

POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Dept. Code: POL

Introduction

A political science major prepares students for work in a number of fields including law, politics, public policy, public administration, and international affairs, as well as employment in business and the non-profit sector.

Educational Objectives

Political science majors gain an understanding of American political and legal life, the workings of other countries' political and economic systems, the relations among countries in the international arena, and key concepts in both political philosophy and social science methodology.

Advanced Writing & Communication Requirements

Details of the Advanced Writing and Communication Proficiency.

Degree candidates must complete at least four writing courses, and at least one writing course must be in one of the student's major disciplines (not applicable to BLA students who do not select a major). Students should consult the bulletin section of their major to find out which writing-intensive courses are acceptable to the discipline.

Individual writing course offerings may make the writing component independent of the rest of the course. As such the writing component might be optional, the writing component might not contribute to the overall grade, and writing credit might be awarded even if the overall grade is a fail.

Transfer students may use a maximum of two courses towards the writing requirement.

Degree Programs

- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
- Five year program: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Masters of Public Administration (A special curriculum for students specializing in public administration enables them to complete the requirements for both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in five years.)

Departmental Honors

To earn Departmental Honors a political science major must:

1. Graduate with an overall GPA of 3.500.
2. Graduate with a political science GPA of at least 3.700. All political science course grades on a student's transcript are counted in the calculation of the major GPA. This includes all grades from courses that were completed more than once (e.g. to obtain a high enough grade to count towards the major).

POL 201. Introduction to American National Government. 3 Credit Hours.

Examination of the principles, structures, and processes of the national government of the United States. Frequent comparisons made with others countries.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

POL 202. Introduction to Comparative Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

This course introduces students to study of comparative and international politics by examining how conflicts over these issues have played out in several different countries around the world.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

POL 203. Introduction to International Relations. 3 Credit Hours.

Introduction to the theory and practice of international relations. Areas covered include: diplomacy, conflict resolution, international institutions and law; great power politics, international political economy, environmental politics, political integration, the evolving state system, and new global challenges.

Requisite: If took INS 101, cannot take POL 203.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

POL 214. Criminal Justice and Social Change. 3 Credit Hours.

The social impact of crime as a form of domestic terrorism, the police and courts as a deterrent, and incarceration as an attempt to prevent and punish violent social behavior. This course is only open to high school students participating in the Summer Scholars Program.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 250. Scope and Methods of Political Science. 3 Credit Hours.

The basic skills needed in political science to critically read academic journal articles and books. The application of scientific methods to the study of public life, focusing on research design and introducing students to the various methodologies used by researchers to draw descriptive and causal inference about the political world. Some methods introduced include ethnography, experimentation, the case study, and survey research.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 301. The Science and Practice of Political Research. 3 Credit Hours.

Exposes students to the way in which scientific knowledge of political phenomena is currently created and evaluated.

Prerequisite: POL 201 or POL 202 or POL 203.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 302. Political Fiction and Film. 3 Credit Hours.

Politics as presented in films and in relevant texts such as novels and biographies.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 303. Refugees and Migrants. 3 Credit Hours.

The increase in movement of people across borders that have occurred around the world over the past decades, the challenges posed by global migration, and the political responses of national communities to this phenomenon.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 305. Introduction to Political Theory. 3 Credit Hours.

Politics is organized behavior shaped by power. This brief, stripped-down, and pragmatic definition is what we will use in gaining access to the political philosophers we will study in this course. Students will have a greater understanding of arguments and texts in political philosophy.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 306. Positive Political Theory. 3 Credit Hours.

Introduction to positive political theory as a study of politics using quantitative methods such as game theory, laboratory experiments, and computer simulation. The political agents involved in a given interaction are modeled as rational players guided by self-interest whose behavior can be formally explained or predicted.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 307. Political Ideologies. 3 Credit Hours.

Covers modern and contemporary political ideologies, such as Liberalism, Conservatism, and Marxism.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 309. American Political Thought. 3 Credit Hours.

This class traces the evolution of democratic thinking in America. Topics include the meaning of representation, citizenship, equality and liberty.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 310. God, Science, and Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

A study of morality and religion that addresses the competing influences of material and spiritual discourses on political regimes and practices. The talking points for the course include the various proofs and refutations offered throughout history of God's existence, the differences and similarities of scientific and religious approaches to experience, and the ways in which moral and religious principles enlighten politics as they fold into the vocabularies of natural law and right, and contaminate the political with religious violence in the name of God.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 311. Conspiracy Theories and the Public. 3 Credit Hours.

Why do people believe in conspiracy theories? This inter-disciplinary course examines a variety of explanations for conspiratorial beliefs.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

POL 312. Politics, Society and Popular Culture. 3 Credit Hours.

Analysis of the relationship between narratives, aesthetics, (beauty) and the political/social world. Students will: understand how humans interpret the political, social, and physical world through narrative; come to see how most/all political controversies involve competing narratives, and how false narratives are deployed to manipulate the public; realize that through popular culture, television, movies important analytical arguments are made, which impart substantial insight into social, political, and physical phenomena; see how philosophy is intelligently conveyed through popular culture including approaches to political legitimacy, justice, and how political stability is maintained.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 313. The Constitution. 3 Credit Hours.

This course examines the US Constitution from a political and historical prospective. This is a writing intensive course.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

POL 314. Legislative Processes. 3 Credit Hours.

Examination and analysis of the United States Congress. Emphasis on internal structure and operations, congressional roles and procedures, party leadership, external influences on congress, and incentives for congressional behavior.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 315. American Presidency. 3 Credit Hours.

Historic development of presidential power; sources of the powers of the modern presidency, institutional decision-making; how and to what degree presidential power should be controlled.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 316. Politics of Globalism. 3 Credit Hours.

Global politics, including the political and normative values that shape global politics: nationalism, internationalism, neoliberalism, empire, socialism. The format will include a focus on energy, as energy is arguably the basis of the global polity.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 317. Race and Ethnic Politics in the U.S.. 3 Credit Hours.

