POLITICS (POLS)

POLS 0--. POLS LOWER DIVISION. (1-10 Credits)
Lower Level Coursework in Politics
Level: Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Transfer
Schedule type(s): Lecture
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 001. THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM. (3 Credits)
A survey of the politics and processes of American government at the national level: the constitutional foundations of American government, national institutions, chiefly the Presidency, Congress and Supreme Court, and the political forces that shape American government, including elections, parties and interest groups. Prereq.: none.
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 1--. POLS UPPER DIVISION. (1-10 Credits)
Upper Level Coursework in Politics
Level: Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Transfer
Schedule type(s): Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 065. COMPARATIVE POLITICS. (3 Credits)
This introductory course encourages students to look at politics in other countries from a comparative perspective. Basic topics in the field include the origins of states, political culture, types of political regimes, political institutions, causes of revolution, the roots of democracy and political development. The study of a few select countries and regions helps to illustrate these concepts. Prereq.: none.
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lab, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Global and Cultural Understand

POLS 075. WORLD POLITICS. (3 Credits)
An introductory survey of the field of international relations, covering differing national perspectives on current issues, current trends in the evolution of the international system, sources of conflict, international political economy, and the roles of international law and international organizations. Prereq.: none
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 080. INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY. (3 Credits)
An introduction to fundamental concepts and issues in the study of politics through an intensive reading of central texts in political theory. Prereq.: none.
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 085. CONCEPTS IN POLITICS. (3 Credits)
An introduction to fundamental concepts and issues in the study of politics through an intensive reading of central texts in political theory. Prerequisites: POLS 001 and POLS 065 and POLS 075.
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001 and POLS 065 and POLS 075
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with a classification of Junior or Sophomore.

Enrollment is limited to students with an major in Politics.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Discussion/Recitation, Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 101. CONGRESS AND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. (3 Credits)
Examination of the U.S. Congress in terms of its functions as both a lawmaking institution and a representative institution. Attention to the legislative process, congressional elections, party leadership, and executive-legislative relations. Prereq.: POLS 1 or instructor's consent.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 102. THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY. (3 Credits)
Twelve hour semester-long course of study through The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars in Washington, D.C. Students may pursue a variety of courses of study together with an internship in the Washington area. Prereq: POLS 001 and instructor's consent.
Level: Graduate, Law, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter with IP
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 103. JUDICIAL POLITICS. (3 Credits)
An examination of the role of the federal judiciary in American government. Topics include the design and structure of the American courts, judicial selection, judicial decision-making, the implementation of judicial decisions, and the interaction between the courts and the political environment. Prereq.: POLS 1 or instructor's consent.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 104. WHAT'S WRONG WITH AMERICAN POLITICS?: CONTEMPORARY DEBATES IN INSTITUTIONAL DESIGN. (3 Credits)
Students will engage with institutional analysis to address current debates about American Politics and how practices, policies, and procedures have evolved to reflect a complex mix of founding intentions, periodic impulses for reform, changing norms, and historical accidents. Current proposals for reform will be evaluated in light of evolutionary trends, intended and unintended consequences, and incentive structures embedded in current institutional arrangements. Topics will include the Senate filibuster, gerrymandering, the Electoral College, impeachment, and presidential war powers.
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students in the Law college may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 106. STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT. (3 Credits)
The structure and functions of the states in the federal union; their relations to the national government; state constitutions; political parties; and the administration of the main state functions. Prereq.: POLS 1 or instructor's consent.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 109. INSIDE WASHINGTON. (3 Credits)
Students will spend approximately two weeks in Washington, D.C. for an intensive, hands-on experience. During presidential inauguration years, we will focus attention on what a new president can expect and how our current political dynamics shape the real and perceived successes and failures of the president? How does the modern presidency reflect public understandings of government and policy? As citizens, what should we expect? When a new session of Congress is being sworn in, our focus will be directed to questions of what policies might be most successful during the coming session, how policy is crafted, the nature of "bipartisan solutions" in an age of polarization, and how a national agenda is crafted and carried out in Washington. During our time in Washington, we will combine a site visits, small group sessions, and an impressive array of guest speakers, including current and former elected officials, party leaders, media personalities, and prominent interest group representatives from all ideological perspectives. You'll network with Drake alumni, participate in VIP tours of government buildings, and have a chance to meet and question people who make the decisions that affect our national policy.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Students in the Law college may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lab, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 110. METHODS IN POLITICS. (3 Credits)
This course provides a broad introduction to the methods used to conduct systematic inquiry into political science. Beginning with research design considerations and literature review, students will address both qualitative and quantitative methodologies used among political science scholars, including case study analysis, comparative methods, elite interviews, empirical analysis, and formal models. Prerequisite: POLS 001 or instructor's consent.
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students in the Arts & Sciences college.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Quantitative

