Political Science (POL)

Note: All POL courses satisfy CAS-C-POL.

POL 140. Topics in Contemporary Politics. (1-3; maximum 4)
Examination of contemporary political events, with focus on national or state elections, major national or international events, or important themes in current public affairs. Emphasis on illuminating current events through insights from scholarship. Credit cannot be applied to majors or minors in Department of Political Science.

POL 142. American Politics and Diversity. (3) (MPF)
Foundations and operations of the American political system, with emphasis on "the people" and how they belong to, challenge, and change the system. How the competing values of unity and diversity influence American politics. IC, IIC, CAS-C.

POL 160. The Challenge of Public Leadership. (1; maximum 3)
This course is an introduction to theories and frameworks for understanding the nature and challenges of "public leadership". Students will be exposed to milieu in which elected, appointed, and group leaders develop and practice leadership skills. Several "profiles of public leaders" will serve to illustrate how notable figures have responded to the "challenge of public leadership".

POL 177. Independent Studies. (0-5)

POL 201. Political Thinking. (3)
Examination of ideas that justify or challenge political orders, such as nationalism, totalitarianism, militarism, anarchism, capitalism, socialism, communism, liberalism, conservatism, feminism, elitism, and democracy.

POL 220. Movies and Politics. (2)
Course uses popular films and television clips to introduce important political issues and processes to a broad set of students. The movies for this course will focus on the actors, issues, and processes that are involved in politics. Offered credit/no credit.

POL 221. Comparative Politics. (3) (MPF)
Comparative introduction to the development, governmental structures, and political processes of societies in modern world. Case studies used to relate theories to actual problems and governing strategies in contemporary political systems. IIC, IIB, CAS-C.

POL 241. American Political System. (3) (MPF, MPT)
Theories and methods of political analysis applied to the American political system. Political beliefs, behavior, institutions, and public policies in the American case will be examined. IIC, IIB, CAS-C.

POL 254. Introduction to Russian and Eurasian Studies. (3)
Examines the major developments that have shaped Russian and Eurasian Culture, society and politics over the last millennium. The course incorporates perspectives from the social sciences, humanities and the fine arts. IIB, ADVW, CAS-B. Cross-listed with ATH/CLS/HST/ITS/REL/RUS.

POL 261. Public Administration. (3) (MPT)
Introduction to public administration as a field of study and a major component of government; bureaucratic behavior and bureaucracy as formal organization; structures, settings, functions, and personnel of bureaucratic organizations and their effects on public policy and public service delivery.

POL 268. State and Local Government and Politics. (3)
Introduction to the study of state and local government and politics with special emphasis on Ohio government and politics. Topics include state/local government fiscal relations, issues of service delivery among state, county, city, village, and township governments, and the political economy of state and local revenues and expenditures. Examines American federalism as it impacts sub-national government and politics including inter-state and substate regionalism and political actors--legislative, gubernatorial, and judicial - that affect state and local politics, as well as specific policy issues (e.g., education, economic development, and public safety).

POL 270. Current World Problems. (1; maximum 6)
Examination of major international problems, with special attention to basic forces in world politics and relationship of these forces to present international problems. Cross-listed with SOC.

POL 271. World Politics. (3) (MPF, MPT)
Introduction to international politics, with emphasis on factors and processes producing harmony and conflict in interactions within the international system. IIC, IIB, CAS-C.

POL 277. Independent Studies. (0-5)

POL 302. Classical Political Philosophy. (3)
Study of the development of such notions as law, justice, obligation, and right of revolution through analyses of significant political philosophers from Plato to Rousseau. Prerequisite: POL 201.

POL 303. Modern Political Philosophy. (3) (MPT)
Study of the development of the concept of the unalienated, autonomous person and consequences for political philosophy and political economy, as dealt with by Rousseau, Kant, Hegel, Marx, classical economists, and British Utilitarians. Prerequisite: POL 201.

POL 306. Applied Research Methods. (3)
Use of quantitative analysis in the public sector; consideration of the methodology of applied research. Special emphasis on research design and data-gathering techniques, including survey research, aggregate data analysis, cost-benefit analysis, and planning. CAS-QL. Prerequisite: POL 241 or POL 261.

POL 307. Public Opinion Laboratory. (0-4; maximum 6)
Practice in the execution of survey research with attention to questionnaire construction, sampling, interviewing, data coding, and data analysis. Discussion of ethical issues surrounding polls and the role of polling in a democratic polity. Prerequisite: permission of instructor and department chair.