This course explores race, ethnicity, and politics in the United States. In particular, the course aims to demonstrate that no comprehensive account of American politics can sidestep the centrality of racial and ethnic identity. While the course takes a critical perspective, it is also meant to be an empowering civic learning experience for all those who enroll. You will not be an expert on race, ethnicity, and politics at the end of this course. However, the course will provide you with some basic knowledge, tools, dispositions to reflect upon the ways in which racism and racial inequity have and continue to shape American politics.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

POL 318. Economics for Politics and Public Administration. 3 Credit Hours.

Principles of microeconomics to students for use when analyzing public policy for effective public administrator and planning. Considers basic concepts of microeconomic principles including market failure, public goods, supply and demand, pricing, and externalities. These concepts will be presented using practical examples involving the public sector, and students will practice application through problem solving.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 319. Politics of the Administrative Process. 3 Credit Hours.

The principles, structure, functions and processes of federal administrative agencies of the United States government. Particular emphasis will be placed on the legal, ethical, and political ramifications of agency actions in a political environment as well as interactions between the bureaucracy, other branches of the federal government, state and local governments, and interest groups. Special attention will also be given to bureaucratic power, democratic control, and accountability.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

POL 320. Politics of Growth Management. 3 Credit Hours.

The purposes and techniques of managing growth in our urban areas. Conducted as a seminar with lectures by the instructor augmented by class discussion.

Prerequisite: POL 201.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 321. Introduction to Public Policy. 3 Credit Hours.

The purpose of this course is to instruct students in the problems and processes in the implementation of public policy at an introductory level.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 322. Environmental Politics and Policy. 3 Credit Hours.

Examines the federal government's policies toward the National Forests and public grasslands; water supply policies and politics of the Everglade and Far West; global warming; U.S. air and water pollution policies and politics as well as those related to waste management; U.S. energy policies; and trade and the environment.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 323. Global Warming, Politics and the European Union. 6 Credit Hours.

The European Union (EU), and especially France to ecologically modernize their advanced economies. The course will treat the EU effort to fashion an international agreement on climate change. This class is conducted in Paris, France.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Summer.

POL 324. Crime and Punishment: Implicit Bias in the Justice System. 3 Credit Hours.

This course will focus on the relationship between the rational (and sometimes irrational) connection between criminal conduct and the punishment imposed. We will delve into questions such as: Why are young men of color so overrepresented on death row? Why do sentences for the same crime vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and even from judge to judge? Students will consider racial, gender, age, and other biases inherent in the judicial process and explore sentencing alternatives. Students will be invited to attend sentencing hearings and discuss specific sentencing rationales with the presiding judge. From time to time, guest lecturers including judges, legal professionals, victims and offenders may come to lead class discussions.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

POL 325. Hot Topics in the Criminal Justice System. 3 Credit Hours.

This course will focus on the most controversial legal topics currently being debated: implicit bias, racial and gender justice, children and the law, mass incarceration, the death penalty and privilege. This class is designed to deepen your understanding of the criminal justice system through reading and discussion.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

POL 326. Native American Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

Native American tribes are an important part of the contemporary American political system. This is true at the national, state, and local level. Taking a historical perspective, interactions between tribes and settler governments also shaped many of the governing institutions in the United States. This class explores the power of Native tribes and the changing relationship with federal and state governments. Issues and concepts covered include colonization, economic development, resource and environment, tribal sovereignty, assimilation, stereotypes, and American political development.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 332. Mass Media and Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

Role of media in American politics. Historical development of the media from newspapers, through radio, to television and new media such as the internet. Changing norms of news media reportage. The growth of political advertising both during and between elections; the effects of these developments on American government and on the public.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

POL 334. Campaigns. 3 Credit Hours.

Students learn about political campaigns by becoming involved in an active campaign and studying the academic literature about elections and campaigns. Topics are media, campaign organization, voters, issues, political parties, elections, and the five elements of every campaign.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 335. Democracy in Action: Local Government Simulation. 3 Credit Hours.

Examination of city and county governments and politics. Focuses on structures, leadership, taxing and spending, the influence of state and federal governments, and "hot-button" issues of importance to South Florida communities.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 337. International Law and Organizations. 3 Credit Hours.

This course focuses on the interaction of states through various legal regimes. We will consider the role of international law and organizations in politics, and the political implications of both criminal and civil international law from the perspective of the state, the individual, and non-governmental actors. Readings, lectures, class discussions, and examinations will familiarize the students with the parameters and limitations as well as the policy and practice of international law.

Prerequisite: POL 203 or INS 101.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 340. Civil Wars. 3 Credit Hours.

Theories and empirical findings on the causes of civil wars, their termination and conduct. Questions addressed in the course include: Why do civil wars occur? Are economic or political causes more important? How do civil wars end? Are ethnic civil wars different from wars fought for political ideology or material gains? What role do natural resources play in civil wars? Why are civilians especially likely to be victimized in some civil wars but not in others? Why do warring parties resort to terrorism? How do civil wars end? What factors are more conducive to long-lasting peace?

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 341. Nationalism, Ethnicity, and Political Conflict. 3 Credit Hours.

Examines theories of ethnic and national conflict focusing on contemporary issues throughout the world.

Prerequisite: POL 203 or INS 101.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 342. State Government and Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

State constitutions, political parties, legislatures, executives court systems, administrative systems and services, financial problems, city and county governments, local-state, federal-state and interstate relations. Special emphasis on governments in Florida.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 343. Government in Metropolitan Areas. 3 Credit Hours.

This course will introduce the student to the organization and functions of counties and municipalities in the United States. On occasion guest speakers will be featured. We will examine Miami-Dade County as a concrete example of the course content.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

POL 344. Gender and Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

Compares the roles played by men and women in political systems worldwide; examines public policy outcomes with significant gender-based effects, including policies on sexuality & reproductive health, gender-based violence, work & the family, and access to education.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

POL 345. The United States and Asia. 3 Credit Hours.

Political, economic, and security aspects of America's relations with the Asian-Pacific area. Trade and alliance relationships. Actions and interactions of Asian states, their alignments with each other; the impact of these alignments on their relationships with the United States and in the global balance of power.

Prerequisite: POL 203 or INS 101.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 346. U.S.-Latin American Relations. 3 Credit Hours.

Systematic survey of U.S.-Latin American relations highlighting contending paradigms in the study of hemispheric relations. Examines issues in East-West and North-South relations and political economy of Brazil, Mexico, and Argentina. Considers alternative U.S. foreign policies.

