 4950 Political Research Methods
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Methods and techniques of research in the social sciences especially oriented to the needs of the political science major. Emphasis on evaluating research. Open to juniors and seniors only. Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of “C” in MATH 1401.

POLS 5100 Politics & The Visual Arts
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Uses of media and representation to convey political meanings and images. Cross Listing(s): POLS 5100.

POLS 5130G Political Terrorism
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
International and domestic terrorism undertaken for political purposes in liberal states. Primary focus on State-sponsored international terrorism, American domestic revolutionary terrorism, and the dilemmas of counter-terrorism in a democracy.

POLS 5140G Asian Regional Security
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Applies international relations theory and conceptual frameworks to a broad discussion of regional policy with a focus on the changing role of China.

POLS 5210G International Law
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
International agreements, cases, and customs on the legal relationships between nations. Emphasis on recognition, state succession, jurisdiction, extradition, nationality, treaties, diplomacy and war.
POL 5220G Theory/International Relations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Relations among nations with an emphasis on political realism vs. idealism in international politics, causes of war, and conflict resolution methods. Covers some of the pertinent global issues of the post-cold war era e.g. nuclear proliferation, multinational corporations, environmental and public health, and human rights protection issues.

POL 5230G Const Law Of Foreign Policy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An exploration of the narrow intersection of American constitutional law and foreign policy, powers of the executive and legislative in foreign policy, and issues such as the war, treaty and spending powers.

POL 5250G International Organizations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Survey of formal international organizations, treaty organizations, trade and development organizations, and international non-governmental organizations with emphasis upon the role of these institutions in the maintenance of peace, trade and security.

POL 5270G Intel & Nat Security Policy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An examination of the roles played by the president, the national security council, the cabinet departments of state, defense, and homeland security, and the intelligence community in the national security/defense policy-making process.

POL 5280G Seminar In Global Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Relations among nations with emphasis on the structure of international power politics, causes on war, and approaches to peace. Focus on pertinent global issues of the post-Cold War era e.g. nuclear proliferation, multinational corporation, environment and health issues, and human rights issues.

POL 5290G American Foreign Policy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Analysis of United States foreign policy and factors, both domestic and global, contributing to its formulation.

POL 5300G Marxism, Socialism & Democracy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Readings in Marxist and other socialist texts as well as critiques of socialism. Examination of communist regimes, revolutions, and social democratic governments. Evaluation of significance for contemporary democratic theory and practice.

POL 5410G Asia And The United States
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
How the U.S. and Asian countries grapple with key issues facing the world today such as trade, security, and environment.

POL 5420G Politics Of The Middle East
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A descriptive look at and comparison of the governments of the 24 nation-states that comprise the area generally referred to as the Middle East.

POL 5430G Governments Of Africa
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Political institutions and governments of Africa and the African Union, ethnic conflict and state disintegration, democratization, and post-colonial political economy, post-apartheid South Africa, public health and environmental issues of the continent.

POL 5440G Latin American Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examination of cultural, social, and economic problems facing the region, the challenges to democratic consolidation, patterns of historical development, interest groups, political parties, and civil-military relations in post-authoritarian Latin America.

POL 5450G Polit Sociology Of Nationalism
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Various theories of nationalism and their social, historical, economic, and cultural contexts. Cultural, ethnic, and national identity and conflict are the focus. Ethnic, religious, civic, economic, and anti-colonial nationalism are examined in global perspective.

POL 5460G Politics Of East Asia
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Primer on the history, nationalism, political institutions, maritime disputes and economic development of Southeast and East Asia. Offers a comprehensive and integrated introduction to the present problems and issues of the region.

POL 5490G Russian Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Political change in the former Soviet Union with emphasis on the new direction of the political, economic, and social transformation of the regime. Comparison of tsarist autocracy, Soviet totalitarianism, and the contemporary Russian political system.

POL 5500G Law & Legal Process
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Law as a dynamic societal institution. Sources and functions of both civil and criminal law and operation of the legal process viewed from the perspective of jurisprudence, political science and sociology.

POL 5510G Third World National Security
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examination of the role, behavior and perspective of Third world nations in the international system, including ethnic conflicts, war, and their search for stability within a chaotic world.

POL 5520G Comparative Judicial Systems
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Law enforcement and judicial procedure in political systems such as Great Britain, France, Russia, and Japan.

POL 5530G Global Environmental Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Introduction to the politics of environmental issues from local, national, and international perspectives including public perception, competing ideologies, the nature of the political process, the courts, the media.

POL 5533 Twentieth Century Ideologies
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Ideological currents of our times. Selected in-depth readings from original source.

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Cross Listing(s): POLS 5533.

POL 5550G Insurgency & Counterinsurgency
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An examination of the forms of organized movement aimed at the overthrow of a government through the use of violence and the measurements taken by a government to defeat insurgency.

