

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

POLS 100 Power and Politics in America

Description: Introduction to American government and politics.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 8 Civic/Ethics/Stewardship ACE 6 Social Science

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$20

POLS 100H Honors: Power and Politics in America

Prerequisites: Credit toward the degree cannot be earned in both POLS 100 and POLS 100H.

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Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 6 Social Science ACE 8 Civic/Ethics/Stewardship

POLS 101 Academic and Career Planning for Political Science

Prerequisites: Declared major in Political Science

Description: Introduction to the wide world of political science, the areas of work, and the UNL experiences that will help you navigate your academic journey. Learn about your skills and strengths and how to apply these towards your academic work and career goals. Formulate a degree plan that encompasses your personal, academic, and career goals.

Credit Hours: 1

Max credits per semester: 1

Max credits per degree: 1

Grading Option: Pass No Pass

Offered: FALL/SPR

POLS 104 Comparative Politics

Description: Description and analysis of the principal types of modern political systems, including types of democracies and dictatorships found in Western systems, Eastern systems, and the Third World. Occasional comparison made with American institutions and political processes. Deals both with structures and major policy problems confronting these political systems: the politics of education, human rights, demands for regional autonomy, ethnic conflict and diversity, political violence, demand for welfare services, crises in agriculture, and other topics of relevance.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 108 Political Ideas

Description: Introduction to major political concepts and controversies that have developed in the Western world. Liberty, equality, democracy, human nature, among others. Readings come from leading political theorists, past and present.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 150 Introduction to Biology, Psychology, and Politics

Description: An introduction to the central theories, methods, and findings in the application of biological and psychological techniques to politics.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

ACE: ACE 6 Social Science

POLS 160 International Relations

Crosslisted with: GLST 160

Description: How and why states act as they do in their contemporary international relations. Continuing factors, such as power, war, ideology, and governmental organizations, and recently emerging influences, including supranational organizations, multinational corporations, and natural resource allocation analyzed. Diverse approaches and theories examined.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Prerequisite for: NSST 275

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

POLS 171 Introduction to East Asian Civilization

Crosslisted with: HIST 181

Description: Survey of the traditional cultures and modern history of China and Japan. Emphasis on political systems, intellectual and religious history, and cultural developments.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

POLS 189H University Honors Seminar

Prerequisites: Good standing in the University Honors Program or by invitation.

Notes: University Honors Seminar 189H is required of all students in the University Honors Program.

Description: Topics vary.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

ACE: ACE 6 Social Science

POLS 210 Bureaucracy and the American Political System

Description: Introductory survey to the administrative arm of American national, state, and local government. Bureaucracy has become so important to the functioning of the federal system it has been termed "the fourth branch of government." Bureaucracy's role as a political institution of the first order, not just as an implementer of policy. Bureaucratic power, structure, and democratic control.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 221 Politics in State and Local Governments

Description: Broad introduction to the political structure and operations of state and local governments. Role and power of state and local governments; government institutions; political parties and interest groups; public policy; state constitutions.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 225 Nebraska Government and Politics

Description: Various aspects of Nebraska government and politics. Unicameral Legislature, the governor and executive branch, the courts, political parties in Nebraska politics, political participation, and current issues of concern to Nebraskans.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 227 The Presidency

Description: Creation, development, structure, powers, and functions of the office of the President of the United States.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 6 Social Science

POLS 230 Elections, Political Parties, and Special Interests

Description: Roles of political parties and interest groups in government and politics, focusing on their efforts of elections and lobbying.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 6 Social Science

POLS 232 Public Issues in America

Description: Major public issues in American politics. Government spending, civil rights; welfare and health care; poverty; education; urban problems; crime, violence and repression; defense policy; agricultural policy; environment/energy policy.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 235 Public Policy: Concepts and Processes

Description: Basic policy theories and the policy process, paying special attention to key events that create or prevent policy opportunities and problems that arise throughout the policy process. Substantive policy issues used to illustrate the various concepts and process models.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 236 Public Policy Analysis: Methods and Models