Prerequisite: POL 202 or POL 203 or INS 101.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 347. American Foreign Policy. 3 Credit Hours.

This course investigates how American primacy came to be, what its consequences are, and what will drive American foreign policy in the future.

Students use social science to evaluate claims and understand the world, improve their ability to advance and defend arguments, and develop a broad base of knowledge about American foreign policy history and issues.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 348. United States Relations with the Middle East. 3 Credit Hours.

Evolution of American relations with the Middle East. Analysis of the motivations and calculations, including domestic and external sources of policy-making and implementation. Emphasis on post-World War II period, with particular attention to the current administration.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 349. U.S. Defense Policy. 3 Credit Hours.

Examination of key problems of national security in the post-Cold War environment. Emphasis on the structure and functioning of the U.S. defense establishment and its interactions with its most probable adversaries and allies. Consideration of the constraints on, and options open to, policy planners, and with the institutional elements of the decision making process.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

POL 350. International Cooperation. 3 Credit Hours.

Familiarizes students with the causes and consequences of cooperation in international relations in the realms of both economic and security policy. Exploration of the questions of how and to what extent states are able to pursue common goals.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

POL 351. Public Opinion. 3 Credit Hours.

This course is an overview of public opinion in the United States in four parts: (1) what it is; (2) where it comes from; (3) how it influences our behavior; (4) the consequences of it for democratic governance. We will rely on classic and cutting-edge research as our guide to these topics.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 352. Political Parties. 3 Credit Hours.

Analysis of political organizations and electoral processes in the United States: their history, current status, and present trends. Consideration of the organization, control, and finances of political parties and pressure groups, their characteristic practices, and their relationship to political democracy.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 353. Interest Groups and Lobbying. 3 Credit Hours.

Analysis of lobbying and political interest groups in the United States; history, current status, and present trends. The organizations, control, and finances of pressure groups, their characteristic practices, and their relationship to democracy. Also, lobbying by citizens and groups more broadly, including the role of campaign contributions.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 354. The CIA and the World of Intelligence. 3 Credit Hours.

What the CIA does, how it does it, and the ways in which the CIA works with other intelligence agencies. Topics explored include: notable intelligence successes and failures, key intelligence issues, and ethical debates about intelligence activities including covert action.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 355. Theories and Debates in International Relations. 3 Credit Hours.

This course explores how and why states and non-state actors use violent and non-violent strategies in international politics. While not all topics in international security can be covered thoroughly in one semester, this course will give a sampling of many of the topics, including military doctrines and strategies, diplomatic policies, social forces, civil wars, and roles of individuals. Though historical and current events will be used as examples to illustrate how various theories work, students should keep in mind that this is not a course on current events.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 359. International Organizations. 3 Credit Hours.

International organizations which, in addition to contributing to the solution of international problems, also help to provide rules and structures to manage state-to-state relationships.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Summer.

POL 361. Ending Wars and Building Peace. 3 Credit Hours.

How local and international actors build sustainable peace strategically through peacekeeping, peace accords, reconciliation, education, human rights, international law, and state-building.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 362. Social Movements. 3 Credit Hours.

Addresses questions central to social movement activists and researchers. Draws on examples from across the Americas and on current social movement research.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 367. The Historical Roots of American Imperialism. 3 Credit Hours.

Examines the assertive and exploitative aspects of U.S. foreign policy.

Prerequisite: POL 203 or INS 101.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 370. Global Energy Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

Energy use throughout history has shaped humanity's politics and economics; the politics of the depletion of fossil fuels; global warming; "green" alternative energies: solar; wind; waves; civilian nuclear power.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

POL 372. Introduction to Criminal Justice. 3 Credit Hours.

Selected topics in criminal law with an emphasis on constitutional criminal procedure and post-9/11 developments in federal criminal law: constitutional principles covering investigation and arrest, racial profiling, warrant-less searches, controversial interrogation techniques, rights of "enemy combatants" and the imposition of capital punishment.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 373. Constitutional Law I. 3 Credit Hours.

A study of the development of the principles of American Constitutional Law, with a course focus upon those constitutional principles developed from the original document. Areas of study include judicial review, separation of powers, the Commerce Clause, the Contract Clause, and the Due Process Clauses.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 374. Constitutional Law II. 3 Credit Hours.

This course will cover some of the 27 amendments to the U.S. Constitution. It will mainly focus on the constitutional limits placed on the national and state governments by the Bill of Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment. This study of the historical, political and legal development of constitutional law in the area of civil liberties will be done in large part by reading and discussing the major U.S. Supreme Court opinions related to these amendments and others.

Prerequisite: POL 201.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 378. African Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

An opportunity for students to develop their own interests in African Politics through extensive research and analysis. Students critically evaluate the process of economic development in the region with respect to the interaction of politics and economics. Included within this evaluation is an understanding of the benefits and detractions of development strategies, a working knowledge of development policy and an appreciation of the complex processes leading to the success or failure of development efforts.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 379. South East Asian Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

The politics, economics, and history of Southeast Asia. Provides the opportunity for students to develop their own interests in the topic through extensive research and analysis.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 381. West European Politics (Previous Title: European Politics and Government). 3 Credit Hours.

Examination of political and economic developments in western European countries.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

POL 382. Government and Politics of the Federal Republic of Germany. 3 Credit Hours.

An examination of Germany's political system, its political parties, and the country's economic, social and foreign policies.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall Odd Years.

POL 384. Post-Communist Russian Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

This strategic analysis course focuses on the unpredictable progression of Russia's post-Soviet political transitions, from the demise of semi-totalitarian USSR socio-political structures, to the chaotic liberal democratic reforms of the 1990s, to Putin's identity-shaping postmodern authoritarianism, and finally to scenarios for a post-Putin Russia. Topics include: the failure of institutionalism under Gorbachev and Yeltsin, Putin's use of the media to shape Russian identity, the impact of Russian culture on the transitions, the incapacitation of civil society and the opposition, the role of the Russian Orthodox Church, post-KGB spy networks and control of the web, the all-encompassing role of the State, economic corruption as a form of political control, the "Ukraine Question," and post-Putin political alternatives as assessed by student research teams.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 385. Politics and Society in Latin America. 3 Credit Hours.

