

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political Science, broadly defined, is the study of political power and the ends to which that power is used. It is "political" in the sense that it concentrates on the institutions and processes of political systems that exercise power in an authoritative way. It is "scientific" in the sense that there is a systematic body of knowledge about political behavior which can be studied empirically, normatively, and experientially. But in a broader sense, political science also studies the larger issues of justice and the ways in which the use of political power advances or retards the achievement of justice.

Politics deals with "who gets what," and political science is the study of that process of getting and maintaining power. It is an attempt to define and analyze the processes by which individuals define their interests and interact to promote those interests. At the same time it is the study of the moral ends to which power is used.

The Bachelor of Arts in Political Science involves courses in three broad areas of inquiry: American Politics (including political institutions, behavior, and public policy), Global Politics (including comparative politics and international relations), and Political Theory. The major prepares students for possible careers in public administration; federal, state, and local elected office; public policy analysis; lobbying, journalism, political consulting, law, and graduate work leading to teaching, research, or administration at the university level.

In addition to the major requirements, students must complete all CASL Degree Requirements (<http://catalog.umd.umich.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences-letters/>).

## Pre-Major Requirements

Students majoring in political science must take the following prerequisite:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
POL 101	American Politics <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>3</b>

<sup>1</sup> POL 101 is highly recommended for all upper-level courses. Junior or senior standing is a prerequisite for most 400/4000-level courses. Students are advised to complete POL 101 within their first four terms and POL 300 during their fourth or fifth term.

## Major Requirements

Students must complete 32 credit hours of upper-level political science (POL) courses. Students are advised to complete required classes as soon as possible to prevent schedule conflicts. Those who ignore this advice may have difficulties completing their major requirements as they planned.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
<b>American Politics</b>		<b>8</b>

Select two courses from the following:

POL 311	Int Group and Pol Process
POL 312	Legislative Process

POL 313	American State Government
POL 315	The American Presidency
POL/CRJ 316	The American Judicial Process
POL 322	Michigan Government, Politics, & Public Policy
POL/CRJ 323	Urban Politics
POL 325	Environmental Politics
POL 326	Presidential/Congress Election
POL 327	Pol Parties and Elections
POL 328	Pub Opinion and Press Groups
POL 329	Politics and the Media
POL 334	Organizing and Leadership
POL 360	American Policy Process
POL/CRJ/ WGST 362	Women, Politics, and the Law
POL/HHS 364	Health Pol and Administration
POL/CRJ 413	American Constitutional Law
POL/CRJ 414	Civil Rights and Liberties
POL 415	Problems in Constitutional Law
POL 417	Constitution&National Security
POL 484	Revitalizing Cities
POL 489	Seminar in Urban Politics
POL 4165/ CRJ 416	Criminal Law
POL 494	Politics, Policy, and Law Internship Seminar
POL 497	Washington, D.C. Internship

### Political Theory 4

Select one of the following:

POL/CRJ 302	The Theory of the Law
POL 303	Justice
POL 304	American Political Thought
POL 305	Race/Justice/Freedom in Amer
POL 306	Political Ideologies
POL 307	Marxist Thought
POL/CRJ 308	Moral and Political Dilemmas
POL 309	Ancient Political Theory
POL 310	Modern Political Theory
POL 314	Issues in Amer Pol Thought

### Global Politics 4

Select one of the following:

POL 350	Pol of the Developing Areas
POL 355	Religion and Politics
POL 361	American Foreign Policy
POL 365	Energy Policy
POL 370	Communist & Post-Communist Sys
POL 371	Problems in Intl Politics
POL 375	Great Pwrs Comp and Conflict
POL 385	Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
POL 450	Revolution
POL 451	Peace and War
POL 466	Politics&Policies Soc Welfare
POL/ENST 467	Food Politics and Policy
POL 471	American Foreign Policy I