Description: Approaches to public policy analysis. The nature of politics and policy with emphasis on the role of the citizen, uses of information types in the formation of public policy, the analysis of policy content, and the problems of training for policy analysis. Basic policy analysis methods including interviewing participant observation, document analysis, and surveying.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 238 Blacks and the American Political System

Crosslisted with: ETHN 238

Description: Role of the Blacks in the American political system, with emphasis on strategies used to gain political power and influence decision makers; problems faced in the southern and urban political settings.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 6 Social Science ACE 9 Global/Diversity

POLS 250 Genetics, Brains, and Politics

Description: Role of genes, neural activity, and physiology in shaping human behavior, especially political behavior.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 6 Social Science ACE 4 Science

POLS 260 Problems in International Relations

Description: Selected current or otherwise important problems in international relations. Content varies but may include such subjects as weapons and security policies, human rights, multinational corporations, ideologies, etc.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 261 Conflict and Conflict Resolution

Crosslisted with: SOCI 261

Description: Introduction to the study of the biological, economic, political-historical, and cultural bases of war and group conflict.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 263 Causes of War and Peace

Description: Leading theories on war and peace, highlighting the causes and consequences of WWI, WWII, the Korean War, Vietnam, and the Gulf War.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 268 Threats to World Order

Description: Variety of global crises and challenges that pose threats to world order. Population growth; scarcities of food, energy, and non-fuel minerals; vulnerability of industrial states to resource scarcities; nuclear proliferation; arms racing; and terrorism.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Prerequisite for: POLS 287

POLS 270 From National to Human Security

Description: Provide a solid understanding of the historical and theoretical debates related to security studies within the sub field of international relations. Traditional and 'new threats' to security as it relates to world order. How nation-states are responding to these threats - namely through multilateral, multi-level strategies based on certain assumptions of governance.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 277 Latin American Politics

Crosslisted with: ETHN 277

Description: Constitutional and political development of selected Latin American countries; contemporary problems and institutions. Latin America in world affairs with special reference to the inter-American relations and the United States.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 281 Challenges to the State

Description: Challenges to the state related to human rights and gender issues. How growth of non-state actors affects individuals and groups and their rights. Gendered notions of the state, national security, women's rights, and humanitarian intervention.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 286 Research Methods in Political Science

Description: Ways of studying politics and social situations. Rather than asking what political systems "should" do, the primary questions are what political systems actually do and how we know what they do. Whether the application of the scientific process to social questions is valid? Problems in carrying out proper scientific research. The wide variety of techniques that have been applied to analyze politics.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Prerequisite for: POLS 400; POLS 450; SOCI 333

POLS 287 Data Analysis in Political Science

Prerequisites: POLS 286

Description: How political scientists analyze quantitative data to answer research questions. Operationalizing political concepts into quantitative measures. Identifying, collecting, and preparing data for analysis. Computing descriptive and inferential statistics. Conducting and interpreting inferential analyses to test causal hypotheses. Communicating results of statistical tests accurately and clearly through prose and data visualization for scholarly and practitioner audiences. Using dedicated statistical software.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

POLS 292 Special Topics in Political Science

Description: Topics vary.

Credit Hours: 1-6

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 6

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 297 Legislative Page Program

Prerequisites: Permission.

Notes: Requires serving as page with the Nebraska Unicameral.