Introduction to the politics of Latin American countries focusing on 20th century history, the impact of the Cold War and home-grown social struggles, economic development models, the difficulties of democratic consolidation, U.S.- Latin America relations, the emergence of new political actors such as women's and indigenous movements, and current political constellations. The course combines a study of thematic issues with case studies.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 386. Democratic Consolidation. 3 Credit Hours.

Explore the general concept of "democratic consolidation" which has become a timely topic in the discourse of today's foreign policy. We will examine the central theoretical concepts that frame the discourse and then examine several case studies.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 387. Politics of the Middle East. 3 Credit Hours.

Comparative analysis of the political development of the Middle East in terms of nations and as a region. Particular stress is on the relationships within the region and with other regions of the world.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 388. Politics of Israel. 3 Credit Hours.

It is the purpose of this course to examine the Israeli system. Three themes will structure this investigation. The first considers the complex, and evolving, identity questions and politics that attend Jewishness, Zionism and being Israeli; the second investigates legitimacy, the nature and dynamics of the Israeli political system; and the third engages the multidimensional nature of Israeli security.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 389. Special Topics in Comparative Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

A lecture course in Comparative Politics, designed to give the student a greater degree of knowledge of a particular subject within this subfield. This topic may be repeated for credit.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

POL 390. Special Topics in American Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

A lecture course in American Politics, designed to give the student a greater degree of knowledge of a particular subject within this subfield. This topic may be repeated for credit.

Prerequisite: POL 201.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

POL 391. Special Topics in International Relations. 3 Credit Hours.

A lecture course in International Relations, designed to give the student a greater degree of knowledge of a particular subject within this subfield. This topic may be repeated for credit.

Prerequisite: POL 203 or INS 101.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

POL 392. International Terrorism. 3 Credit Hours.

Study of phenomenon of low-intensity warfare known as international terrorism in all its variations: state, state-sponsored, state-supported, domestic revolutionary terrorism and counter-terrorism. Also examines governmental policies of countering terrorism.

Prerequisite: POL 202 or POL 203 or INS 101.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 393. Special Topics in Public Administration, Policy, and Law. 3 Credit Hours.

A lecture course in Public Administration, Policy, and Law, designed to give the student a greater degree of knowledge of a particular subject within this subfield. This topic may be repeated for credit.

Prerequisite: POL 201.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

POL 394. Special Topics in Political Theory and Methods. 3 Credit Hours.

A lecture course in Political Theory and Methods, designed to give the student a greater degree of knowledge of a particular subject within this subfield. This topic may be repeated for credit.

Prerequisite: POL 201 or POL 202 or POL 203 or INS 101.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

POL 395. Transfer Credit in Political Theory and Methods. 1-9 Credit Hours.

Course for which there is no direct UM equivalent.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 396. Transfer Credit in Public Administration, Policy, and Law. 1-9 Credit Hours.

Interdisciplinary workshops will treat different policy issues with a view toward developing a theory of deliberate social change. The scenario will include the stance and role of the change agent and the institutional forms involved in changing urban settings.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 397. Transfer Credits in International Relations. 1-9 Credit Hours.

Course for which there is no direct UM equivalent.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 398. Transfer Credit in Comparative Politics. 1-9 Credit Hours.

Course for which there is no direct UM equivalent.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 399. Transfer Credit In American Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

Course on American politics for which there is no direct UM equivalent.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

POL 401. The Election. 3 Credit Hours.

In a democracy, the actions of the government are based on the wishes of the citizenry. We will examine the vital role that elections play in this process, specifically focusing on the issues and events surrounding the on-going elections.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall Even Years.

POL 402. Latino Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

An examination of the impact of Latinos on domestic politics, the impact of transnational migration on hemispheric politics, and the impact of recent waves of immigration on U.S. society, Latin American Society, the economy, workforce, education, media, culture, healthcare, and law enforcement.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 491. Immigration Reform and the 2014 Election. 3 Credit Hours.

This is a unique experience that will include high-profile guest speakers. The course encourages active student participation through social media. We will examine the debate on immigration including both documented and undocumented workers. The course examines the impact of recent waves of immigration on U.S. society, market, workforce, education, media, culture, healthcare, and law enforcement.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 499. Special Topics. 1-3 Credit Hours.

Content varies by semester and is indicated in parentheses following course number and title in Class Schedule.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 501. Budget and Financial Management and Administration. 3 Credit Hours.

Role of the budget in shaping public policy; managing public revenues; budgetary theory, politics, and fiscal management. Examples from state, municipal and federal governments.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 502. Politics of Civil Rights. 3 Credit Hours.

An examination of civil rights policy and politics from Reconstruction to the present, with a focus on the enactment of landmark civil rights bills in the 1960s.

Prerequisite: POL 201.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 503. Organizational Dynamics and Management. 3 Credit Hours.

Analyzes organizational dynamics and management in all organizations, emphasizing the public sector. Highlights organizational processes and behavior, focusing on change management strategies. Students apply knowledge of organizational theories to actual case studies to enhance critical thinking skills.

Prerequisites: POL 201 and POL 319.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 504. Biology and Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

Political scientists traditionally study political decision-making as a product of individual level characteristics. For example, a person's partisan identification is highly predictive of their vote choice. Political scientists have also begun to assess the influence of social forces on our politics. For example, it has been shown that everyday discussions about politics with friends, neighbors, and coworkers influence political attitudes and behaviors. More recently, political scientists have begun to examine the influence that our biology has on our politics. This seminar is a survey of this growing area of research.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 506. From Plato Through Rawls. 3 Credit Hours.

Political thought of the past with more recent insights and concepts, often drawn from the work of theorists who question what is taken for granted in traditional political theory.

Prerequisite: POL 201 or POL 202 or POL 203 or INS 101.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 508. Equity and Diversity in Public Administration. 3 Credit Hours.

Federal and state policies, laws, and court decisions as means for helping public administrators develop policies and procedures that meet legal requirements and recognize the values of equity and diversity in the treatment of its citizenry and public employees.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 509. Issues in Judicial Pol.. 3 Credit Hours.

The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) through the lens of upcoming cases on the SCOTUS's docket and through recently decided cases that were of important legal precedent.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 510. Statistics for Politics and Public Administration. 3 Credit Hours.