POL 472	American Foreign Policy II
POL 473	International Security Affairs
POL/CRJ 481	Terrorism & US Natl Security
POL 487	Comparative Enviro Policy
POL 496	Canada Internship
<b>Political Analysis</b>	<b>4</b>
POL/CRJ 300	Political Analysis
<b>Capstone</b>	<b>4</b>
POL 4910	Capstone in Political Science
<b>Additional Electives or Concentration to Reach a Total of 32 Credit Hours</b>	<b>8</b>
Select any 8 credits of political science (POL) courses at the 300 level or above. Students also have the option to declare a concentration and take 8 credits from one of the following concentrations below:	
<b>Public Law Concentration:</b>	
POL/CRJ 302	The Theory of the Law
POL/CRJ 316	The American Judicial Process
POL 318	Criminal Law
POL/CRJ 413	American Constitutional Law
POL/CRJ 414	Civil Rights and Liberties
POL 415	Problems in Constitutional Law
POL 4165/ CRJ 416	Criminal Law
POL 417	Constitution&National Security
<b>Public Administration Concentration:</b>	
POL 313	American State Government
POL 322	Michigan Government, Politics, & Public Policy
POL 334	Organizing and Leadership
POL 363	Cr Just Policy and Admin
POL/HHS 364	Health Pol and Administration
POL 367	Fiscal Policy and Budgeting
POL 490	Sem in Public Administration
<b>Public Policy Concentration:</b>	
POL 312	Legislative Process
POL 322	Michigan Government, Politics, & Public Policy
POL/ENST 325	Environmental Politics
POL 360	American Policy Process
POL 361	American Foreign Policy
POL/CRJ/ WGST 362	Women, Politics, and the Law
POL/HHS 364	Health Pol and Administration
POL 365	Energy Policy
POL 367	Fiscal Policy and Budgeting
POL 4605	Science, Tech & Pub Policy
POL 466	Politics&Policies Soc Welfare
POL/ENST 467	Food Politics and Policy
POL 471	American Foreign Policy I
POL 472	American Foreign Policy II
POL 473	International Security Affairs
POL 484	Revitalizing Cities
POL/ENST 487	Comparative Enviro Policy
<b>State and Local Concentration:</b>	
POL 313	American State Government

POL 322	Michigan Government, Politics, & Public Policy
POL/CRJ 323	Urban Politics
POL 334	Organizing and Leadership
POL 484	Revitalizing Cities
POL 489	Seminar in Urban Politics
<b>Political Theory Concentration:</b>	
POL/CRJ 302	The Theory of the Law
POL 303	Justice
POL 304	American Political Thought
POL 305	Race/Justice/Freedom in Amer
POL 306	Political Ideologies
POL 307	Marxist Thought
POL/CRJ 308	Moral and Political Dilemmas
POL 309	Ancient Political Theory
POL 310	Modern Political Theory
POL 314	Issues in Amer Pol Thought
<b>International &amp; Comparative Politics Concentration:</b>	
POL 350	Pol of the Developing Areas
POL/RELS 355	Religion and Politics
POL 361	American Foreign Policy
POL 371	Problems in Intl Politics
POL 375	Great Pwrs Comp and Conflict
POL 385	Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
POL 450	Revolution
POL 451	Peace and War
POL 471	American Foreign Policy I
POL 472	American Foreign Policy II
POL 473	International Security Affairs
POL/ENST 487	Comparative Enviro Policy

**Total Credit Hours** **32**

#### Notes:

1. At least 16 of the 32 upper level credit hours in the Political Science (POL) major must be elected at UM-Dearborn.
2. A maximum of 8 credit hours of POL 495, POL 496, POL 497 internship credit may count in the 32 credit hours required for the major.
3. Any one course may be used to satisfy only one requirement within the major.

## Minor or Integrative Studies Concentration Requirements

A minor or concentration consists of 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in political science (POL).

