

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

POLS 2003 American Government

ACTS Common Course - PLSC 2003.

A study of the principles and practices of American Government, explaining the origin and purpose of our governmental institutions in a broad sense, with consideration given to interstate and national state relations.

POLS 2153 Introduction to Strategic Studies

An introduction to strategic studies focusing on the key theoretical principles that have played a major role in shaping Western understandings of strategy, with particular focus on the United States.

POLS 2253 Survey of Western Political Thought

Cross-listed: PHIL 2253.

An introduction to the subfield of political theory, examining the works of major political thinkers from ancient Greece to the present.

POLS 2403 Comparative Government

A study of the various political systems of the world, such as the governments of Western Europe, Socialist or Communist Systems, and developing world governments. The countries under examination are often selected to address important real-world circumstances.

POLS 2413 International Relations

A study of the theory and practice of international politics, with special emphasis upon the state system, decision-making, policy-making, war and arms control, ideology and nationalism, the global ecological system, interdependence, multinational institutions and corporations, and human rights.

POLS 2513 Research Design

This course is designed as an introduction to the field of political science research. This course teaches the scientific method as applied to political science, bibliographical aids, and the study and writing of political science. It is a hands-on course where students will use the skills learned to evaluate social science research.

POLS 3013 Recent American Foreign and Military Policy

The post World War II environment in which U.S. foreign and military policy functions; emphasis is on the formulation of policy, relationship of foreign policy and domestic affairs, problems of foreign and military policy coordination and control, and the military industrial complex.

POLS 3023 Judicial Process

Cross-listed: CJ 3023.

The structure and operation of the state and national court systems. Emphasis upon the role of the criminal courts in the political system and the consequences of judicial policy making.

POLS 3033 American State and Local Government

A comparative study of the nature of the organization and operation of state and local governments in the United States with emphasis on state and local government in Arkansas.

POLS 3043 Judicial Politics

This course examines the effect of the U.S. Supreme Court and its inferior courts on American politics, government and society, as well as the interactions and processes that determine judicial policy.

POLS 3053 Introduction to Public Administration

A study of public administration with attention devoted to organizational problems and pathology, leadership, communication, control, and the hiring, training, compensating, motivating, and firing of personnel. Numerous case studies are considered.

POLS 3063 Modern Political Thought

Cross-listed: PHIL 3063.

An examination of the major contributions to political thought during the Modern Era.

Note: Completion of POLS 2253 recommended.

POLS 3083 Political Parties and Interest Groups

A study of American political parties and interest groups with emphasis on such topics as public opinion, the nature and history of parties and interest groups, organizational structures and procedures, public policy interest, nominations, and elections.

POLS 3123 American Political Behavior

A study of the individual's decision to participate in American political life and the impact those decisions have on policy formation. The course aims to understand the influences that lead to or retard individual political participation.

POLS 3133 United States Congress

Examination of the U.S. Congress in terms of its functions as both a lawmaking institution and a representative institution. Attention to the legislative process, congressional elections, party leadership, and executive-legislative relations.

POLS 3143 The United States Presidency

Analysis of the role of the presidency in the American political system. Topics include the theoretical and constitutional foundations of the president, the growth of the presidency as an institution, the evolving constitutional, political, and environmental restraints to presidential action, presidential leadership, and historical trends in the relationship between the presidency and the legislative and judicial branches of government.

POLS 3153 Sports and Politics

This class looks at the intersection of sports and politics through college sports, the interaction of sports and modern society and the increasing role of legalized sports betting in Arkansas and throughout the nation.

POLS 3253 Classical Political Thought

Cross-listed: PHIL 3253.

An examination of the major contributions to political thought during the Classical Age, the Medieval Era, and the Renaissance.

Note: Completion of POLS 2253 recommended.

POLS 3423 Problems in International Affairs

This course will examine approximately ten major issues in international affairs. It will examine the history, politics, conflicts, debates, and actors involved in each specific issue area. The specific topics are up to the instructor, and will vary from offering to offering depending on the situation and issues in international relations at the time of instruction.

Note: Course may be repeated for credit if topics vary.

POLS 3433 United Nations

Offered: Fall.

Study of the organization and functioning of the United Nations, significant problems confronting world organization, weaknesses of the UN, and the future of world organization. Students will conduct research and write papers on significant international issues confronting the UN and on the foreign policy of selected members of the UN. Only one Model United Nations course may be taken for credit during a semester.

Note: Students will participate each week in a mock session of the UN and will attend, at their own expense, the annual session of the Arkansas Model United Nations, which normally meets on Friday and Saturday of the first week in December.

POLS 3473 National Security Policy

A study of national security policy making, with an emphasis on current national security issues.

POLS 3513 Research Methods

Introduction to elementary descriptive and inferential statistics, with an emphasis on applications in political science.

POLS 4033 Principles of Legal Study

This course is designed to introduce students to the LSAT the standardized exam needed to get into law school. The class begins with a breakdown of each of the sections of the exam. Later on in the semester the students will lead the class in solving LSAT questions. During the course of the semester students will be given three practice LSAT exams to see how much they are progressing.

POLS 4043 American Constitutional Law

A comprehensive study of the United States Supreme Court's decisions in the evolution of American Government as seen in the leading cases dealing with judicial review, separation of powers, and federal systems; protection of personal rights, interstate commerce, taxation, and due process of law in economic regulation and control; and civil liberties and civil rights.