POLS 112. WOMEN IN POLITICS. (3 Credits)
Examination of the role that women play in American politics, the changes in that role over time, and the obstacles yet confronting women who aspire to political careers. Analysis of selected contemporary issues of special importance to women in politics. Prereq.: POLS 1 or instructor's consent. May be used as part of Women's Studies Concentration.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 113. AMERICAN ELECTORAL PROCEDURES. (3 Credits)
Examination of the role of elections in the American political system. Focus on voting behavior, the influence of money and campaign strategy. Special attention to the impact of the mass media. Prereq.: POLS 1 or instructor's consent.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 114. PUBLIC OPINION. (3 Credits)
Examination of the origins and effects of public opinion. Exploration of the processes of socialization and political learning. Focus on the impact of opinions on the political activity of citizens and on governmental actions. Special attention to public opinion polling. Prereq.: POLS 1 or instructor's consent.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 115. PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PROCESS. (3 Credits)
An in-depth study of the presidential campaign process, with special attention to the role of the Iowa Caucuses and the structure, timing and sequence of the nomination process on the way we choose our Presidential candidates. Focus on the role of money, media, voters and candidate strategy. Examination of the impact of the system on the ability of President's to govern. Prereq.: POLS 001 or instructor's consent.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 116. THE MEDIA IN MODERN POLITICS. (3 Credits)
Examination of the impact of the mass media, especially television, on American politics. Exploration of how the organization and broadcast patterns of the media affect political change. Focus on how these patterns affect the public, the president and Congress. Prereq.: POLS 1 or instructor's consent.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 117. RACE AND AMERICAN POLITICS. (3 Credits)
Contemporary American national politics has been profoundly influenced by race-related issues including busing, urban problems, and affirmative action. This course will acquaint students with how political scientists analyze the effect of race on American politics. Prereq.: POLS 1 or instructor's consent.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 119. TOPICS IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS. (3 Credits)
Units of study focusing on special issues, problems, or developments in American government and politics. Prereq.: POLS 1 or instructor's consent.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 120. AMERICAN PUBLIC POLICY. (3 Credits)
Critical examination of contemporary public-policy issues in the United States with emphasis on the dynamics of issue development, political culture, basic institutions, processes, and contemporary problems. Special attention to the various models of the policy process. Prereq.: POLS 1 or instructor's consent.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 121. ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICY. (3 Credits)
Analysis of the relationship between political and economic forces and environmental control of such problems as the population explosion, air-water pollution, nuclear contamination, urban congestion, and rural deterioration. Prereq.: POLS 1 and/or ENV 35-56, or instructor's consent.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001 or (ENV 035 and ENV 036)
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen, Global and Cultural Understand

POLS 130. TRANSITIONS TO DEMOCRACY. (3 Credits)
Examination of the theories and practices of two types of political regimes: democracies and dictatorships. Why do so many countries want to become democratic now, and will these new democracies last? Major paper required. Prereq.: POLS 65 or instructor's consent.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 65
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen, Global and Cultural Understand

POLS 131. GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF DEVELOPING NATIONS. (3 Credits)
Comparative analysis of the structures, processes and problems of political systems in developing countries. Particular attention to Africa and the theories of political development. Prereq.: POLS 65 or instructor's consent
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 065
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen, Global and Cultural Understand