- A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for the minor/concentration. The GPA is based on all coursework required within the minor (excluding prerequisites).
- A minimum of 9 credits must be completed at UM-Dearborn for a 12 credit minor/concentration.
- A minimum of 12 credits must be completed at UM-Dearborn for a 15 or more credit minor/concentration.
- Courses within a minor/concentration cannot be taken as Pass/Fail (P/F)

- Only 3 credit hours of independent study or internship may be used to fulfill the requirements for a 12 credit hour minor/concentration. Only 6 credit hours of such credit may be used in a 15 or more credit hour minor/concentration.
- Minors requiring 12 credits may share one course with a major. Minors requiring 15 credits or more may share two courses with a major. This does not apply to concentrations for the Integrative Studies major.

## Learning Goals

1. Understanding Political Systems: Knowledge of the functioning of key political systems, including local, state, national or international institutions, or organizations working outside of government, and/or the political and policy output of those systems.
2. Understanding Political Concepts and Theories: Knowledge of key historical or contemporary concepts and theories in political science.
3. Critical Thinking Skills: Ability to analyze and critically evaluate political issues and phenomena based on underlying arguments, assumptions, and evidence.
4. Political Analysis Skills Ability to use quantitative or qualitative analysis skills in interpreting and analyzing political data, indicators, trends, cases, etc.
5. Reading and Writing Skills: Ability to read and comprehend political science texts and write clear, logical, prose.
6. Political Engagement Understand the theoretical or practical value of active participation in local, state, national, or global citizenship, along with its potential consequences; or realize one's own competence or efficacy in the political sphere

### **POL 101 American Politics 3 Credit Hours**

This course examines the national institutions and political processes of American government. Potential topics include: the Constitution, the Founding, Congress, the Presidency, the Supreme Court, federalism, elections, voting, public opinion, interest groups, political parties, civil rights, civil liberties, or public policy. (F, W).

### **POL 205 Intro to Public Administration 3 Credit Hours**

Introductory study of the administrative phase of public policy development. Such aspects of administration as personnel and fiscal management are considered and related to issue of accountability, public responsibility, and notions of public interest. (F,W).

### **POL 300 Political Analysis 4 Credit Hours**

Introduction to research design, data collection and analysis, sampling, and statistics for social scientists. (F,W).

### **POL 302 The Theory of the Law 3 Credit Hours**

A comprehensive introduction to the theoretical foundations and the political functions of law, with special emphasis on the different moral justifications of law; the relation between law and justice; the relation between law and freedom; due process and fairness in any legal system. This course is designed to have special relevance for those considering law as a career. (OC).

### **POL 303 Justice 3 Credit Hours**

An analysis of theories of justice. The relation between morality and political power is considered. (AY).

### **POL 304 American Political Thought 4 Credit Hours**

The principal American contributions to political theory. (OC).

### **POL 305 Race/Justice/Freedom in Amer 3 Credit Hours**

This course examines the social and political thought of selected African American political thinkers. Its focus will be to assess the origins, development and implications of their ideas in the context of the changing dynamics of racial politics in America and the world. (AY).

### **POL 306 Political Ideologies 3 Credit Hours**

An examination of significant modern ideologies, especially liberalism, conservatism, and Marxism. (YR).

### **POL 307 Marxist Thought 3 Credit Hours**

The theories of selected communist thinkers and the implications that these ideas have for the contemporary world. (OC).

### **POL 308 Moral and Political Dilemmas 2 to 3 Credit Hours**

The course focuses on the tensions and relations between personal morality and political action by examining the moral aspect of contemporary policy issues such as the right to life, environmental policy, and discrimination. (YR).

#### **Restriction(s):**

Cannot enroll if Class is Freshman or Sophomore

### **POL 309 Ancient Political Theory 3 Credit Hours**

An examination of seminal ancient and classical thinkers and texts such as Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, and the Bible on significant themes pertaining to justice, government, religion, and philosophy. (YR).

### **POL 310 Modern Political Theory 3 Credit Hours**

The course studies the origins of modern political theory and practice, and the development of "modern" democratic liberalism. (YR).

### **POL 311 Int Group and Pol Process 4 Credit Hours**

An examination of the structure, techniques, and internal politics of interest groups, their role in policy making and relationship with political parties, legislative and executive bodies, and administrative agencies. (AY).