POL 5560G Comparative Foreign Policy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examination of various theories of state type and foreign policy behavior and evaluation of such theories in foreign policy analysis.

POL 5570G Politics & Security In Sw Asia
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An in-depth understanding of the political and security challenges confronting Southwest Asia (Pakistan, Afghanistan, India) and how those challenges affect global security.
POLS 5580G Violent Non-State Actors-VNSAs
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An examination of the different types of VNSAs and how they challenge the nation-state.

POLS 5630 Seminar in American Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A systematic focus on major themes and issues in American public policy and their roots in American politics.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 2101 and POLS 2130.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 5630G.

POLS 5630G Seminar in American Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A systematic focus on major themes and issues in American public policy and their roots in American politics. Graduate students will complete additional course assignments and assessment instruments to meet graduate standards, as determined by the instructor.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 2101 and POLS 2130.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 5630G.

POLS 5631 Seminar in Political Theory
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A seminar focusing on selected theoretical topics. Emphasis will be placed on normative theory and the history of political thought.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 2101 and POLS 2130.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 5631G.

POLS 5631G Seminar in Political Theory
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A seminar focusing on selected theoretical topics. Emphasis will be placed on normative theory and the history of political thought. Graduate students will complete additional course assignments and assessment instruments to meet graduate standards, as determined by instructor. Cross Listing(s): POLS 5631.

POLS 5632G Seminar in Urban Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Focuses on the political development of urban areas in the United States from colonial to modern times, including the growth of cities, urban political machines, post-war suburbanization, the structure of urban governments, and the challenges of urban development today. Graduate students will be given an extra assignment determined by the instructor that undergraduates will not be required to do. Cross Listing(s): POLS 5632.

POLS 5633 Seminar in International Relations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Designed to familiarize students with the theories which guide the conduct and analysis of international relations. These theories are examined in both their classical and contemporary context and used to evaluate and assess international relations' phenomena.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 2101 an POLS 2130.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 5633G, INTS 5633, INTS 5633G.

POLS 5633G Seminar in International Relations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Designed to familiarize students with the theories which guide the conduct and analysis of international relations. These theories are examined in both their classical and contemporary context and used to evaluate and assess international relations' phenomena, such as international conflict, international trade and finance, and international human rights. Graduate students will complete additional course assignments and assessment instruments to meet graduate standards, as determined by the instructor. Cross Listing(s): POLS 5633, INTS 5633, INTS 5633G.

POLS 5634 Seminar in Comparative Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Provides an overview of the comparative method and theory building in comparative politics focusing on the macro-structural, rational choice, cultural and statist approaches. Furthermore, it analyzes various themes within Comparative Politics: political culture, regimes and regime transitions, elections and party systems, ethnicity and nationalism, political mobilization, revolution, civil wars and insurgencies. The topical focus is substantiated with relevant case studies, case comparisons and cross-case analysis to explore the diversity of the field and political processes across the world.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 2101 and POLS 2130.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 5634G, INTS 5634, INTS 5634G.

POLS 5635 Seminar in International Organizations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An analytical study of the organization, powers, and problems of global and regional international organizations.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 2101 and POLS 2130.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 5635G, INTS 5635, INTS 5635G.

POLS 5635G Seminar in International Organizations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An analytical study of the organization, powers, and problems of global and regional international organizations. Graduate students will complete additional course assignments and assessment instruments to meet graduate standards, as determined by the course instructor. Cross Listing(s): POLS 5635, INTS 5635, INTS 5635G.

POLS 5700G Perspectives in Feminist Theor
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An in-depth look at Feminist Theory. This course may be taught from the perspective of a particular discipline.
Cross Listing(s): GWST 5700U/G.

POLS 5830 Political Science Honors Thesis
3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A substantial research project in Political Science structured jointly by a University Honors Program student and a Political Science Department faculty member, approved by the University Honors Program Director.

POLS 6638 Proseminar in Social Science
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Introduces students to the foundations and controversies in social scientific research.
Cross Listing(s): ANTH 6638, SOCI 6638.

POLS 7030 Selected Topics in Political Science
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An opportunity for instructors to teach special topics within the discipline.

POLS 7130 Ethics in Government
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Focuses on experiences, approaches, and strategies for confronting and solving problems, accountability and responsibility of public officials for appropriate behavior, and ethical decision-making.
POLS 7131 Constitutional Law
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines the political and social context in which Constitutional Law is made and interpreted, the legal reasoning that undergirds Constitutional lawmaking, and the impact on public administration in the U.S.

POLS 7132 Administrative Law
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Development, present status, and trends in American Administrative Law. Explores administrative actions by focusing on the legal authority and responsibilities of private parties relative to such agencies.