This course focuses on the use of statistics to conduct quantitative research (i.e., statistics) in political science and public administration. The course emphasizes hands-on data work. Students will learn how to perform political analyses – and present findings in an appropriate manner – using SPSS statistical software.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 511. Security in the Arabian Peninsula. 3 Credit Hours.

Examines the security environment of the Arabian Peninsula.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 512. Advanced Political Analysis. 3 Credit Hours.

This course teaches students how to do social science research using the applied techniques of statistics and case study analysis while exposing them to research in the leading sub-fields of political science. Students will produce an original paper that evaluates an academic question using empirical social science evidence.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 513. Models of Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

Hands-on examination of the process by which quantitative and qualitative models are constructed in political science. The course focuses on the creative aspect of model building and diverse forms of theory construction.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 514. Popular Culture and Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

Explores the issues of political legitimacy, concepts of justice, and identity politics by examining the interrelatedness of politics and works of popular culture (movies, television shows).

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Summer.

POL 515. Media Content Analysis. 3 Credit Hours.

There are few facets of our lives which are not directly affected by media content. From cell phones to televisions, the media is with us all the time. But what messages are contained in the mass media? What methods can we employ to study media content scientifically? This course will explore methods of analyzing media sources including movies, newspapers, magazines, and television. Course topics will include political bias, campaign coverage, and news content. Students will design their own projects and implement their own coding strategies.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 516. Experiments in Political Science. 3 Credit Hours.

Examines the experimental method in the study of politics.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 517. Introductory Statistical Methods in Political Science. 3 Credit Hours.

The tools needed to manipulate and analyze quantitative data rigorously so you may answer questions of political interest. First in a two-course sequence (followed by POL 518).

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 518. Advanced Statistical Methods in Political Science. 3 Credit Hours.

The maximum likelihood framework for statistical inference in the study of politics. Second in a two-course sequence (preceded by POL 517).

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 519. Introduction to Game Theory for Political Science. 3 Credit Hours.

The rudiments of non-cooperative game theory. Mainly intended for political science students, but presents applications from other academic disciplines such as economics, business administration, sociology, and psychology.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring & Summer.

POL 520. Internship. 3 Credit Hours.

Provides advanced political science majors with an opportunity to participate in a structured, supervised internship. 25-35-page research paper required. Permission of instructor is required before starting the internship.

Requisite: Plan of Political Science.

Components: THI.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

POL 521. Public Affairs Internship. 3 Credit Hours.

Opportunity for the advanced student specializing in public administration to participate in an administrative capacity in an agency of state or local government. Periodic conferences with adviser and paper required. Permission of instructor is required before starting the internship.

Requisite: Plan of Political Science.

Components: THI.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

POL 522. Introduction to Graduate Public Administration. 3 Credit Hours.

Introduction to concepts, issues, problems, theories and process in the field of public administration and/or public management.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 523. Problems in Public and Non-Profit Management. 3 Credit Hours.

Nature of the power vested in administrative bodies and problems involved in management procedures. Special emphasis on local or non-profit administration.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 524. Non-Profit Organizations: Law, Policy, and Management. 3 Credit Hours.

This course teaches students the essential requirements for creation and operation of tax-exempt nonprofit organization in accordance with state and federal law. The course covers a wide range of relevant topics including guidelines for charitable giving and charitable solicitation, pitfalls that can result in personal liability for officers and directors, and statutory constraints on legislative lobbying and political activities.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring & Summer.

POL 525. Comparative Public Policy and Administration. 3 Credit Hours.

Comparison and analysis of the organizational and managerial policy problems of developed and developing nations. The administrative process will be considered within the institutional and cultural framework of each nation. Case studies will be used to focus on transition from traditional to modern techniques of public management.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

POL 526. Administrative Law. 3 Credit Hours.

Administrative law is the study of the legal relationship of government agencies to legislatures, courts, and private parties. The course examines the legal dimensions of bureaucratic power and procedures as well as constitutional and statutory constraints on regulators and administrators. Topics include rule making, adjudication, investigation and enforcement, political controls on agencies, judicial review of agency decisions, governmental liability and immunity, public records and open meetings laws. Both federal law and Florida law are covered. The course assumes a basic knowledge of the American legal system, constitutional law and bureaucracy.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 527. Comparative Political Institutions. 3 Credit Hours.

The concept of institutionalism by studying three major sets of democratic institutions: electoral systems, legislatures, and political regimes.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 528. Advanced Seminar on Electoral Behavior. 3 Credit Hours.

This seminar examines the opinions that Americans have and how those opinions are expressed through participation in elections. At the end of the semester we will also examine other forms of political participation (e.g., interest groups).

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 529. Conducting U.S. Elections. 3 Credit Hours.

Fair and free democratic elections are the heart of US democracy. This course will examine who gets to vote, whether election laws and rules are fair (and fairly implemented), and proposals to reform the way elections are run.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 530. Intelligence and National Security Decision Making. 3 Credit Hours.

This course will study the US national security community structure and decision making process. The course will look at the National Security Council, the principal national security agencies (such as the CIA, Defense Department, and State Department), how they interact, and their roles in dividing and executing policy. We will also examine the role and function of senior policy decision makers such as the President. We will study recent policy challenges such as Iraq and Afghanistan as examples of National Security policy.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 531. Global Environmental Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

Examination of the environment within the context of economic globalization. Contrasts the international trading regime and those regimes designed to protect the environment, with specific attention to the issues of global warming and bio-diversity.

Prerequisite: POL 203 or INS 101.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 532. Art and Politics in Paris. 3 Credit Hours.

Analysis of the relationship between narratives, aesthetics (beauty) and the political/social world. By successfully completing this course, students will; understand how humans interpret the political, social, and physical world through narrative. Come to see how most/all political controversies involve competing narratives. How false narratives are deployed to manipulate the public. Realize that through art important analytical arguments are made, which impart substantial insight into social, political, and physical phenomena. See how philosophy is intelligently conveyed through art - including approaches to political legitimacy, justice, and how important analytical arguments are made, To analyze the relationship between art and politics, we draw on renaissance, modern, contemporary, and indigenous art. Paris is arguably the center of the art world, with a number of museums holding a surfeit of socially and politically important works. We visit a number of these museums. After visits to these museums, time in class will be dedicated to discuss those works you, the students, find significant. A requirement for this class is a camera (a camera phone is acceptable), with which you photograph those works you'd like to discuss in class.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Summer.