### **POL 312 Legislative Process 4 Credit Hours**

An analysis of legislative systems with emphasis on the changing realities of congressional and state power and policy making. (W, YR).

### **POL 313 American State Government 3 Credit Hours**

A comparative analysis of politics, political processes, and governmental institutions in American state and local governments. (AY, W).

### **POL 314 Issues in Amer Pol Thought 3 Credit Hours**

Fundamental and recurring issues in American political thought, as they appear in the most influential and representative works on public affairs since the end of the Civil War. Topics may include Social Darwinism and its progressive critics, "revisionist" critiques of the Constitution, political aspects of philosophic pragmatism, the "revolt against formalism" in law, political doctrines of Progressivism and the New Deal, mid-century changes in progressive liberalism, the revival of classical liberalism and its "fusion" with traditional conservatism, political-philosophical aspects of environmentalism, the political thought of the civil rights movement and its critics, feminism and its diversification, and the capacities of American political culture and institutions to conduct a sustained opposition to terrorism. The course concentrates on analyzing extended works of reasoning in books, essays, judicial opinions and other public documents. POL 304, American Political Thought, is recommended as a forerunner to this course.

#### **Restriction(s):**

Can enroll if Level is Undergraduate

**POL 315 The American Presidency 4 Credit Hours**

The course examines the expansion of presidential powers, focusing on the constitutional and political development in the president's role as chief executive, legislative leader, and administrative head of state. Topics include: separation of powers, presidential selection, impeachment, relations with Congress and bureaucracy, emergency powers, presidential character, and leadership. (YR).

**POL 316 The American Judicial Process 4 Credit Hours**

An analysis of American legal institutions, processes and doctrines, and their relationship to the formulation of public policy and the solution of social problems. (AY).

**POL 318 Criminal Law 3 Credit Hours**

A survey of landmark Supreme Court decisions in the field of criminal law and related issues of criminal justice. State court decisions when applicable may also be included. (AY).

**POL 322 Michigan Government, Politics, & Public Policy 4 Credit Hours**

We will use contemporary policy debates in Michigan as a lens for understanding the institutions, processes, and individuals driving Michigan government and politics. We will examine both the formal structural dimensions of Michigan government and the informal environmental elements affecting how those structural elements function. (YR).

**POL 323 Urban Politics 4 Credit Hours**

A survey of the political process in urban areas giving special attention to the changing role of cities in American politics. (YR).

**POL 325 Environmental Politics 4 Credit Hours**

An examination of policy making about problems affecting the environment, at a global, national, and local scale. (AY).

**POL 327 Pol Parties and Elections 4 Credit Hours**

A basic survey of American political party organization and the American election system. The course sometimes includes an examination of parties and elections in comparative perspective. (YR).

**POL 328 Pub Opinion and Press Groups 4 Credit Hours**

A study of the nature and formation of public opinion, the techniques for its measurement, and its role in the political system. (AY).

**POL 329 Politics and the Media 4 Credit Hours**

This course investigates the relationships between the news media and our major political institutions; the structure of the modern media; their influence on public opinion; their effects on our party and electoral system; their role in defining political reality and agenda setting; and their influence upon our political institutions and the policy-making process. (YR).

**POL 334 Organizing and Leadership 4 Credit Hours**

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the theory and practice of local democratic action. The course draws on the history, practices, and lessons of the American community organizing tradition and the civil rights movement and relates those past experiences to current issues. In collaboration with local community partners, students learn about effective methods of civic engagement and leadership, as currently practiced in metropolitan Detroit. (YR).

**POL 350 Pol of the Developing Areas 4 Credit Hours**

A comparative study of political development, political and governmental structures, and conflict patterns, especially of an ethnic nature. (AY).

**POL 355 Religion and Politics 3 Credit Hours**

The primary focus of the course is on political movements or systems that take a religious form or have a religious base or use a religiously-rooted ideology. Possible themes or cases covered include the Catholic Church as a political system, Evangelical politics in America, religious uprisings, and Islamic political movements. (AY).

