

# Political Science Courses

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## Courses

### **POLS 2310. Introduction to Politics.**

Introduction to Politics: [TCCN GOVT 2305] An overview of the concepts, principles, and practices of politics as background for the study of American and Texas political institutions. The course may employ an international, comparative, or theoretical focus. Students will engage in critical analysis as they explore themes including electoral systems; party systems; social movements; globalization; political economies; colonization, and imperialism; migration and citizenship; gender/class/labor and racial/ethnic relations; international organizations, conflict; political theory, and contemporary issues. Prerequisite Freshman standing

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (A01 score between 19 and 36 AND A05 score between 23 and 36 ) OR (S01 score between 500 and 800 AND S05 score between 1070 and 1600 ) OR (TAKL score between 2200 and 3153 AND TAKW score between 3 and 6 ) OR (TSIR score between 351 and 390 ) OR (TAKE score of 1 AND TAKL score between 2200 and 3153 ) OR (SXAC score of 1 ) OR (SXSA score of 1 ) OR (SXTA score of 1 ) OR (SXDG score of 1 ) OR (SXMA score of 1 ) OR (SXMN score of 1 ) OR (SXOI score of 1 ) OR (SXTR score of 1 ) OR (RWS 1301 w/C or better ) OR (ENGL 0312 w/C\* or better ) OR (ENGL 1611 w/C or better ) OR (RWS 1601 w/C or better ) OR (COMM 1611 w/C or better ) OR (ESOL 1311 w/C or better ) OR (ENGL 0310 w/C\* or better ) OR (ENGL 0311 w/C\* or better ) OR (BCPE score of 1 ) OR (S11 score between 480 and 800 ) OR (2TSE score between 5 and 8 AND 2TWR score between 945 and 990 ) OR (2TDW score between 5 and 6 AND 2TSE score between 5 and 8 AND 2TWR score between 910 and 944 ) OR (AEXE score of 40 ) OR (HIST 1301 w/C or better ) OR (HIST 1302 w/C or better ) OR (PSYC 1301 w/C or better ) OR (SOC1 1301 w/C or better ) OR (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (BCE2 score of 1)

### **POLS 2311. American Gover & Politics.**

American Government and Politics: [TCCN GOVT 2306] A survey of contemporary American, national, state, and local political processes and institutions, with emphasis upon the Constitutions of the United States and Texas. Students will engage in critical analysis as they explore themes including the constitutional foundations of American democracy; colonization; separation of powers and policymaking; federalism and state rights; emancipatory movements; electoral politics and voting; citizenship; gender/class/labor/race relations; Texas constitution; and contemporary issues. This course meets teacher certification requirements for out-of-state graduate students. Prerequisite: Freshman standing

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (A01 score between 19 and 36 AND A05 score between 23 and 36 ) OR (S01 score between 500 and 800 AND S05 score between 1070 and 1600 ) OR (TAKL score between 2200 and 3153 AND TAKW score between 3 and 6 ) OR (TSIR score between 351 and 390 ) OR (TAKE score of 1 AND TAKL score between 2200 and 3153 ) OR (SXAC score of 1 ) OR (SXSA score of 1 ) OR (SXTA score of 1 ) OR (SXDG score of 1 ) OR (SXMA score of 1 ) OR (SXMN score of 1 ) OR (SXOI score of 1 ) OR (SXTR score of 1 ) OR (ENGL 0312 w/C\* or better ) OR (RWS 1301 w/C or better ) OR (ENGL 1611 w/C or better ) OR (RWS 1601 w/C or better ) OR (COMM 1611 w/C or better ) OR (ESOL 1311 w/C or better ) OR (ENGL 0310 w/C\* or better ) OR (ENGL 0311 w/C\* or better ) OR (BCPE score of 1 ) OR (S11 score between 480 and 800 ) OR (2TSE score between 5 and 8 AND 2TWR score between 945 and 990 ) OR (2TDW score between 5 and 6 AND 2TSE score between 5 and 8 AND 2TWR score between 910 and 944 ) OR (AEXE score of 40 ) OR (HIST 1301 w/C or better ) OR (HIST 1302 w/C or better ) OR (PSYC 1301 w/C or better ) OR (SOC1 1301 w/C or better ) OR (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) OR (BCE2 score of 1)

### **POLS 3300. Research in Political Science.**

Help students learn how to carry out research and write papers in political science, and to provide professional training and similar experiential learning opportunities. Topics include the scientific method, research design, data sources and management, statistics, and qualitative methods. The course introduces appropriate formats for papers in the discipline and reinforces writing skills.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better AND POLS 2311 w/C or better)

**POLS 3312. Party System, Campaigns Elect..**

An analysis of the nature and role of political parties and interest groups and their impact on both the electoral. and policymaking processes.

Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/D or better AND POLS 2311 w/D or better ) OR (POSC 3110 w/D or better AND POSC 3111 w/D or better ) AND (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 3313. Pub Opinion/Media & Technology.**

An analysis of the influence of American culture, politics and the media, and technology on political socialization and public opinion. The measurement of public opinion and its influence on our elected officials and public policymaking will also be considered. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/D or better AND POLS 2311 w/D or better ) OR (POSC 3110 w/D or better AND POSC 3111 w/D or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 3314. Ethnicity & Race In Amer Pol.**

An analysis of how the combined effects of race, ethnicity and social class affect both citizens and the political process. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/D or better AND POLS 2311 w/D or better ) OR (POSC 3110 w/D or better AND POSC 3111 w/D or better AND minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 3315. Judicial Process.**

Judicial Process An introduction to the American judicial process. The course will examine the judicial function generally. Areas which may be covered include: the decision processes, process participants, state and federal court structures, recruitment and selection of judges, bases of judicial behavior, policy making, and impact of judicial decisions.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better AND POLS 2311 w/C or better)

**POLS 3320. Constitutional Law.**

A study through the use of court cases of the allocation of governmental powers with emphasis on the national government, and an introduction to the judicial function and the American legal system.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/D or better AND POLS 2311 w/D or better AND POLS 3315 w/D or better)

**POLS 3321. Civil Rights & Liberties.**

A study of the limitations on governmental power in the United States, with primary emphasis on civil and political rights. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/D or better AND POLS 2311 w/D or better AND POLS 3315 w/D or better ) OR (POSC 3110 w/D or better AND POSC 3111 w/D or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 3322. Law and Society.**

An examination of the legal-judicial arrangements in the Western world and particularly the United States, with emphasis on the interaction of legal systems with society. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/D or better AND POLS 2311 w/D or better ) OR (POSC 3110 w/D or better AND POSC 3111 w/D or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 3323. Internatl & Comparative Courts.**

This course provides an introduction to the study of legal systems, courts, judicial process and behavior, and the rule of law across the world. This course examines legal and judicial systems across courts beyond the United States and evaluates the function and impact of international and regional courts. Students will critically analyze domestic and international legal systems, examine judicial behavior across political and institutional contexts, and evaluate the role of courts in processes of democratization, separation of powers, human rights, state sovereignty, and the rule of law.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better AND POLS 2311 w/C or better AND POLS 3315 w/C or better)

**POLS 3324. Indigenous Law and Politics.**

This course offers an introduction to indigenous affairs and law. Students are challenged to critically analyze the roles and structures of colonization, law, political institutions, and political processes in terms of how they impact indigenous and non-indigenous communities. Through their examination of legal policy and case law, students will evaluate how law and courts have impacted indigenous sovereignty as well as how contemporary law can enable or restrict indigeneity, repatriation, legal pluralism, and rights advocacy.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**4 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

4 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**POLS 3325. Peru: Politics of Surprise.**

Peru: Politics of Surprise Examines unexpected twists and turns in one of Latin America's most volatile countries. Topics may include geography, natural resources, democratic and authoritarian regimes, migration, patterns of conflict, political culture, public opinion, political institutions, parties, elections, interest groups, and economic development.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better AND POLS 2311 w/C or better)

**POLS 3326. Politics of East Asia.**

Politics of East Asia Examination of the politics in East Asian countries through a comparative approach. The course may cover China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and others. The comparisons will be on themes , including political culture, political development, political instructions, political processes, political economy, and political change.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better AND POLS 2311 w/C or better)

**POLS 3332. Political Geography.**

The study of political phenomena and the impact of decision-making in their spacial context. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/D or better AND POLS 2311 w/D or better ) OR (POSC 3110 w/D or better AND POSC 3111 w/D or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 3334. Politics in World Regions.**

The study of political institutions and processes in regions such as Africa, the Middle East and Asia. The course may be repeated under a different topic and/or instruction. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 54 credits)

**POLS 3337. Latin American Politics.**

A survey of the political institutions and processes of major countries in Latin America. Emphasis is placed on sources of political cleavage and the problems of stability and instability within countries of the region. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 3339. Comparative Political Systems.**

An examination of theories and methods used in comparative political analysis with illustrative cases drawn from a variety of political cultures.

Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 3345. Democracy and Democratization.**

Examines the nature and requisites of democracy, the phenomenon of transitions from non-democratic rule, and the challenges of consolidating and deepening new democracies. Case studies of democratic transition from various world regions will be discussed for comparative purposes.

Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 3350. Intro to Public Administration.**

A study of management processes involved in the accomplishing of government; analysis of the structure and procedures of the administrative or executive branch of the government, with particular reference to national, state and local governments in the United States. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/D or better AND POLS 2311 w/D or better ) OR (POSC 3110 w/D or better ) OR (POSC 3111 w/D or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 3351. The Public Policy Process.**

Issues and techniques in the analysis of public agenda-building, decision-making, implementation and evaluation. Course may be comparative in content and may be repeated under different topic and/or instructor. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/D or better AND POLS 2311 w/D or better ) OR (POSC 3110 w/D or better AND POSC 3111 w/D or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 3353. State and Local Administration.**

The administration of state government in the United States with emphasis on administration in the state of Texas. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/D or better AND POLS 2311 w/D or better ) OR (POSC 3110 w/D or better AND POSC 3111 w/D or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 3354. Internship.**

A course offered for students who have, or want to be assigned to a work-related experience that is relevant to Political Science. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

0 Lecture Hours

3 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 3360. International Relations.**

The theory and practice of international politics with particular attention to the forces and processes contributing to conflict and cooperation among global political structures and institutions. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 3361. International Security.**

An investigation into matters related to the security of countries around the world, that pays particular attention to issues such as the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, international war, terrorism, civil war, genocide, disease and ecological disaster. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 3362. International Law and Politics.**

A course that explores the intersection of international law and international politics. Particular attention will be paid to international legal philosophies and the development of international law over time. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 3365. Political Simulations.**

Helps students participate in political simulations, such as the OAS, UN, Congress, and others. Preparation includes learning the structure and procedures of the organization or institution, understanding the objectives of relevant actors, creating proposals to address policy issues, honing verbal argumentation skills, and mastering parliamentary procedure. Prerequisites: POLS 2310, POLS 2311, and either POLS 3500 (may be taken concurrently) or Junior standing Fee required. Restricted to SO, JR, and SR class standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3.6 Total Contact Hours**

1.6 Lab Hour

2 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 3500 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4300. Adv Rsrch Methods/Pol Science.**

Advanced Research Methods in Political Science (3-0) A study of advanced data generation and statistical analysis techniques. Students will use these techniques in individual or group research projects. Prerequisites: POLS 2310, POLS 2311 and POLS 2312 each with a grade of "C" or better.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4304. Envir. Just. & Min. Comm U.S..**

Environmental Justice and Minority Communities in the U.S. (3-0); Crosslisted with AFST 4304; SOCI 4304; ANTH 4304; and CHIC 4304. An examination of environmental justice issues in the U.S., with an emphasis on communities, agencies and efforts that address sustainable development in the U.S.-Mexico border region. The underpinnings of the environmental justice movement in the U.S. and the regional policy formulation and practice implications for these communities will be central to the course. The course may require field trips. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4310. American Legislatures.**

An examination of the organization, behavior and work of Congress and/or state legislatures in the practice of lawmaking. It will include discussion of the interaction of those legislatures with executives (the president and governor), bureaucracies, and the judiciary in the policymaking process. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/D or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/D or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4311. The Presidency.**

An analysis and interpretation of the office of the President in relation to the functions, roles, powers and duties in both domestic and foreign affairs. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/D or better AND POLS 2311 w/D or better ) OR (POSC 3110 w/D or better AND POSC 3111 w/D or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4313. Southwestern Border Politics.**

An examination of how the structures of state and local governments on the United States-Mexico border affects politics in the region. Special emphasis will be given to the study of the electorate, cross-boundary issues and the relationship between the border regions to the federal governments of both countries. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/D or better AND POLS 2311 w/D or better ) OR (POSC 3110 w/D or better AND POSC 3111 w/D or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4314. Women, Power and Politics.**

The course focuses on the distribution of power between women and men in society and the political applications of that distribution. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/D or better AND POLS 2311 w/D or better ) OR (POSC 3110 w/D or better AND POSC 3111 w/D or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4315. Latinos In Amer Political Syst.**

An overview of Latinos in the American political system with emphasis on their impact on political participation, representation, demographic changes, and their quest for political empowerment. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/D or better AND POLS 2311 w/D or better ) OR (POSC 3110 w/D or better AND POSC 3111 w/D or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4317. U.S. Constitutional Structure.**