POLS 7133 Public Law & Administration
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines the legal framework in which public managers must operate in the 21st century. Particular attention is given to understanding the implication of constitutional law on administrative behavior and decisions and on administrative laws designed to ensure due process and equal treatment for all citizens. The interrelationship of law and ethics for public managers is also examined.

POLS 7210 Topics In Modern East Asia
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Selected topics in nineteenth and twentieth century international, political, economic, social, intellectual, or contemporary developments in East Asia. Topics and instructors vary.

POLS 7231 U.S. Foreign Policy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Designed to familiarize students with the principles underlying and the process undertaken in the formulation and execution of United States foreign policy. Special attention is given to the role of the United States in the post-World War II period.

POLS 7232 Comparative Foreign Policy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An in-depth comparative study of the foreign policy of the United States, the European Union, Russia, the People's Republic of China, Japan, and other significant actors in global politics, emphasizing comparative methodology and theoretical framework.

POLS 7234 International Political Economy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines the politics of international economic relations. Systemic and domestic explanations of international economic policy will be applied in various issue areas such as international wealth acquisition and transfer, strategies and the politics of development, trade, investment, exchange rates, debt, aid, and relief assistance. The dynamics that give rise to asymmetric wealth distributions and hegemonic transmutations will be given emphasis.

POLS 7330 Intergovernmental Relations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines the interaction between the federal, state, and local levels of government in the United States. Special attention is given to the constitutional and fiscal relationships between these levels of government and the historical evolution of the nature of the relationships.

POLS 7332 State Government
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A systematic study of the growing role of the states in the development and administration of domestic social policy in the United States. Special attention is given to the capacity building in state government and the devolution of power to the states. Specific policy areas in state government including education, crime control, and economic development are examined in-depth.

POLS 7337 Environmental Politics and Policy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An overview of environmental and natural resource management in the United States. Particular attention will be paid to issues of regional importance, including water quality and availability, regulation and monitoring compliance, sustainable growth, and management within overlapping jurisdictions.

POLS 7434 Quantitative Research Design
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Study of the role of theory, research design, sampling, measurement and instrumentation, data collection, and ethical issues related to social scientific research.

POLS 7436 Qualitative Research Design
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Analysis and practice of qualitative methodology in social science. Topics may include participant observation, ethnographic methods, interviews, case studies, content analysis, archival research and other innovative techniques.

POLS 7437 Statistics for Social Science
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Study of the techniques and statistics necessary to design and interpret quantitative social scientific research.

POLS 7532 Public Policy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A systematic study of how public policy is developed, implemented, and evaluated. Attention is given to the skills of policy analysis, as well as, the social problems and cultural interpretations that lead to public policy.

POLS 7533 Qualitative Research Methods
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Explores the techniques useful in political science research involving case studies, ethnographic data, content analysis, elite surveys, and problems encountered when crossing disciplinary boundaries. Issues of research design, execution, the role of theory, sampling, measurement, instrumentation, data collection, and ethical quandaries will be addressed in the course.

POLS 7530 Seminar in American Government
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A graduate introduction to the basic structures, processes, and patterns of behavior of American national government, emphasizing the interfacing of politics, economics, and public policy.

POLS 7631 Seminar in Empirical Political Theory
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A survey of the prominent theoretical approaches used in empirical political inquiry. The philosophies of the social sciences and the construction of political explanation provide the foundation for embarking on original research necessary for the thesis stages of the program.

POLS 7632 Seminar in Comparative Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A systematic review of the empirical and theoretical literature concerning the structure, function, and problems of contemporary governments in developed and developing countries.

POLS 7633 Seminar in International Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Provides graduate students with in-depth coverage of particular themes in international relations. Topics may include issues pertaining to international politics and theory, including international political economy, security studies, foreign policy decision making, international law and organization, international environmental issues, and a wide variety of regional issues.
POLS 7636 Seminar in International Law and Diplomacy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines the body of literature, concepts, and historical perspectives of international law and diplomacy as related to the critical problems of the Post-Cold War era. The focus of the course will be on the legal, moral, and strategic dimensions of several past, present, and proposed means of conflict resolution.

POLS 7638 Social Theory
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course examines the role of theory in the scientific endeavor and explores a number of theoretical perspectives, including structural-functionalist, conflict, feminist, exchange, rational choice, symbolic interaction, and the current debates over modernity and postmodernity.

POLS 7860 Internship in Political Science
6 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
The internship allows students pursuing their M.A. degree to work in a professional setting relating to their chosen concentration in Political Science. Students will be required to complete a final paper detailing the experience of their internship, and defend their paper and experiences before a faculty committee.

POLS 7890 Directed Reading
1-3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A structured, individualized research focus to be mutually designed by instructor and student.

POLS 7999 Thesis
1-6 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A major research project structured jointly by the student and instructor.