**POL 360 American Policy Process 4 Credit Hours**

Using real-world examples and the insights of experts in the field, this course explores how public policy is made in the federal government. We will examine deeply the interaction of people, institutions, rules, and contextual variables that determine what policies are enacted and how. We will seek to understand the complex, often maddening, process of decision-making in the federal government and the policies that result from it. (YR).

**POL 361 American Foreign Policy 4 Credit Hours**

Survey of American foreign policy in various regions of the world. Instances of policy making, such as the Cuban missile crisis, are explored in detail. (OC).

**POL 362 Women, Politics, and the Law 4 Credit Hours**

An examination of the political behavior of women in American politics. Included is an analysis of the legal and legislative demands of American women. (AY).

**POL 363 Cr Just Policy and Admin 3 Credit Hours**

The structure and processes of criminal justice administration in America, including analysis of current issues in police behavior, courts, and corrections. (AY).

**POL 364 Health Pol and Administration 4 Credit Hours**

Structure and processes of health administration in America, including analysis of current issues in health policy. (OC).

**POL 365 Energy Policy 3 Credit Hours**

The course reviews the important elements in energy policy and a brief history of that development. It also considers what factors have been important in those developments. Finally, there is discussion of the potential for policy developments at all levels of government. (OC).

**POL 367 Fiscal Policy and Budgeting 3 Credit Hours**

This course is intended to introduce students to the fundamental elements of the federal budget. During the class we will examine the budgetary process and how it has evolved over time. Contemporary proposals to reform the budget process will be considered as well. Careful attention will also be paid to important components of the federal budget including entitlements, defense spending, and discretionary non-defense spending. We will consider various policy reforms as legislators seek to find ways of maintaining popular programs while controlling costs. Finally, the course will conclude by examining some famous budgetary conflicts in recent American history.

**Restriction(s):**

Can enroll if Level is Undergraduate

**POL 370 Communist & Post-Communist Sys 3 Credit Hours**

China and Russia are the focal points of this course. Among questions explored are: How are Russia and China ruled? Are their forms of government and their economic systems "moderating" and becoming more like those of the United States? How successful have these governments been in meeting the needs of the people? (OC).

**POL 371 Problems in Intl Politics 4 Credit Hours**

Present-day problems in world politics, with particular emphasis on the great powers and on areas and events of political conflict in the contemporary world. (YR).

**POL 375 Great Pwrs Comp and Conflict 4 Credit Hours**

This course focuses on the foreign policies of major international powers, such as China, Russia, and the Western European democracies. Attention is also paid to the causes of the rise and decline of major powers. (OC, YR).

**POL 385 Israeli-Palestinian Conflict 4 Credit Hours**

The course focuses on the Israeli-Palestine conflict in its domestic, regional, and world-wide dimensions. (W, YR).

**POL 390 Topics in Political Science 3 Credit Hours**

Examination of problems and issues in selected areas of political science. Title as listed in Schedule of Classes will change according to content. Course may be repeated for credit when specific topics differ. (OC).

**POL 390J Topics in Political Science 3 Credit Hours**

Topic: Freedom of Religion in America. This course is designed to explore a variety of historical and contemporary issues dealing with freedom of religion as guaranteed in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights. Special attention will be given to the landmark decisions of the Supreme Court interpreting the Establishment and Free Exercise clauses of the First Amendment and the legal and political controversies raised by these decisions. The course is designed to lead to a greater understanding of the symbiotic relationship between religion and politics, the importance of religious liberty to democracy, and the inevitable tensions between religious groups, and between church and state in a free society.

**Prerequisite(s):** HIST 365

**POL 398 Independent Studies 1 to 3 Credit Hours**

Readings or analytical assignments in Political Science in accordance with the needs and interests of those enrolled and agreed upon by the student and instructor.

**POL 399 Independent Study 1 Credit Hour**

readings or analytical assignments in political sciences in accordance with the interests and needs of students enrolled and agreed upon by the instructor and student. Written permission of instructor required.