POL 308. Introduction to Programming and Scripting for Data Analytics. (3)
Introduction to computer programming concepts used for solving mathematical problems and manipulating data. Control structures, functions, formatted input/output, character and string processing, arrays, procedural and functional programming, basic elements of object-oriented programming. Emphasis on programming languages in high demand for data analytics. Prerequisites: STA 261 or STA 301 or ISA 225 or POL 306. Cross-listed with STA.
POL 309. Building, Managing and Exploring Data Sets in Analytics. (3)
Techniques for constructing, downloading, cleaning, combining, extracting and manipulating data sets to prepare them for statistical analysis and visualization. Emphasis on programming languages used in data analytics and structured query language.
Prerequisites: STA/POL 308; STA 363 or ISA 291 or POL 306; MTH 133 or ISA/STA 250.
Cross-listed with POL.

POL 321L. Comparative European Pol:Lux. (3)

POL 330. Topics in Comparative Politics. (3; maximum 9)
Topics course in comparative politics. The topics course may cover institutions, processes, policy, leaders and governments, in a comparative context. CAS-C.
Prerequisite: POL 221.

Origin and development of Russian model, evolution of Russian political and revolutionary cultures, contribution of Marxism and Leninism to Russian and international revolutionary politics.
Prerequisite: POL 221.

POL 332. Post-Soviet Russian Politics. (3) (MPT)
Analysis of Soviet political system with special attention to its development, roles of the Communist Party and Soviet government, emphasizing decision-making process, legal system, and civil rights.
Prerequisite: POL 221.

POL 333. Politics of Western Europe. (3)
Comparative survey of social and cultural bases of politics, organization of political interests, style of political leadership, decision-making processes, governmental bureaucracies, and political strategies of social and economic change in major political systems of Western Europe.
Prerequisite: POL 221.

POL 334. Politics of Eastern Europe. (3) (MPT)
Survey of political systems in the nations of Eastern Europe in the period since World War II. Focus on the cultural, social and historical peculiarities of the region, as well as the processes that reshaped the region in the post-communist era.
Prerequisite: POL 221.

POL 336. Politics of the Middle East. (3)
Comparative survey and analysis of political systems and politics in the Middle East. Includes examination of selected states, non-states actors, international organizations, and key events in the region.
Prerequisite: POL 221.

POL 337. Politics of Latin America. (3) (MPT)
Diachronic analysis of Latin American political, social, and economic structures and processes, with special emphasis on the study of how the interrelationship between them crystallizes into democratic and authoritarian regimes and how tensions underlying these regimes produce further changes.
Prerequisite: POL 221.

POL 338. Contemporary African Politics. (3)
An overview of major issues in African politics and the international politics of Africa. Its scope is "Africa south of the Sahara" and is intended to appeal to a variety of interests, from global and continental to modernization, gender and Marxist theories of development, conflict, inequality, and underdevelopment.
Prerequisite: POL 221.
Cross-listed with BWS 339.

POL 339. Nationalism, Islam and Democracy in Arab Politics. (3)
The origins, ideas, and socio-political impact of Arab nationalism and Islam. The convergence and divergence of these forces, as well as developments in particular places and cases.
Prerequisite: POL 221.

POL 340. Internship. (0-20)

POL 343. American Presidency. (3) (MPT)
Evolution of the presidency, its powers and restraints; organizing and using White House staff; executive decision- making; contemporary views of the office.
Prerequisite: POL 241.

POL 344. U.S. Congress. (3) (MPT)
Sociology and politics of legislative process; legislative recruitment, structure and influence of the committee system, impact of party leadership, and nature of legislative decision-making.
Prerequisite: POL 241.

POL 345. National Issues. (3)
Examination of major contemporary domestic national issues, especially pollution, health care, inflation and recession, crime, income distribution, poverty, federal budget.
Prerequisite: POL 241.

POL 346. Global Gender Politics. (3) (MPT)
Examination of the role of women in political participation, political protest, and political and economic development worldwide. Explores the usefulness of gender as a conceptual tool for comparative analysis, and uses case study material from the developed and developing world to examine how women’s involvement in politics both shapes and is shaped by various political contexts.
Prerequisite: POL 221.
Cross-listed with WGS.

POL 348. Gender Politics & Policy in the United States. (3)
Addresses the role of gender in American politics. Topics include the history of women’s rights in American politics, differences between the political behavior of men and women, the role of gender in elections and in leadership, and current policies that affect women.
Prerequisite: POL 241 or WGS 201.
Cross-listed with WGS 348.