Description: The development and workings of the Nebraska legislature.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

Experiential Learning: Case/Project-Based Learning

POLS 320 Political Persuasion and Advocacy Strategy

Description: Sources of political attitudes and preferences, and how to change them. Agenda-setting and recognizing opportunities for policy change. Strategies for optimal design and targeting of persuasive efforts. Role of lobbyists and other professional advocates in the policy process. Focus on practical application of persuasion and advocacy techniques on politicized and partisan issues.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 325 Legislative Process

Description: Legislature's role in the American arrangement of legislative-executive-judicial responsibilities. Attention to the internal operation of the Congress with focus on the standing committee stage. State legislative experiences and proposals to reform the legislative system emphasized.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 332 Climate Change: Policy and Politics

Description: Examines how the impacts of climate change are evaluated and used to motivate policy; analyzes proposals and policies aimed at mitigating climate change at both the federal and the international level; and identifies stakeholders and assesses their impacts on climate change dialogue and policy.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 333 Immigration and Politics

Crosslisted with: ETHN 333

Description: Immigration as a multifaceted sociopolitical phenomenon.

The history of different waves of immigration to the United States.

Emphasis on the diversity within every immigrant group, as well as differences and similarities regarding their acculturation process. Public attitudes towards immigration in historical perspective. The American political system's capacity to incorporate newcomers into civic life.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

Groups: CAS Diversity in the US

POLS 334 Polls, Politics and Public Opinion

Description: Attitudes and behavior of citizens with respect to politics, how these attitudes and behaviors are shaped, how they are measured, and what influence they have on government.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 338 Women and Politics

Crosslisted with: WMNS 338

Description: Survey of women as political actors: participation in political life, barriers to participation, political attitudes, issues of special concern to women, and issues of particular concern to women of color.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Groups: CAS Diversity in the US

POLS 340 Ologies and Isms

Description: An introduction to the ideologies and belief systems that structure political debate and conflict in the United States. Includes an overview of the psychology of political beliefs and a survey of ideological thinking from the left, right and center.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

Offered: SPRING

Groups: CAS Diversity in the US

POLS 345 Courts, Judges, and Lawyers

Description: Role of courts, judges, and lawyers in the American legal system and political process. Covers all federal and state courts but emphasizes the US Supreme Court.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 347 Myths and Realities of the Justice System

Description: American criminal justice system from arrest through sentencing. How the system appears to operate. How the system actually operates.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Groups: CAS Diversity in the US

POLS 350 Issues in Biology, Psychology, and Politics

Description: A consideration of special issues in the study of biology, psychology, and politics, including emotions, behavioral genetics, neuroimaging, decision-making, and research on human subjects.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 9

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 6 Social Science

POLS 361 The United Nations and World Politics

Description: Analysis of the role and influence of the United Nations in international relations. Comparison of the UN with the League of Nations and with regional international organizations such as the Organization of American States and NATO. Attention to UN programs concerning security, human rights, economic development, and environmental protection.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 362 Globalization, Human Rights and Diversity

Description: Sources of globalization, its various forms, and how it triggers resistance from those who wish to preserve the local and particular from globalizing influences.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 363 United States Foreign Policy

Description: Major domestic factors affecting how US foreign policy is made and the resulting patterns of policy. US foreign policy in four issue-areas: security, human rights, economics, and ecology.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 364 Model United Nations

Description: An introduction to the United Nations system and the Model United Nations program, including research, debate and resolution writing.

Credit Hours: 1

Max credits per semester: 1

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 375 Conflict and Development in Africa

Crosslisted with: ETHN 375

Description: Uses knowledge, theories, methods, and historical perspectives appropriate to the social sciences to understand the causes of conflict and development in Africa. Pays attention to the diversity of conflict and development-related experiences on the continent.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 6 Social Science ACE 9 Global/Diversity

POLS 377 Transnational Criminal Networks

Description: Causes, consequences and aftermath of drugs and thugs (war criminals, drugs/arms traffickers and modern-day caudillos, among others) and their role in contemporary international and human security.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 378 Politics of Antisemitism

Crosslisted with: JUDS 378

Description: A multidimensional survey of the history of local and global antisemitism, look at the calamity of the Holocaust, the creation and challenges of Israel, and current antisemitic attitudes in Nebraska, the US, and the world.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

Offered: FALL/SPR

POLS 383 Justice and the Good Life

Description: The questions of how we ought to live our lives via the study of classic texts in political thought. Debate what makes our actions - and, indeed our lives - just, choice-worthy, and even heroic.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 384 Liberalism and Its Critics