POL 533. Courts and Controversy. 3 Credit Hours.

Course places the students in the role of advocate, justice, or court observer for the purposes of arguing and deciding current or recent Supreme Court cases.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 534. Applied Policy Analysis. 3 Credit Hours.

Examines a variety of policy problems through the framework of problem definition, formulation of alternatives, assessment of alternatives, and policy impact evaluation. Students will also be introduced to cost-benefit analysis and evaluation methods.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 536. U.S. Health Care Crisis: Politics and Policies. 3 Credit Hours.

This seminar will explore the politics and policies of healthcare in the United States. Our examination of the current crisis in cost and coverage will draw on experience from the debates on comprehensive and incremental reform over the past decade. In addition, we will explore the politics and policies of other health and science issues. Students will be expected to attend every class and be actively involved in class discussions. There will be two examinations, one at mid-term and a final based on readings and course discussions.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 537. Microeconomics for Public Policy. 3 Credit Hours.

Describes and explains principles and theories of microeconomics in the context of public policy applications.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 538. Education Politics and Policy. 3 Credit Hours.

Explores education politics and policy in the United States. We begin with an examination of justice-oriented pedagogies (e.g., Freire's Pedagogy of the Oppressed, bell hook's Teaching to Transgress) to establish the norms for the course. Next, we explore how civic learning in schools helps sustain the vitality of democracy. Concurrently, we discuss how policymakers have tried to limit access to educational experiences for women, LGBTQ individuals, and people of color throughout American history. This framing in mind, we spend multiple weeks exploring prominent policy issues in the realm of education policy (e.g., school choice, online learning, polarized school board elections). Throughout the semester, students will be asked to observe school board meetings throughout the greater Miami area. Using content analyses, we will examine (1) whose voices are being heard, (2) which issues are being discussed, and (3) whether the issues being discussed are representative of the concerns of parents, students, and teachers. We will use this research and the insights of local community stakeholders to think through ways to create education policies that are responsive to needs of Miami area residents and contribute to more equitable educational outcomes. While the course focuses on policy challenges faced by local governments and city residents, it is also meant to be an empowering civic learning experience.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 540. Human Resource Management in Public Service. 3 Credit Hours.

Topics include human resource management in public service: job analysis and design, evaluation and appraisal, recruitment and interviewing, training and development, wages and benefits, and health and safety. Unionization, regulation of wages, hours and working conditions, financial security for workers, manpower planning and job anti-discrimination legislation are considered.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 541. Philosophy of Law. 3 Credit Hours.

Case-based study of jurisprudence designed to illuminate and explain philosophies of law. Examination of theories of free expression; bio-ethical matters; theories of punishment and legal responsibility; and the placement of religious discourses in liberal systems of law. Special attention to cases involving fundamental rights and liberties; the role of the individual and the state in civil society; and the capacities of individual to be legally competent in contemporary systems of law.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 544. Chinese Foreign Policy. 3 Credit Hours.

International relations of the People's Republic of China, in theory and in practice. Structure and context of foreign policy decision-making; domestic influences on the foreign policy making process. China as a global and regional actor.

Prerequisite: POL 203 or INS 101.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 545. Environmental Policy Making. 3 Credit Hours.

Examination of different ethical approaches to the environment; the federal government's management of natural resources; selected environmental policies; international environmental policy issues. Topics include federal management of national grazing lands, national forests, and minerals in the public domain. Analyzes environmental policies such as air, water, toxic wastes, energy, and environmentally-related issues in international trade and national security.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Summer.

POL 546. Public Policy Process and Implementation. 3 Credit Hours.

Examination of public policy issue areas including education, health, welfare, urban mass transit. Limits to effectiveness of federal, state and local governments in providing services. Techniques for analyzing the effectiveness of public policies; research techniques for the assessment of future policy alternatives.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 547. Congressional Representation. 3 Credit Hours.

This course examines how and when citizens influence legislators' behavior. More specifically, we examine how legislators' floor behavior reflects citizens' preferences and how these preferences influence the manner in which legislators build electoral coalitions.

Requisite: POL 201 Or POL 202 Or POL 203 Or INS 101.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

POL 548. Civic Participation and Democracy. 3 Credit Hours.

Citizens participate in the governing process by communicating their preferences and pressuring the government to respond. In this course we examine these various mechanisms of "civic participation"

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 549. Energy Policy: Technology, Politics, and Society. 3 Credit Hours.

An interdisciplinary introduction to energy policy, focusing on studying three major and interrelated themes from a comparative perspective: technology, politics, and society. Covers energy policy examples from the United States, the European Union, China, India, and other countries.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 550. Advanced Seminar on American Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

This seminar provides students with a survey of significant research on major topics in American Politics. We will read influential works of the past, as well as recent cutting-edge research. Particular attention will be paid to discussing the methods and theories used in the research we will read. The purpose of the course is to acquaint students with the literature on American Politics, while also providing an opportunity for students to develop skills in critically assessing and skillfully conducting social science research.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 551. Productivity in the Public and Non-Profit Sectors. 3 Credit Hours.

Definitions and measures of productivity. Evaluation of government programs, and methods of productivity improvement.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Summer.

POL 553. The Environmental Movement: Groups, Beliefs and Values. 3 Credit Hours.

Exploration of the origins and political impact of environmentalism in the United States and, to a lesser extent, in the global context. Impact of democratic participation on environmental politics.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 555. Total Quality Public Service Management: Achieving High Performance Government. 3 Credit Hours.

Examination of the theory and practice of Total Quality Management (TQM) in the government and non-profit sector. Focuses on budgetary, customer service, employee and process improvements that facilitate increased public and non-profit performance. Special emphasis to TQM's contribution to improved service delivery.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 556. Politics and Ethics. 3 Credit Hours.

Personal, professional, organizational, and societal levels of ethical analysis. Ethical theories will be reviewed and applied to actual cases that focus on public policy and/or the officials who create and implement it. Profiles of moral exemplars in public life will be examined. Course is usually offered during the January Intersession.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 557. Ethical and Managerial Issues in Government, Business, and Non-Profit Organizations. 3 Credit Hours.