**POL 413 American Constitutional Law 4 Credit Hours**

A major theme of this course is the development of the Constitution as shaped by the Supreme Court, Congress, and the president. The course examines the constitutional interpretation of government authority which includes such topics as judicial review, appointments, executive privilege, war power, federalism, commerce power, taxing and spending power, and substantive due process. (AY).

**Restriction(s):**

Cannot enroll if Class is

**POL 414 Civil Rights and Liberties 4 Credit Hours**

An analysis of the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment, with particular emphasis upon recent landmark or controversial Supreme Court decisions dealing with freedom of speech and religion, rights of criminal defendants; cruel and unusual punishment, right to privacy; civil rights and equal protection clause; and apportionment. (YR).

**Restriction(s):**

Can enroll if Class is Junior or Senior

Can enroll if Level is Undergraduate

**POL 415 Problems in Constitutional Law 3 Credit Hours**

Selected areas of constitutional law of current interest. Topics to be announced. (AY).

**Restriction(s):**

Can enroll if Class is Junior or Senior

**POL 4165 Criminal Law 3 Credit Hours**

A survey of the major judicial, executive, and legislative decisions in the field of criminal law. (AY).

**POL 417 Constitution&National Security 3 Credit Hours**

This course focuses on the issue of national security and how the federal government has used power to protect its citizens. It analyzes relevant national security issues in order to understand how government action is constrained by the Constitution and social norms. The course examines the historical development of national security in the United States including habeas corpus, wiretapping, military tribunals, state secrets, and extraordinary rendition. Particular close attention is paid to the modern development of national security. The emphasis in reading will be on cases, executive orders, congressional hearings, and statutes. For graduate credit elect POL 517.

**Restriction(s):**

Cannot enroll if Class is Freshman or Sophomore

**POL 445 Environmental Law 3 Credit Hours**

A survey of common law theories and analysis of environmental statutes from a functional perspective. The course also includes environmental law aspects of constitutional law, administrative law and criminal law, as well as the public trust doctrine and public lands. Student cannot receive credit for both ENST 350 and ENST/POL 445.

**POL 450 Revolution 4 Credit Hours**

A consideration of violent political change and the conditions which promote it. The course covers both revolutionary theories and empirical research. Specific revolutions are considered. (OC).

**Restriction(s):**

Cannot enroll if Class is

**POL 451 Peace and War 4 Credit Hours**

An examination of the causes of war and the means of securing peace. (OC).

**Prerequisite(s):** HIST 365 or HONS 300

**Restriction(s):**

Cannot enroll if Class is

Can enroll if Attribute is Honors Program

**POL 4605 Science, Tech & Pub Policy 3 Credit Hours**

This course explores the intersection of science, technology, and public policy. Scientific knowledge and technological innovations are exceptionally powerful resources for policy-makers and for societies; they also pose great challenges and risks. This course will look at how science and technology affect the pursuit of policy goals in areas such as public health, environmental sustainability, economic growth, and national security. Students will not receive credit for more than one of POL 460, POL 560, and PPOL 560.

**Restriction(s):**

Cannot enroll if Class is Graduate

**POL 466 Politics&Policies Soc Welfare 4 Credit Hours**

The course examines the relationship between politics and public policy as related to the provision of social welfare programs in the United States. (YR).

**Restriction(s):**

Cannot enroll if Class is Freshman

**POL 467 Food Politics and Policy 4 Credit Hours**

How do politics affect our food at the global, national and urban/local scale? This course examines close historical relationships between politics and food; the politics of conventional agriculture and food policy; and alternative agriculture movements and food systems, with a particular emphasis on urban food policy and urban food systems.

**POL 471 American Foreign Policy I 4 Credit Hours**

American foreign policy in Western Europe, Russia, and Latin America. (OC).

**Restriction(s):**

Can enroll if Class is Junior or Senior

**POL 472 American Foreign Policy II 4 Credit Hours**

American foreign policy in the non-western world. (OC).

**Restriction(s):**

Can enroll if Class is Junior or Senior

**POL 473 International Security Affairs 4 Credit Hours**

International Security is the branch of world politics concerned with the threats, primarily military in nature, to the peace and security of the nation, states, and the international community. (AY).