POL 351. Criminal Justice. (3)
Survey and analysis of major components of the system of criminal justice with emphasis on law enforcement, judicial process, and corrections.
Prerequisite: POL 241.

POL 352. Constitutional Law and Politics. (3) (MPT)
Supreme Court as a legal and political institution; leading judicial decisions with respect to separation of powers and federalism.
Prerequisite: POL 241.

POL 353. Constitutional Rights and Liberties. (3) (MPT)
Leading cases and related materials on the Bill of Rights and 14th Amendment.
Prerequisite: POL 241.

POL 356. Mass Media and Politics. (3) (MPT)
Mass media, especially television, in politics in the United States, with comparisons to nature, roles, and impacts on politics of the mass media in other countries. Emphasis given to mass media as instruments of political communication and opinion leadership, and as tools of political influence and control.
Prerequisite: POL 241.
POL 375. Politics of Organized Interests. (3)
Nature, functions, organizations, and activities of interest groups in the American political system with a comparative analysis of interest groups in other political systems.
Prerequisite: POL 241.

POL 376. Latin America: The Region and the World. (3) (MPT)
Examination of the economic and political relations among Latin American nations and between Latin America and the industrialized world.
Prerequisite: POL 221 or POL 271.

POL 377. Independent Studies. (0-5)
Topics course in international relations. CAS-C.
Prerequisite: POL 271.

POL 378. U.S. National Security Policy. (3) (MPT)
Examination of U.S. national security and defense requirements, the defense policymaking process, U.S. national security interests in the post-Cold War era, the roles for nuclear weapons, new security issues, and the continuing tensions of searching for security in a democratic polity.
Prerequisite: POL 271.

POL 379. U.S. Campaigns and Elections. (3)
This course is an introduction to the processes and impact of political campaigns. Our primary goal over the next several weeks is to systematically examine elections in the United States. We will act as social science researchers to answer some interesting questions: What is the role of voters, campaigns and elections in a democracy? Why are campaigns and elections important in a democracy? We will examine in detail how voters decide to choose a representative. We will examine election campaigns, focusing specifically on whether campaigns matter, how they can be studied systematically, and how candidates strategize in modern elections.
Prerequisite: POL 241.

POL 380. Public Management, Leadership, and Administrative Policies. (3) (MPT)
Study of contemporary public management and leadership in government, and the political economy of public sector agencies. Emphasis on the politics and economics of administrative reform, innovation, and policy management in public sector organizations including the dynamics of bureaucratic decision making and administrative behavior at the micro and macro levels of analysis.
Prerequisite: POL 241 or POL 261.

POL 381. Global Governance. (3) (MPT)
Examines different approaches and institutional arrangements for promoting international cooperation and managing conflict, with special emphasis on developments within the United Nations system, the growth of transgovernmental cooperation, and the grassroots activities of nongovernmental organizations.
Prerequisite: POL 271.

POL 382. International Law. (3) (MPT)
Nature and principles of international law, with special emphasis on changing concepts and conflicting claims in the development of rules for the world community.
Prerequisite: POL 271.

Comparative analysis of international security issues, with emphasis on military security concerns and international peacekeeping, and nontraditional security concerns such as human security, food security and resource security.
Prerequisite: POL 271.

POL 399D. The Balkans: HST, POL and Cult. (6)
Cross-listed with HST 399D.
POL 406. Public Policy Analysis Laboratory. (2)
Practice in organizing a policy research team, preparing and presenting an applied policy research project. Practice in the application of program evaluation design, document analysis, interviewing, primary and secondary data collection, data analysis, legislative research, implementation analysis, organizational analysis, benefit-cost analysis, cost effectiveness analysis, and other applied policy research techniques and issues covered in POL 466/POL 566. Required for public administration majors, POL 466/POL 566 Capstone.
Prerequisites: POL 261, 306, and senior standing or permission of instructor.
Co-requisite: POL 466/POL 566 required.

POL 411/POL 511. American Political Thought. (3) (MPC)
Examines how traditions of liberalism, republicanism, and religion have shaped American political ideas and culture. Attention to the thought of the Founding, Lincoln's refounding, feminism, and African-American political thought.
Prerequisites: POL 201.