Description: The core ideas of liberal political thought. Critiques from both the Left and the Right to shed light on why the American experiment in governance - with its intellectual roots in the Enlightenment of 17th and 18th Century Europe - turned out as it did and how it might have been changed or improved.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 386 Truth and Progress

Description: Surveys the landscape of contemporary political theory, addressing some of the major debates of the past twenty years about reason, right action, human nature, good government, and truth.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 390 Seminar in Political Science

Description: Various topics in local, state, federal and international politics.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL/SPR

POLS 392 Special Topics in Political Science

Description: Topics vary.

Credit Hours: 1-6

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 6

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 395 Internship in Political Science

Prerequisites: Junior standing; 12 hours of POLS; and permission.

Notes: Pass/No Pass only. Requires the assignment of and the supervision by a faculty member.

Description: Internship in government agencies, public-interest groups, political parties, or other organizations.

Credit Hours: 1-6

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 6

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Pass No Pass

Experiential Learning: Internship/Co-op

POLS 396 Independent Study in Political Science

Prerequisites: Permission.

Description: Independent reading or research under direction of a faculty member.

Credit Hours: 1-3

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 400 Democracy and Democratic Citizenship

Prerequisites: POLS 286 with a grade of C or higher. Political science major.

Description: Democracy as a form of government. Types of democracy, alternatives to democracy, and the history and consequences of democracy. Democratic citizenship, what makes a good democratic citizen, whether and how democratic citizenship can be promoted.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

POLS 425 Congress and Public Policy**Crosslisted with:** POLS 825**Description:** The policy making role of the Congress including the institutionalization of the House and the Senate, an analysis of congressional behavior, the committee process, and the policy responsiveness of Congress.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**POLS 426 Topics in American Public Policy****Crosslisted with:** POLS 826**Description:** A significant public policy in American politics. Topics: science, technology, and public policy; or health politics.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**POLS 430 Political Communication****Crosslisted with:** COMM 430**Description:** Role of communication in the political process, with emphasis on communication strategies in political campaigns. Includes communication variables important in the political process, an application of communication theory and principles to political rhetoric, and analysis and criticism of selected political communication events.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**POLS 433 Race, Ethnicity, and Politics in America****Description:** Study of the complexities and political struggles surrounding the inclusion of racial and ethnic minoritized groups in the democratic process throughout American history. Topics include theoretical approaches of race and ethnicity in US politics, historical context of social mobilization and civic inclusion, trends and underpinnings of public attitudes towards those minoritized groups, racial and ethnic identities as foundations to political engagement and incorporation into American civic life.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** SPRING**Groups:** CAS Diversity in the US**POLS 441 Constitutional Law****Crosslisted with:** POLS 841**Description:** Supreme Court doctrine determining the distribution of powers within the national government and between the national government and the state governments.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**POLS 442 Civil Liberties: Freedom of Expression and Conviction****Crosslisted with:** POLS 842**Description:** Supreme Court doctrine interpreting the First Amendment, covering freedom of speech, assembly, and association; freedom of the press; and freedom of religion.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**POLS 443 Civil Liberties: Issues of Fairness and Equality****Crosslisted with:** POLS 843**Description:** Supreme Court doctrine covering the rights of the accused, the right to privacy and the right to racial and sexual equality.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**POLS 450 Conducting Research in Political Psychology****Prerequisites:** POLS 286 with a grade of C or higher.**Description:** Advanced consideration of the theories, methods, and findings in the application of biological and psychological techniques to politics. Focus on experimental and survey research design, quantitative data analysis using statistical software (R/RStudio), and written and oral presentation of research findings.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**ACE:** ACE 6 Social Science**Experiential Learning:** Research**POLS 459 International Political Economy****Crosslisted with:** POLS 859**Description:** Interface of politics and economics in the international arena. Political dimension of international economic issues emphasized. Includes: liberal, mercantile, and radical approaches; theories of imperialism; dependency and interdependency; distribution of the global product; the global division of labor; the political aspects of markets; the politics of trade, aid, investment, multinational corporations, food, and energy.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**POLS 463 American Foreign Policy and the Use of the Military****Crosslisted with:** POLS 863**Description:** Military action as an instrument of American foreign policy. Constitutional basis of the president's and Congress's war powers; assessments of the role of the White House, Congress, CIA, senior pentagon officials, the American public, and military alliances - NATO and coalitions of the willing - in supporting and directing the use of military action abroad; and the political and strategic consequences of various American applications of military force.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option