POLS 132. THE POLITICS OF INEQUALITY. (3 Credits)
Inequality serves as a powerful force driving our political life. We will explore inequality from a number of perspectives: Why do some people have more than others? Which is the more powerful predictor of one's economic status – class origins or place of birth? What are the social, economic and political impacts of inequality? How and why have degrees of inequality varied over time globally and within the United States and other countries? Can inequality be mitigated? What is the relationship between growing inequality and the various forms of populist politics that have arisen in the U.S. and Europe?
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001 or AP 001 and POLS 065
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 133. CASE STUDIES IN COMPARATIVE AND TRANSNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS. (3 Credits)
In this course students will explore varied cultural and ideological perspectives on human rights and the potential tensions among different sets of rights by examining specific case studies of human rights movements in national and transnational contexts. Students will further examine how patterns of exclusion and inequity are connected to important human rights issues with attention to how markers of diversity, including race, ethnicity, nation, gender, class, religion, and ideology, shape these patterns.
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture
Area(s) of Inquiry: Global and Cultural Understand

POLS 134. COMPARATIVE POLITICAL PARTIES AND INTEREST GROUPS. (3 Credits)
Examination of the role of citizen organizations in Western democracies. Exploration of the role of political parties and interest groups in political processes and their effects on policy outputs. Prereq.: POLS 1 or instructor's consent.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 135. SUPREME COURTS & ELECTIONS. (3 Credits)
Examination of the relationship between the judiciary and electoral politics in the United States and other Western Style democracies. Exploration of issues of democratic competition, representation and campaign finance. Special attention to equality and fairness and the empirical study of representative government. Prereq.: POLS 001 or permission of instructor.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 136. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES. (3 Credits)
States look at the world through the eyes of their intelligence agencies. Although the information and analysis they provide can affect how governments formulate their national security policies, only recently have intelligence agencies been accepted as a proper subject of academic study and not just material for thrilling movies or novels. This course will expose students to the perspectives of people who work in intelligence as well as study it academically, in order to situate intelligence in the policy process in the United States, in other democracies, and in authoritarian regimes
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 065
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 137. POLITICS & PARLIAMENTS. (3 Credits)
Examination of similarities and differences among such parliamentary systems as those in Britain, Canada, Australia, and India; exploration of contrasts between parliamentary and presidential forms of government. Prereq.: POLS 65 or instructor's consent.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 065
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 140. COMPARATIVE ASIAN POLITICS. (3 Credits)
Comparative analysis of the political, economic, and social systems of the countries of Asia, with a particular focus on China, India, Japan, and Indonesia.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 065
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen, Global and Cultural Understand

POLS 141. GOVERNMENT & POLITICS OF CHINA. (3 Credits)
Examination of the Chinese political tradition, revolution, and the People's Republic. Attention given to geographical, historical, social, cultural, and economic foundations of political development and to contemporary issues and problems. Prereq: POLS 065 or instructor's consent.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 065
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen, Global and Cultural Understand

POLS 142. GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF JAPAN. (3 Credits)
Examination of the political system of Japan with attention to both political tradition and contemporary politics, including analyses of historical and social foundations, political groups and parties, and major issues in domestic and foreign policy. Prereq.: POLS 65 or instructor's consent
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 065
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 143. JAPAN AND THE WORLD: ISSUES OF WAR AND MEMORY. (3 Credits)
In 1945, Japan was a colonial power embroiled in a world war. Today we recognize Japan as one of the US's strongest allies, a collaborative and cooperative partner of China and Korea on a plethora of transnational issues, and one of the major trading partners of each of these countries, a reality that helped it to become the second largest economy in the world. In this course, we will explore how national identities and international relationships were created in war and in the aftermath of war, how the people of different nations remember the Pacific War, how and why so-called "history issues" continue to be the most intractable issues in Japan's foreign relations today, and what the prospects are for moving beyond national collective memories of war in Japan, the US, China, and Korea.
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Historical Foundations