POL 419/POL 519. Civil Society and Modern Politics. (3) (MPC)
Capstone that discusses the nature of modern civil society, including a discussion of its nature, its historical origins, the problems that threaten its continued existence, and the possible solutions that might be used to preserve and maintain it.
Prerequisite: POL 201 or POL 241.

POL 423/POL 523. European Union: Politics and Policies. (3) (MPC)
Exploration of the development, structure, and operation of the EC as well as its main policies and their effects on governments, business organizations, and other interests operating in the EC. Examines the interface between politics and economic activity within the EC and its role as a principal economic partner of the U.S., an emerging security actor, and the world's most developed example of regional integration.
Prerequisite: POL 221.

POL 426. Inside Washington. (8)
Engages students in an intensive study of the contemporary Washington, D.C. - government institutions, public officials, journalists, consultants, staff, and interest groups - through reading, lecture, on-site observations, expert presentations, discussion, research, writing, and internships. Program conducted in Washington, DC.
Prerequisite: permission of instructor.
Cross-listed with JRN/MAC.

POL 427. Inside Washington Semester Experience. (4; maximum 4)
Intensive study of the contemporary Washington community-government institutions, public officials, journalists, consultants, staff, and interest groups through reading, lecture, on-site observations, expert presentations, discussion, research, and writing. Program conducted in Washington.
Prerequisites: permission of instructor.
Co-requisites: JRN/MAC/POL 454; JRN/MAC/POL 377 or 477; JRN/MAC/POL 340.
Cross-listed with JRN/MAC.

POL 430/POL 530. Seminar on Comparative Political Systems. (3; maximum 6)
Students will examine various issues related to the functioning of modern political systems through readings, oral presentations and discussions. They will also write about the relevant literatures and compare specific cases, regions and historical periods. Topics will vary but will include The Rule of Law, modes of governance in authoritarian and hybrid regimes, the empirical and conceptual dimensions of democratic consolidation and democratic collapse, the impact of leadership on domestic and international politics, and the institutional design of different types of political systems.
Prerequisite: POL 221 and POL 241.

POL 437. Cyberlaw. (3)
Introduces the student to the legal issues surrounding e-commerce and cyberspace. Will develop awareness as to how the internet functions; the legal restrictions and limitations placed upon providers of internet service and those who do business on the internet; also explores issues raised in the area of intellectual property and information privacy.

POL 440/POL 540. Havighurst Colloquium. (3)
Exploration of significant issues related to Russian and post communist affairs. Each semester focuses on a central theme or topic that is examined through presentations, readings, research, discussion, and writing. May be repeated once for credit with only 3 hours counting towards the history major.
Cross-listed with CLS 436; ATH 436/ATH 536, HST 436/HST 536, REL 470A, and RUS 436/RUS 536.

POL 454. The Washington Community. (3-4; maximum 4)
This course focuses on the Washington, D.C., as a complex political-social system that is both the seat of American democracy and a metropolis plagued with typical urban problems. In this class, students will complement their study of the formal political and media systems in the “Inside Washington” course by focusing on the development and behavior of constituent communities within the city of Washington.
Cross-listed with JRN/MAC.

POL 459/POL 559. Capstone Seminar on the American Political System. (3) (MPC)
Examination of broad themes on the American political system through readings, research, writing, presentations, and discussions. Topics vary.
Prerequisite: POL 241.

POL 459G. Practical Politics in the U.S.. (3)

POL 460/POL 560. Seminar on Public Administration and Policy Analysis. (3)
Readings, research, reports, and discussion on selected topics and problems.
Prerequisite: POL 261.

POL 466/POL 566. Public Policy Analysis. (3) (MPC)
Final course in the public administration required core. Study of the stages of policy process including problem definition, policy formulation, implementation, impact, evaluation, and termination, and the role of the policy analyst in these processes.
Prerequisite: POL 261, 306, and senior standing or permission of instructor.
Co-requisite: POL 406 required.
POL 467/POL 567. Public Budgeting. (3) (MPT)
Theories and techniques of the role of the modern budget in
determination of public policy, in administrative planning, control of
government operations, and intergovernmental relations.
Prerequisite: POL 261.

POL 468/POL 568. Public Personnel Administration. (3) (MPT)
Influence of social and political values on public service concepts
and institutions. Analysis of the decline of the spoils system and
development of civil service. Problems, challenges, and prospects in
managing human resources in the public sector at national, state,
and local levels, including public service unions, civil liberties of public
employees, equal opportunity, affirmative action, health and safety
and public productivity.
Prerequisite: POL 261.