POLS 466 Pro-seminar in International Relations

Crosslisted with: ECON 466, POLS 866, AECN 467, ECON 866, HIST 479, HIST 879

Prerequisites: Senior standing and permission.

Notes: Open to students with an interest in international relations.

Description: Topic varies.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 469 International Law

Crosslisted with: POLS 869

Prerequisites: Junior or Senior Standing

Description: Rules and principles accepted by the members of the community of nations as defining their rights and duties, and the procedure employed in protecting their rights and performing their duties.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

POLS 470 International Human Rights

Crosslisted with: POLS 870

Description: Development of international norms on human rights and attempts to implement those standards. Emphasis on political process, with attention to law, philosophy, economics, and culture. Coverage of the United Nations, regional organizations, private agencies, and national foreign policies.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 472 State Terror

Description: Use of terror as an instrument of state policy. A series of case studies of large scale politically based killings. Why and which states use terror and politicide against their own citizens.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 476 Ethnic Conflict and Identity

Crosslisted with: JUDS 476, POLS 876

Description: Theories of natinalism and ethnic conflict. Case studies of Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. The post-Cold War era as multi-polar and multi-cilizational. The states and different cultures that compete for influence and authority to dominate the "New World order." The division of the world along ethnic, religious, and class lines rather than by ideology. The future of international politics and the reassessment of the causes of "conflicts of culture" and their containment.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 477 Israel and the Middle East

Crosslisted with: JUDS 477, POLS 877

Description: Israeli politics, society, and relations with its neighbors, particularly the Palestinians. Rise of Zionism and the Palestinian response to it; wars between Israel and Arab neighbors, and the eventual peace agreements between the two; the internal dynamics of Israeli political life; and state of Zionism today.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 478 Pro-seminar in Latin American Studies

Crosslisted with: HIST 478, MODL 478, EDPS 478, HIST 878, POLS 878, MODL 878, EDPS 878, ETHN 478

Prerequisites: Junior standing

Description: An interdisciplinary analysis of topical issues in Latin American Studies.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 479 Insurgency, Guerrilla Warfare, and Terrorism

Description: Nature, strategies, and mechanics of insurgency, guerrilla warfare and terrorism, where they fit in the spectrum of conflict, and various techniques and methods for analyzing them.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 480 Restorative Justice

Description: Examine the theory of restorative justice and critically evaluate the restorative processes. Discuss if restorative justice works, how it compares to retributive justice, and to what extent a restorative approach can work in the aftermath of extreme societal violence.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

Offered: FALL/SPR

POLS 481 Marx and the Aftermath of Marxism

Description: Arguments in favor of and opposed to Marxism, both in theory and practice.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 492 Special Topics in Political Science

Crosslisted with: POLS 892

Description: Topics vary.

Credit Hours: 1-6

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 6

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 498 Research in Political Science

Description: Conduct research on political science topics under the supervision of a faculty member.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL/SPR

Experiential Learning: Research

POLS 499 Undergraduate Thesis

Prerequisites: Permission.

Description: Independent research leading to a thesis.

Credit Hours: 1-3

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 499H Honors Undergraduate Thesis

Prerequisites: Permission. Credit toward the degree cannot be earned in both POLS 499 and POLS 499H.

Description: Independent research leading to a thesis.

Credit Hours: 1-3

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option