Governments at all levels have encountered scandals involving ethical wrongdoing. Businesses and nonprofit organizations have faced similar problems. Countless less-visible examples of unethical and ethical behavior occur in organizations daily. This course examines the causes and consequences of such actions and the managerial strategies and competencies needed to effectively cope with the ethical issues confronting individuals and organizations.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

POL 558. From Electronic Government to Digital Governance. 3 Credit Hours.

Graduate and advanced undergraduate seminar explores the transition from electronic government (e-gov) to digital or d-governance, emphasizing political participation, citizen-centric public administration and the proliferation of global information technologies and social media.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 559. International Organizations. 3 Credit Hours.

International organizations which, in addition to contributing to the solution of international problems, also help to provide rules and structures to manage state-to-state relationships.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 560. Public Program Evaluation. 3 Credit Hours.

Background information needed to evaluate public programs, organizations, and policies. Focus on how to design an evaluation using research methods to evaluate a program. Students will construct logic models, understand program theory, apply research methodology, and discuss stakeholders in public organizations and policies.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 561. Ending Wars and Building Peace. 3 Credit Hours.

How local and international actors build sustainable peace strategically through peacekeeping, peace accords, reconciliation, education, human rights, international law, and state-building.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 562. Municipal Modernization in the 21st Century. 3 Credit Hours.

In this experiential learning, civic engagement course, students will conduct an in-depth examination of challenges facing local governments in the 21st century. Students will conduct research and interview officials currently serving in local government positions and local residents who use local government services to better understand the functioning of local governments and the policy and management issues that local governments are facing. Students will work as teams to identify one local government challenge as their focus for the semester and will develop an innovative solution to that local government challenge. Students will develop written materials and an oral presentation to pitch their solution to both practitioners and researchers. One team from the course will be selected to represent the University of Miami at the statewide MuniMod competition in Orlando, FL sponsored by the Florida League of Cities.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall Even Years.

POL 563. Senior Thesis. 3 Credit Hours.

General reading, preparation of research design and collection of information for senior thesis.

Requisite: Plan of Political Science.

Components: THI.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 564. Senior Thesis II. 3 Credit Hours.

Continuation of POL 563: writing and defense of the thesis.

Requisite: Plan of Political Science.

Components: THI.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 565. The World Before European Domination. 3 Credit Hours.

Examines the historical roots of the contemporary international system, and questions the standard Eurocentric perspective on the rise of the West to a dominant position in the global system.

Prerequisite: POL 203 or INS 101.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 566. Activism. 3 Credit Hours.

Explores what activism is, the history and developments of activism around the world, and which activists strategies work best. Assignments will send students into the community to participate in local politics, work with local organizations, and engage in activism.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 567. Collaborative Governance. 3 Credit Hours.

Theories and practices in collaborative governance. Students who are interested in collaborations between government and other groups/ organizations are strongly encouraged to take this course. Even those who are not planning to work for the government can learn how to be prepared to be an organizational leader for future collaboration chances with government organizations and their officials. Students will be equipped with prerequisites to be an organizational leader in a collaboration setting, including but not limited to reducing the gap between theories and practices, analytic and negotiation skills for collaboration, and how to design/initiate/participate in successful collaborative governance practices.

Components: DIS.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 568. Indigenous Politics from a Global Perspective. 3 Credit Hours.

This seminar explores the contemporary politics of Indigenous Peoples and settler societies. It takes a sociological, legal, political, and anthropological approach to how politics operate within and around Indigenous Peoples. By using a comparative and international perspective, it examines the dynamics of critical relationships in terms of national, regional, and global political order. We will look at standard settler states often referred to as neo-Britains, such as the United States, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia, but also Indigenous Peoples and issues from Europe, Asia, and South America.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 569. LGBTI Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

Describes and explains global variance in government policies of interest to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex citizens including sodomy laws, anti-discrimination ordinances, same-sex marriage and adoption, military service, and the right to change one's sex or identify as neither male nor female. POL 344 or WGS 344 Strongly Recommended

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

POL 570. Uniting States in International Perspective. 3 Credit Hours.

How states form and fragment; The main actors in nation formation; the elements of continuity and change; the impact outsiders can have on the process.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 571. Sex, Babies, and the State. 3 Credit Hours.

In one of the most profound revolutions of the past century, gender roles have irreversibly changed and equal rights for women and men has become a stated goal in western societies, even if not the reality. This course examines policies on reproduction, work and the family in advanced industrialized countries including Latin American Countries.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 572. Government and Business. 3 Credit Hours.

Government-business-society relations with emphasis on the social, economic, political, technological, ethical, and ecological environment.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

POL 573. Disasters and Humanitarian Assistance. 3 Credit Hours.

This course examines the management of disasters associated with natural causes influenced by human actions and catastrophes within built environments. It focuses on the theory and practice of response. Through the vocabularies of practitioners and the frameworks offered by academic literature, we will explore response efforts, lessons learned and best practices that have emerged in the field of disaster response and humanitarian intervention.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring & Summer.

POL 574. Urban Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

This course explores politics in American cities. In particular, this course examines how critical local-level institutions, including neighborhoods, schools, and city government can simultaneously serve as sites that exacerbate existing racial, ethnic, and economic inequalities while also holding the potential to foster agency and equal political voice.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 575. The Politics of Civil- Military Relations. 3 Credit Hours.

Course examines the relationship between states and their soldiers across various historical periods and regional contexts, and how this relationship has been altered in an era where the viability of old structures of state authority are no longer self-evident.

Prerequisite: POL 203 or INS 101.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 576. On Violence: The Politics of Extremes. 3 Credit Hours.

Literary and theoretical treatments are considered for what they can tell us about the causes, characteristics and consequences of violence. These insights are enlisted to help us understand violence enacted by states against their societies, societies against states, and within society itself.

Prerequisite: POL 203 or INS 101.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 577. Security in South Asia: The Conflicts of Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India. 3 Credit Hours.

The security system of South Asia's northern reaches and the current conflict involving Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India: considerations of sovereignty and the role of frontiers in world politics.