**Restriction(s):**

Can enroll if Class is Junior or Senior

**POL 481 Terrorism & US Natl Security 3 Credit Hours**

The United States responded to the events of September 11, 2001 with a series of unprecedented action under the umbrella of homeland security and the "War on Terror." This course examines American National security policy by asking a few key questions: What is terrorism and how does it threaten the United States? How has the United States responded to the threat of terrorism over time? What have the consequences of US policy been to date? Finally, how would we balance a desire for security with our desire for civil liberties and ethical action?

**Prerequisite(s):** CRJ 468

**Restriction(s):**

Can enroll if Level is Undergraduate

**POL 484 Revitalizing Cities 4 Credit Hours**

What have we done to address decline in city neighborhoods and downtowns? Why? How has it worked? Why? What's the hope for the future? This course uses a public policy lens to engage students in a quest for answers to these questions. (YR)

**POL 487 Comparative Enviro Policy 4 Credit Hours**

This course explores environmental policy as a result of political processes involving diverse participants and entailing movement through several stages - from defining an issue as an environmental problem to placing it on political agenda and then receiving a response at domestic governmental or international levels. This course analyzes environmental issues from a cross-cultural and comparative perspective, with a particular attention given to political institutions, political change, levels of development, political culture, public participation, and international commitments that shape the nature and dynamics of environmental politics and policy in different countries. Course POL 101 is recommended before taking this course.

**Restriction(s):**

Cannot enroll if Class is Freshman or Sophomore

**POL 489 Seminar in Urban Politics 3 Credit Hours**

Selected topics in urban politics.

**POL 490 Sem in Public Administration 2 to 3 Credit Hours**

Selected topics in public administration.

**POL 491 Seminar in Political Science 3 Credit Hours**

Selected topics in political science. Title as listed in Schedule of Classes changes according to content. Course may be repeated for credit when topics differ. (AY).

**POL 4910 Capstone in Political Science 4 Credit Hours**

This course provides students with a culminating and integrative experience within political science. In particular, it is designed to ensure students discuss, critically evaluate, and actively engage with important issues and questions within the discipline. Students will be required to design and carry out significant research project(s).

**Restriction(s):**

Can enroll if Class is Junior or Senior

**POL 492 Seminar in Political Analysis 3 Credit Hours**

An advanced in-depth look at the problems and techniques of empirical research. Gives special attention to research design, data collections, measurement, and validity. Statistics for social scientists will also be covered. (OC).

**POL 495 Politics, Policy and Law Internship 3 to 6 Credit Hours**

Field study placements in national, state, county, local government or private agencies. Primarily for junior or senior political science concentrators or other qualified applicants. Maximum of 20 students selected each term. Students must also register for POL 494. Only six hours of internship credit is allowed toward concentration requirement. (YR).

**POL 496 Canada Internship 3 to 4 Credit Hours**

Field study placements in Canada at national, provincial, or local levels, or in private agencies. Course is offered only in spring semester. Primarily for junior or senior political science concentrators, or other qualified applicants.

**POL 497 Washington, D.C. Internship 3 to 6 Credit Hours**

Field placements in Washington, D.C. Course is offered only in summer semester. Primarily for junior or senior political science concentrators or other qualified applicants. Only six hours of internship credit is allowed toward concentration requirement.

**POL 498 Directed Studies 1 to 6 Credit Hours**

Directed individual study of any subject agreed upon by the student and the instructor. May not duplicate a formal course offering. (OC).

**POL 499 Directed Studies 1 to 6 Credit Hours**

Directed individual study of any subjects agreed upon by the student and the advising instructor, which shall not duplicate a formal course offering.

\*An asterisk denotes that a course may be taken concurrently.

**Frequency of Offering**

The following abbreviations are used to denote the frequency of offering: (F) fall term; (W) winter term; (S) summer term; (F, W) fall and winter terms; (YR) once a year; (AY) alternating years; (OC) offered occasionally