POLS 144. MODERN EUROPEAN POLITICAL SYSTEMS. (3 Credits)
Comparative analysis of the political structures, cultures and institutions of government in selected Western and Eastern European nations. Examination of the European Community, the sovereignty of EC members, and other issues influencing politics in contemporary Europe. Prereq.: POLS 65 or instructor's consent.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 065
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 146. POLITICS IN RUSSIA AND FORMER SOVIET UNION. (3 Credits)
After an overview of the Soviet political system and its breakdown, the course will devote several weeks to contemporary Russian politics, especially since 2000. It will also cover Central and Eastern Europe since 1989, with a special emphasis on current political developments.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 065
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 149. TOPICS IN COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS. (3 Credits)
Units of study focusing on special issues, problems or developments in comparative government and politics.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 150. HUMAN RIGHTS AND WORLD POLITICS. (3 Credits)
Examination of the politics of human rights and the changing nature of sovereignty in the international system. Special attention to major threats to human rights in the contemporary world, and to cultural and political obstacles to international consensus on human rights norms and the appropriate mechanisms for their implementation.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen, Values and Ethics

POLS 151. TRANSNATIONAL ADVOCACY NETWORK. (3 Credits)
This course examines the role that transnational advocacy networks (TANs) play in world politics with respect to such issues as human rights, peace, the environment, development, labor and gender. TANs are political networks of nongovernmental organizations and activists that focus on specific issues and span two or more countries. TANs seek social change consistent with core principled ideas. As the international role of such networks has grown in recent decades, so has the need for us to understand their origins, practices, impact and potential. Previous completion of POLS 75 is recommended, though not required.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 152. TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE. (3 Credits)
This course will address national and international efforts to promote justice in the aftermath of violent conflicts between and within states. We will explore a variety of mechanisms for pursuing transitional justice, including trials, truth and reconciliation commissions, reparations, and therapeutic initiatives.
Level: Graduate, Law, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen, Values and Ethics

POLS 153. RACIAL JUSTICE & HUMAN RIGHTS. (3 Credits)
This course focuses on the pursuit of racial justice for African Americans in the aftermath of World War II in the context of the global development of international human rights law.
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Global and Cultural Understand, Historical Foundations

POLS 154. HUMAN TRAFFICKING. (3 Credits)
Human trafficking, which exploits people for sex or forced labor, is a multi-billion-dollar enterprise that has caught the attention of governments, law enforcement, activists, and the media worldwide. Globally, there are estimates of up to 30 million people who are directly affected by human trafficking. This includes those in the state of Iowa, where governmental and non-governmental entities have been aggressively seeking to combat the proliferation of this illicit business. In this course we will explore the causes, varied forms, and historical foundation of this "modern-day slavery," and learn, firsthand, what solutions government and non-governmental organizations are pursuing in our own communities, as well as abroad.
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Values and Ethics

POLS 156. GLOBAL HEALTH. (3 Credits)
This course examines global public health challenges in an era of globalization. Students will explore a variety of threats to national and human security stemming from transnational public health challenges that transcend national borders.
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 075
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen, Global and Cultural Understand

POLS 157. Crime and Punishment in the United States. (3 Credits)
This course explores topics in the theory and practice of crime and punishment in the contemporary U.S. Topics include the moral foundations of the criminal law, the politicization of crime and punishment, the politics of the criminal process, and the edges of the criminal law, including systems of juvenile and educational justice. Readings are drawn from political science, history, law, economics, sociology, and political philosophy. The goal of the course is to provide students with the information and skills necessary for thoughtful, disciplined, and informed analysis of common assumptions about the nature of the criminal law and criminal justice system in the U.S.
Level: Graduate, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 160. THE UNITED NATIONS AND GLOBAL SECURITY. (3 Credits)
Students explore the development of the United Nations and the record of UN efforts to promote international peace and security. Students also examine a variety of proposals for UN reform.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen, Global and Cultural Understand