Prerequisite: POL 203 or INS 101.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 578. Energy and Security in Eurasia. 3 Credit Hours.

Engages the intersection of energy and security within the contested space of Eurasia.

Prerequisite: POL 202 or POL 203 or INS 101.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 579. The politics of post-communist transactions. 3 Credit Hours.

Examination of the creation, breakdown, and aftermath of communist governments in Eastern Europe and the USSR. Develops a theoretical framework for understanding cross-national patterns of post-communist development in the context of country-specific experiences.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 580. Ethnicity, Nationalism and Secession. 3 Credit Hours.

Examination of the creation, breakdown, and aftermath of communist governments in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. Using empirical evidence from four case studies, develops a theoretical framework for understanding cross-national patterns of post-communist development in the context of country-specific experiences.

Prerequisite: POL 202 or POL 203 or INS 101.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 581. Comparative Political Economy of Post-Industrial Democracies. 3 Credit Hours.

This seminar examines four key turning points in the development of capitalism: the industrial revolution, the aftermath of the depression and world wars, the oil crisis of the 1970's, and today's "globalization". We will compare the relationships between government and the economy in Western Europe, Canada, the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, and Japan in each period, and attempt to evaluate why these countries react similarly or differently to identical changes in world economy.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

POL 582. International Development Policy. 3 Credit Hours.

Overview of the principal theoretical paradigms of the development process Comparative analysis of issues such as the role of the state, strategies of industrialization, changes in social structure, basic needs and the trade-offs between growth and equity.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

POL 583. Civil Security Preparedness and Management. 3 Credit Hours.

This course examines the preparedness and management of civil crises issuing from violent human actions, natural disasters, and threats to public safety and health. It provides a framework to examine emergency preparedness, the security of civil spaces, and actions threatening public order and individual safety. Emphasis will be placed on critical incident management and the elements central to its success in practical and theoretical terms.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Summer.

POL 584. Contemporary Latin American Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

This course assumes a basic knowledge of Latin American politics, and is designed to foster deeper understanding of political processes in the region and to provide an overview of key debates among political scientists specializing in Latin America. We discuss issues related to democratic consolidation, political participation, representation and governance.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall Even Years.

POL 585. Post-Communist Russian Foreign Policy. 3 Credit Hours.

Exploration of the various forms of political movements in Latin America, including parties, populists and radical groups. Examines diverse means of organizing and mobilizing support, the range of goals sought, and the conditions that give rise to the various movements. Special attention to the contemporary revival of populism in the region and its implications for democracy. Prerequisite: POL 211 and 212 or graduate standing.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 586. Conflict in the Middle East and Africa. 3 Credit Hours.

Introduction to major paradigms for the explanation of war and conflict in two of the most unstable regions of the world. Reading and class discussions on select cases of current and past conflicts in each region in order to discern patterns of conflict within and across regions, gain a clearer understanding of what drives violent conflict, and assess strategies of resolution.

Prerequisite: POL 202 Or POL 203 Or INS 101.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 587. Illicit Trade in the Global Economy. 3 Credit Hours.

Examines the rise of illicit trade, the actors and groups involved, and international and national attempts to stop it

Components: DIS.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 588. Politics in China. 3 Credit Hours.

Development and nature of Chinese domestic politics in theory and practice; problems of political stability and conflict; the role of historical and cultural traditions, institutions, social, economic and personality factors in Chinese politics; process of change and problems of leadership succession; the significance of changes in the character and style of Chinese leadership.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 589. Directed Research. 1-3 Credit Hours.

Provides an opportunity for students to assist faculty members with research for course credit. A student may only sign up if s/he has found a professor who has agreed to work with him/her. Does not count for credit in a 500-level seminar.

Components: RSC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

POL 590. Directed Reading. 1-3 Credit Hours.

Provides an opportunity for students to organize an independent study with a particular tenure-line faculty member. A student may only sign up if s/he has found a professor who has agreed to work with him/her. This course does not count for credit in a 500-level seminar.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

POL 591. International Security. 3 Credit Hours.

Analysis and evaluation of approaches to international conflict, resolution, reduction and stabilization such as international organization, law, collective security, balance of power, functionalism, world government, morality, and conscience. Special emphasis on recent problems and efforts at institutionalizing social control.

Prerequisite: POL 203 or INS 101.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 592. International Political Economy. 3 Credit Hours.

This course introduces students to the study of International Political Economy (IPE). It combines a focus on the main theoretical and methodological approaches used in the study of IPE with the analysis of historical and contemporary issues.

Prerequisite: POL 203 or INS 101.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

POL 593. International Relations of the Middle East. 3 Credit Hours.

Regional and inter-regional analysis of the foreign relations of Middle Eastern nations, domestic and geopolitical factors.

Prerequisite: POL 203 or INS 101, and POL 387.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

POL 594. European Security. 3 Credit Hours.

Examines regional security in Europe, focusing on NATO expansion, EU expansion, Russian foreign policy, and related issues.

Prerequisite: POL 203 or INS 101.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 595. Special Topics in Political Theory and Methods. 3 Credit Hours.

A seminar in Political Theory and Methods; designed to give the student a greater degree of insight and knowledge of a particular subject and to develop ability in the techniques of individual research, group discussion and analysis. The senior seminars may be taken in any sequence.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 596. Special Topics in Public Administration, Policy, and Law. 3 Credit Hours.

A seminar in public policy, administration and law; designed to give the student a greater degree of insight and knowledge of a particular subject and to develop ability in the techniques of individual research, group discussion and analysis. The senior seminars may be taken in any sequence.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 597. Special Topics in International Relations. 3 Credit Hours.

A seminar in International Relations; designed to give the student a greater degree of insight and knowledge of a particular subject and to develop ability in the techniques of individual research, group discussion and analysis. The senior seminars may be taken in any sequence.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 598. Special Topics in Comparative Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

A seminar in Comparative Politics; designed to give the student a greater degree of insight and knowledge of a particular subject and to develop ability in the techniques of individual research, group discussion and analysis. The senior seminars may be taken in any sequence.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

POL 599. Special Topics in American Politics. 3 Credit Hours.

A seminar in American Politics; designed to give the student a greater degree of insight and knowledge of a particular subject and to develop ability in the techniques of individual research, group discussion and analysis.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.