POLS 4183 American Legal History

This course concerns the history and development of law, legal institutions, and legal culture in the United States from its colonial origins to the present day, with emphasis on constitutional case law and the interaction of law with the overall development of American society.

POLS 4233 American Political Thought

Cross-listed: HIST/PHIL 4233.

The background and development of American political ideas from the colonial period to the present. Emphasis is placed on colonial political theory, the Founding, conflict and consensus prior to the Civil War, the response to industrialization, the rise of the positive state, nationalism, the New Left and New Right, and current trends.

POLS 4951 Undergraduate Research in Political Science

Offered: On demand.

Prerequisite: Departmental approval.

Advanced students carry out independent research activity relating to a significant problem in a major field of study. Supervised by faculty member. Formal report and presentation required.

Note: One to four credits depending on problem selected and effort made.

POLS 4952 Undergraduate Research in Political Science

Offered: On demand.

Prerequisite: Departmental approval.

Advanced students carry out independent research activity relating to a significant problem in a major field of study. Supervised by faculty member. Formal report and presentation required.

Note: One to four credits depending on problem selected and effort made.

POLS 4953 Undergraduate Research in Political Science

Offered: On demand.

Prerequisite: Departmental approval.

Advanced students carry out independent research activity relating to a significant problem in a major field of study. Supervised by faculty member. Formal report and presentation required.

Note: One to four credits depending on problem selected and effort made.

POLS 4954 Undergraduate Research in Political Science

Offered: On demand.

Prerequisite: Departmental approval.

Advanced students carry out independent research activity relating to a significant problem in a major field of study. Supervised by faculty member. Formal report and presentation required.

Note: One to four credits depending on problem selected and effort made.

POLS 4963 Senior Seminar

Prerequisite: POLS 2513.

A required course for senior Political Science majors. Course content will cover a directed seminar in a specified area of Political Science. Research techniques will be emphasized.

POLS 4971 Internship

Cross-listed: HIST 4971.

Prerequisite: Junior or senior standing, 2.75 grade point average, and consent of department head.

A supervised placement in selected agency settings in student/trainee status under professional guidance of both an agency supervisor and a faculty member. Emphasis will be on providing hands-on experience in research, editing, cultural management, public service, or some other area related to the discipline. Written report required and minimum of 100 clock hours of supervision required per credit hour.

Note: May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours credit.

POLS 4972 Internship

Cross-listed: HIST 4972.

Prerequisite: Junior or senior standing, 2.75 grade point average, and consent of department head.

A supervised placement in selected agency settings in student/trainee status under professional guidance of both an agency supervisor and a faculty member. Emphasis will be on providing hands-on experience in research, editing, cultural management, public service, or some other area related to the discipline. Written report required and minimum of 100 clock hours of supervision required per credit hour.

Note: May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours credit.

POLS 4973 Internship

Cross-listed: HIST 4973.

Prerequisite: Junior or senior standing, 2.75 grade point average, and consent of department head.

A supervised placement in selected agency settings in student/trainee status under professional guidance of both an agency supervisor and a faculty member. Emphasis will be on providing hands-on experience in research, editing, cultural management, public service, or some other area related to the discipline. Written report required and minimum of 100 clock hours of supervision required per credit hour.

Note: May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours credit.

POLS 4974 Internship

Cross-listed: HIST 4974.

Prerequisite: Junior or senior standing, 2.75 grade point average, and consent of department head.

A supervised placement in selected agency settings in student/trainee status under professional guidance of both an agency supervisor and a faculty member. Emphasis will be on providing hands-on experience in research, editing, cultural management, public service, or some other area related to the discipline. Written report required and minimum of 100 clock hours of supervision required per credit hour.

Note: May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours credit.

POLS 4975 Internship

Cross-listed: HIST 4975.

Prerequisite: Junior or senior standing, 2.75 grade point average, and consent of department head.

A supervised placement in selected agency settings in student/trainee status under professional guidance of both an agency supervisor and a faculty member. Emphasis will be on providing hands-on experience in research, editing, cultural management, public service, or some other area related to the discipline. Written report required and minimum of 100 clock hours of supervision required per credit hour.

Note: May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours credit.

POLS 4976 Internship

Cross-listed: HIST 4976.

Prerequisite: Junior or senior standing, 2.75 grade point average, and consent of department head.

A supervised placement in selected agency settings in student/trainee status under professional guidance of both an agency supervisor and a faculty member. Emphasis will be on providing hands-on experience in research, editing, cultural management, public service, or some other area related to the discipline. Written report required and minimum of 100 clock hours of supervision required per credit hour.

Note: May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours credit.

POLS 4983 Political Science Seminar

A directed seminar in an area of political science. The specific focus will depend upon research underway, community or student need, and the unique educational opportunity available.

Note: This course may be repeated for credit if course content differs.

POLS 4991 Special Problems in Political Science

Admission requires consent of department head.

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POLS 4994 Special Problems in Political Science

Admission requires consent of department head.

POLS 6893 Independent Study

Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor or department head.

Open to graduate students who wish to pursue individual study or investigation of some facet of knowledge which complements the purpose of the University's graduate program. Students will be required to plan their studies and prepare formal written reports of their findings.

Note: The selected topic may not constitute any duplication of study leading to the accomplishment of a thesis.