POL 471. The International System. (3) (MPC)
Provides opportunity to think critically about the meaning and
implications of theories and concepts that have been introduced in
their prior course work. Students encouraged to think carefully about
how one might conduct research that is designed to test and assess
the applicability of these theories and concepts to the international
system, past and present. One basic focal point of the class is to
think carefully about how well some of the traditional theories about
international relations apply to the contemporary international arena.
Prerequisite: POL 271 and open to senior political science and
diplomacy and foreign affairs/diplomacy and global politics
majors and to those who have completed an appropriate Thematic
Sequence, or permission of instructor.

POL 477. Independent Studies. (0-5)

POL 487. Individual Lives and International Politics. (3) (MPC)
Students consider the ways in which personal lives are interwoven
into the political lives of nations and the world. Through the use of
autobiographies, political histories of 20th century world affairs, and
primary documents, students explore the interaction of individual
lives and international politics. Students construct their own political
autobiographies in partial fulfillment of Capstone requirements.
Prerequisite: POL 271 and senior standing and at least one course in
international or comparative politics in the Department of Political
Science.

POL 489/POL 589. Conflict Management in a Divided World. (3)
(MPC)
Focuses on devising ways to manage contemporary conflicts. Possible
areas for investigation include international trade and investment,
arms proliferation, ethnic strife, refugees, and immigration. Partners
with senior capstone and designed as an exercise in collaborative
learning to examine the underlying causes of a particular conflict,
explore the different alternatives for managing and/or resolving it,
and develop a set of constructive recommendations and a plan for
implementation.
Prerequisite: POL 271.

POL 601. Foundations of Political Analysis. (3)
Study of the history, development and public contributions of the
discipline of political science with a focus on key research themes that
cut across sub-fields.

POL 602. Research and Writing for Political Scientists. (2)
Survey of the databases and search tools used in political science/
policy research. Discussion of and instruction in different types of
written documents produced by working political scientists. Students
taking this course will also complete the requirements for certification
in human subjects research.

POL 603. Introduction to Quantitative Methods. (2)
Introduction to statistical techniques in quantitative methods.
Prerequisite: graduate standing in Political Science.

POL 604. Public Policy Research. (2)
Introduction to the practice of public policy research. Exploration of
the political economy of public policy.

POL 605. Writing Workshop for Final Project for Master's Degree. (1)

POL 606. Final Project for Master's Degree. (3)
Directed research and writing of professional report on a subject to
be determined in consultation with student's faculty supervisor.

POL 630. Seminar: Comparative Political Systems. (4; maximum 8)
Specific problems and topics in each seminar will vary.

POL 640. Internship. (0-12; maximum 12)

POL 650. Seminar on the American Political System. (4; maximum
8)
Selected topics and problems in the field of the American political
system.

(4; maximum 8)
Selected topics and problems in the field of public administration and
policy analysis.

POL 677. Independent Studies. (0-5)

POL 695. Research Tutorial for Master's Degree. (4)
Directed research on subject matter to be determined in consultation
with student's adviser and director of tutorial.

POL 700. Research for Master's Thesis. (1-12; maximum 12)

POL 710. Research on Political Theory and Methodology. (4; maximum
12)
Advanced research on selected topics and problems in political theory
and methodology.

POL 730. Research on Comparative Political Systems. (4; maximum
12)
Advanced research on selected topics and problems on comparative
political systems.

POL 750. Research on the American Political System. (4; maximum
12)
Advanced research on selected topics and problems on the American
political system. 750A The Presidency and Congress 750B State and
Urban Politics 750C Law and Judicial Politics 750D Political Parties,
Interest Groups, and Behavior.

(4; maximum 12)
Advanced research on selected topics and problems on public
administration and policy analysis. Offered infrequently. 760A Research on Public Administration 760B Research on Public Policy
Analysis.

POL 770. Research on International Relations. (4; maximum 12)
Advanced research on selected topics and problems on international
relations. 770A International Politics 770B Foreign Policy.
POL 780. Readings in Political Science. (1-4; maximum 4)
Directed readings on selected topics in political science.

POL 790. Directed Study in Political Science. (1-16; maximum 24)
Directed and supervised study in doctoral student's major and minor fields of comprehensive examination preparation, including tutorials and reports.
Prerequisite: completion of field course credits for doctoral degree.

POL 850. Research for Doctoral Dissertation. (1-16; maximum 60)