POLS 161. GENDER AND WORLD POLITICS. (3 Credits)
Examination of the way considerations of gender challenge traditional approaches to the study of world politics, with special attention to national security, war and peace, human rights and economic development. A large part of the course focuses on how women have been affected by global politics. Prereq.: POLS 75 or instructor's consent. May be used as part of Women's Studies Concentration.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 075
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 162. GENDER AND WAR. (3 Credits)
This course addresses the relationship between gender and war in historical and contemporary context. The course examines the ways in which socially constructed gender norms shape the causes, tactics, and consequences of war. Topics include an examination of gender in war propaganda and military training, gender roles in combat, and the gendered construction of the innocent civilian.
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Global and Cultural Understand

POLS 163. SIMULATING CRISIS DECISION-MAKING IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. (3 Credits)
This course will examine how U.S. presidents and their foreign policy advisers make decisions under crisis conditions. In addition to examining relevant theoretical and historical literature, students will engage in several role-playing exercises that simulate the deliberations of the U.S. National Security Council as it develops recommendations for responding to crisis scenarios grounded in real-world cases. Students will gain a deep understanding of how the policy-making process is shaped by the special conditions that typically accompany crises, including high stakes, time urgency, incomplete information, competing goals and high levels of uncertainty. Graded assignments will include an in-class essay exam, briefing papers, reflection papers and simulation performance.
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001 or POLS 075
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 164. U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS. (3 Credits)
This course will explore the challenges that the United States and China will face in managing relations during a period when China's international power is rising relative to that of the United States. We will examine whether the vital interests of these two great powers are compatible, whether their visions of international order can be reconciled and whether political and cultural differences are manageable. The course will feature a simulation of the US-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue.
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 065 or POLS 075
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 166. REVISITING VIETNAM. (3 Credits)
The Vietnam War was perhaps the most controversial international engagement in American history. This course treats Vietnam as a case study in the making of U.S. foreign policy. Our central concern will be to answer the question: What went wrong? We will examine the war through the eyes of various parties to the conflict: American policy-makers, military leaders, common soldiers, anti-war activists, public opinion and the Vietnamese themselves, both allies and adversaries. Previous completion of POLS 075 is recommended, though not required.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 167. THE US AND IRAN. (3 Credits)
This course will follow the ups and downs in the history of relations between the US and Iran since a US-backed coup overthrew the Iranian prime minister in 1953 up to the present day, including the talks that led to the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (the nuclear deal), the deal's provisions, and its subsequent fate.
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 075
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 171. POLITICAL INTEGRATION OF EUROPE. (3 Credits)
Examination of Europe's various attempts at unification since W.W.II, with special emphasis on both the role of individual member states within the European Union and the role of the EU as an international organization operating within the international community.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen, Global and Cultural Understand

POLS 176. INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. (3 Credits)
This course will examine how states define and respond to threats to their security. Topics include the sources of international insecurity, the persistence and possible obsolescence of war, the relationship between power-seeking and war, the social, demographic and environmental sources of violent conflict, the various dimensions of warfare in a nuclear age, the rise of cyber-threats to security and the implications of robotics and autonomous weapons on the future of warfare.
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 075
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 177. POLITICAL ECONOMY OF GLOBALIZA. (3 Credits)
This course will examine the political and economic dimensions of globalization. In particular, we will explore the ways in which globalization is shaped by political actions and institutions and how globalization, in turn, impacts politics within and among countries. Our focus will be on the integration of markets in the areas of trade, finance, labor and information and the impacts of globalization on growth, inequality and the environment. Prerequisites: POLS 075 or 065; or instructor's consent.
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 065 or POLS 075
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Global and Cultural Understand

POLS 178. INTERNATIONAL LAW. (3 Credits)
Examination of extent to which international law governs interactions among states in contemporary world politics. Exploration of fundamental principles of international law and their possible erosion in recent decades as a result of growing support for new international legal norms such as human rights.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 075
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 179. SPECIAL TOPICS. (0-3 Credits)
Units of study focusing on special issues, problems, or developments in international relations.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lab, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 180. CLASSICAL POLITICAL THEORY. (3 Credits)
Reading of original texts in Western political thought from ancient to early modern times. Special attention to Plato, Aristotle and Machiavelli, with a focus on the contrast between ancient and modern conceptions of politics. Prereq.: POLS 1 and sophomore standing or above or instructor's consent.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Critical Thinking