A detailed survey of how the American constitutional system originated and changed over time, stressing the impact of structure on outcomes. The course emphasizes knowledge about the American political system that is relevant to secondary education. Prerequisites: POLS 2310, POLS 2311, and POLS 3500 or Junior standing. Restricted to class of JR and SR.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 3500 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4318. Teaching Democracy.**

Examines various civic education content and pedagogical strategies in K-12 education. Also examines public education policy. Especially useful for those who may enter the teaching profession. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4319. Special Topics in Am. Politics.**

A special listing for courses in the field of American politics that are outside the purview of the above courses but are offered by the departmental faculty. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4320. Judicial Politics.**

Judicial Politics An introduction to the scientific study of law, courts, and judicial processes. This course will examine the major controversies in the Political Science subfield of Law and Courts. Areas which may be covered include: judicial decision making, judicial selection, agenda-setting, and judicial implementation.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours



**POLS 4322. Legal Reasoning.**

An examination of the method of reasoning about legal problems which arose out of the common law tradition. A core area of the common law (torts, criminal law, contracts, or property) will be explored in depth through the reading and analysis of case law. The techniques of reasoning in cases will be applied to hypothetical and new case materials. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/D or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/D or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4323. Courts in Action.**

This unique course combines instruction in both the theory and practice of law. Through case readings, students will learn about substantive legal issues, how they are analytically treated in legal theory and how they are applied in litigation. Students will also learn about the practical aspects of law by attending actual trials, sentencing, and hearings held both on and off campus, and by talking with lawyers, judges, juries, and law enforcement officers. The course will also include tours through prison and detention facilities, courts, and other institutional settings. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**6 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

6 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4324. Introduction to Private Law.**

This course introduces students to the main concepts and considerations and public policy implications of the law of torts, contracts, and property. Issues discussed may range from governmental liability for injuring and killing citizens to the patenting and ownership of new genetic configurations or genetically engineered animals and plants. Particular attention will be given to governmental abuse of power and the private law remedies for such abuse. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4325. Spec Topics in Law & Politics.**

A special listing for courses in the field of Law and Politics offered by the departmental faculty that are outside the purview of the above courses.

Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4328. Politics of China.**

Politics of China This course helps students understand and unravel some puzzles about China. How has the communist regime in China survived while similar regimes in Eastern Europe fell? What accounts for China's recent economic success? Is the "China Model" a promising one? How likely is democratization? What was the US-China relation like and how will it develop?

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better AND POLS 2311 w/C or better)

**POLS 4329. Elections Around the World.**

Elections Around the World Examines the principal types of electoral systems worldwide. Specific topics may include the integrity and administration of elections, electoral engineering, campaign finance, and the media. Case studies of recent elections may be examined.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better AND POLS 2311 w/C or better)

**POLS 4330. Foreign Policy of the U.S..**

A study of the structures and processes of the United States foreign policy decision-making. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/D or better AND POLS 2311 w/D or better ) OR (POSC 3110 w/D or better AND POSC 3111 w/D or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4337. The Politics of Mexico.**

A study of the political processes and institutions within Mexico. Attention will be given to the political culture of Mexico, the role of interest groups and political parties, the nature of federalism and separation of powers, public policy and administration, and human rights. Prerequisite: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/D or better AND POLS 2311 w/D or better ) OR (POSC 3110 w/D or better AND POSC 3111 w/D or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4339. US-Latin American Relations.**

Explores the relations between the United States and the countries of Latin America. Issues examined may include economic integration, narcotrafficking, environmental policy and immigration. Issue and country focus may vary depending on the instructor. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and POLS 2312 or junior standing.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4340. The American Constitution.**

An analysis of America's founding document and its evolution over time. Prerequisite: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and POLS 2312 or junior standing.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/D or better AND POLS 2311 w/D or better ) OR (POSC 3110 w/D or better AND POSC 3111 w/D or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4343. Politics of Brazil.**

Politics of Brazil Examines the political institutions and processes in Brazil. Topics may include democratization, authoritarian politics, elections and electoral systems, executive and legislative politics, party systems, political accountability, and public and foreign policies.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better AND POLS 2311 w/C or better)

**POLS 4344. Sp Topics in Political Theory.**

A special listing for courses in the field of political theory offered by the departmental faculty that are outside the purview of the above courses.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**POLS 4346. Russia's Challenges/21st Cent.**

