# POL - Political Science

POL 111 - Careers in Politics and Public Policy (1)

Students learn about a variety of potential careers in politics, policy, and public affairs, including opportunities for graduate study. Students will develop career plans, resumes, cover letters, and interview skills.

Prerequisite: FYW 100, FYW 100H, or FYW 100P (or completion of the college writing requirement) and completion of at least 15 college credits.

Offered: Annually.

POL 202 - American Government (4)

The institutions and principles of American national government are examined. Topics include the constitutional foundation, federalism, political parties, Congress, the presidency, the Supreme Court, and civil rights.

General Education Category: Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

POL 203 - Global Politics (4)

This is an introduction to the governance of other contemporary national political systems and to the forces, principles, and transnational arrangements of international politics.

General Education Category: Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

POL 204 - Introduction to Political Thought (4)

Fundamental concepts and issues of philosophy and political theory are investigated. Basic precepts about authority, law, government, and the terms of obligation are examined in light of contemporary concerns.

General Education Category: Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

POL 208 - Introduction to the Law (4)

Students are introduced to the legal system, the nature of legal reasoning and the roles of judges, juries, legislatures and others in shaping the law.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

POL 262 - Power and Community (4)

Students study normative and empirical aspects of the concepts of “power” and “community.” Examples of power relations in a variety of contexts and settings will be compared.

General Education Category: Connections.

Prerequisite: FYS 100, FYW 100/FYW 100P/FYW 100H and 45 credit hours.

Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

POL 265 - Politics and Popular Culture: Global Perspectives (4)

Students investigate the intersection of politics and popular culture in Western and non-Western societies by examining entertainment values, their relationship to political culture and behavior, and the debate over globalization.

General Education Category: Core 4.

Prerequisite: Gen. Ed. Core 1, 2, and 3.

Offered: Annually.

POL 267 - Immigration, Citizenship, and National Identity (4)

Students investigate how different societies have dealt with citizenship and immigration issues and how conceptions of nationhood influence citizenship and immigration debates.

General Education Category: Connections.

Prerequisite: FYS 100, FYW 100/FYW 100P/FYW 100H and 45 credit hours.

Offered: Annually.

POL 300 - Methodology in Political Science (4)

The approaches and methods of empirical political science research are surveyed. Emphasis is on research design, data collection, and interpretation.

General Education Category: Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning.

Prerequisite: POL 202 and any Gen. Ed. Mathematics course, or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

POL 301W - Foundations of Public Administration (4)

The art and science of public administration is introduced. Focus is on the administrative leadership necessary to manage government agencies within the American political system. This is a Writing in the Discipline (WID) course.

Prerequisite: POL 202 or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall.

POL 303 - International Law and Organization (4)

Both twentieth-century international organization and the place of evolving international law are considered with respect to the settlement of disputes and the maintenance of peace.

Prerequisite: POL 203 or consent of department chair.

Offered: Spring.

POL 306 - State and Local Government (4)

Students examine the political structures, processes, policies, and power distributions in state and local governments in the United States. Topics include intergovernmental relations, executive leadership, and legislative policy making.

Prerequisite: POL 202 or consent of department chair.

Offered: Every third semester.

POL 307 - Political Behavior (4)

Students examine how individuals interact with the American political system. Topics include political socialization, political psychology, public opinion, voting behavior, and other forms of mass political participation.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Offered: Fall (even years).