POLS 181. MODERN POLITICAL THEORY. (3 Credits)
Reading of original texts in Western political thought from early modern to contemporary times. Special attention to Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Burke, Marx and Mill, with a focus on the contrasts among modern liberalism, conversatism and radicalism. Prereq.: POLS 1 and sophomore standing or above or instructor's consent.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Critical Thinking

POLS 182. THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. (3 Credits)
This course offers a comprehensive exploration of theories of international relations in political thought from antiquity to the present. Students will examine the contributions of major authors who laid the foundations for thinking about statecraft, diplomacy, and conflict, and see how their works map onto contemporary schools of thought such as realism, liberalism and constructivism.
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 075
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Written Communication

POLS 185. AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT. (3 Credits)
Examination of the main currents and issues of American political thought from the Founding period to the present. Special attention to topics such as constitutionalism, representation, majority rule vs. individual rights, and liberalism and conservatism. Prereq: POLS 1 or instructor's consent. Students may not take both POLS 185 and POLS 182-183 for credit.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001 or AP 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 189. TOPICS IN POLITICAL THEORY. (3 Credits)
Units of study focusing on special issues, problems, or developments in political theory. Prereq.: POLS 1 or instructor's consent.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Engaged Citizen

POLS 190. WASHINGTON SEMESTER. (0-15 Credits)
Twelve to 15-hour semester course of study through American University in Washington, D.C. Students may pursue a variety of courses of study together with an internship in the Washington area. Prereq.: POLS 1 or instructor's consent.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter with IP
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 191. WASHINGTON CENTER. (0-12 Credits)
Twelve hour semester-long course of study through The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars in Washington, D.C. Students may pursue a variety of courses of study together with an internship in the Washington area. Prereq: POLS 001 and instructor's consent.
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 001
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to Professional Health Care or Undergraduate level students.

Students in the Law college may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Credit/No Credit with IP
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 193. INTERNSHIP IN POLITICS. (1-3 Credits)
Individualized experience in government/politics accompanied by directed reading, research and reports. Limited admission. Prerequisites: Sophomore, Junior, or Senior standing; 15 hours of POLS classes completed with GPA in all POLS classes of 3.0 or above; Instructor and Advisor consent.
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter with IP
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lab, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 194. INTERNSHIP IN POLITICS. (1-3 Credits)
Individualized experience in government/politics accompanied by directed reading, research and reports. Limited admission. Prerequisites: Sophomore, Junior or Senior standing; 15 hours of POLS classes completed with GPA in all POLS classes of 3.0 or above; Instructor and Advisor consent.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter with IP
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 196. SENIOR CAPSTONE. (3 Credits)
Taught by various members of the Department on a rotating basis, this senior capstone reflects on previous coursework in political science and incorporates experiential and professionalization opportunities.
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with a classification of Senior.

Enrollment is limited to students with an major in American Politics, International Relations or Politics.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: None

POLS 197. SENIOR SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY. (3 Credits)
An examination of contending theories in the field of international relations. Compares realists, liberal and globalist approaches to understanding international conflict. Considers relevance of various theoretical arguments to the analysis of contemporary events and trends. Prereq.: POLS 75 and junior or senior standing.
Level: Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): POLS 075
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions:
Students with a classification of Freshman, Junior or Sophomore may **not** enroll.

Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Lecture, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: Written Communication

POLS 199. INDEPENDENT RESEARCH. (0-3 Credits)
Directed individual study in areas related to the student's needs or interests. May be repeated once. Prereq.: Consent of department.
Level: Graduate, Non Degree Coursework, Professional Health Care, Undergraduate
Prerequisite(s): None
Corequisite(s): None
Restrictions: None
Primary grade mode: Standard Letter
Schedule type(s): Independent Study, Web Instructed
Area(s) of Inquiry: None