An analysis of the sociopolitical problems and challenges facing Russia at the onset of the 21st Century, against the background of the policy choices available in the post-communist and post-9/11 conditions. An assessment of those choices will be made in terms of Russia's historical and political experiences. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4347. European Union Politics.**

An advanced study of the political structures emerging from New Europe. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4348. Politics/Developing Countries.**

The study of political culture, institutions and processes of developing countries. Emphasis is placed on institution building, economic development, and ethnic conflict. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4350. Sp Topics in Comparative Gov.**

A special listing for courses in the field of comparative politics offered by the departmental faculty that are outside the purview of the above courses. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4356. Non-Profit Organizations.**

Examines leadership, budgets, and collaborative partnerships. Develops skills in proposal-writing and management for the non-profit, public sector. Focuses on the U.S. and/or U.S.-Mexico border, but may include international and comparative perspectives. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4357. Leadership/Civic Participation.**

Theories and applications on leadership development, relationships with others and strategies in different contexts. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4358. Special Topics in Public Admin.**

A special listing for courses in the field of Public Administration offered by the departmental faculty that are outside the purview of the above courses. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311, and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2312 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4359. Urban Planning.**

Urban Planning This course provides a framework for critically analyzing the process of urbanization and the role planning that plays in this phenomenon. It introduces students to trends in urban development, comprehensive planning concepts, the political and legal bases of planning, and approaches to public planning. It also covers the ability of planning to address critical problems through public policies and to shape the human environment.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better AND POLS 2311 w/C or better)

**POLS 4363. North American Relations.**

Examines the relations between the three countries of North America, Canada, Mexico, and the United States using applicable theories of regional cooperation and conflict with special emphasis on integration. The course will also develop an understanding of the evolution of the current state of relations among the three. Focus will be on, but not limited to, trade relations, the institutions of NAFTA, security issues, migration, the potential of building a regional community (along economic, political, and social lines), citizen perceptions, and overall economic development. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311 with grades of C or higher.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better)

**POLS 4364. Internat'l Political Economy.**

An examination of the relationship between international politics, national policies, and economics regarding international trade, investments, debt, monetary policy and oil. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4365. International Organizations.**

Examines the development of international organization, such as NATO and the United Nations and considers the legal and constitutional aspects of their creation. It also presents the tools to evaluate the success of international organizations in the management of conflict and the advancement of social, economic and political cooperation. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4366. Sp Topics/Internat'l Relations.**

A special listing for courses in the field of International Relations offered by the departmental faculty that are outside the purview of the above courses.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**POLS 4367. Ethnic Conflict and Civil Wars.**

Ethnic Conflict and Civil Wars This course examines theories about the sources of ethnic conflicts and civil wars, along with key strategies that are employed to contain such conflicts. Coverage includes the concepts of ethnic and national identity, different regime types, policies that structure intergroup relations, causes of ethnic conflict and civil violence, and the ineffectiveness of certain domestic/ international arrangements in suppressing intergroup tensions or the evaluation of the costs and benefits associated with different conflict management strategies for facilitating the peaceful resolution of such conflicts.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better AND POLS 2311 w/C or better)

**POLS 4368. Conflict Analysis.**

Examines processes of conflict and cooperation among and within countries. Topics may include interstate war, civil war, conflict resolution techniques, military alliances, economic factors, the role of international organizations, ethnic conflicts, terrorism, and other forms of low-intensity conflict. Students will conduct a theoretical and empirical research project. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; either POLS 3500 or junior standing; POLS 3360 highly recommended. Restricted to JR, SR class standing.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better AND POLS 2311 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 3500 w/C or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4370. Independent Reading in Pol Sci.**

A research and writing experience for undergraduates in Political Science. Prior approval of the instructor and departmental chair is required before enrollment. Prerequisites: POLS 2310 and POLS 2311; and either POLS 2312 or junior standing.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/D or better AND POLS 2311 w/D or better ) OR (POSC 3110 w/D or better AND POSC 3111 w/D or better ) OR (minimum of 60 credits)

**POLS 4399. Senior Capstone.**

A course that is designed to assess the ability of the student to utilize what he or she has learned through the research and writing of a senior paper. Prior approval of the instructor and departmental chair is required before enrollment. Prerequisites: POLS 2310, POLS 2311, and POLS 2312 each with a grade of "C" or better and departmental approval.

**Department:** Political Science

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

0 Lecture Hours

3 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2310 w/C or better ) AND (POLS 2311 w/C or better)