POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLI)

POLI 1XX Political Science Transfer Credit (0 Credits)
POLI 2XX Political Science Transfer Credit (0 Credits)

POLI 100 Contemporary Political Issues (3 Credits)
This is an introduction to the major current political questions of the day, from international terrorism to affirmative action, and the means of analyzing the underlying principles, which bring order to a hodgepodge of facts, claims, and counterclaims. Typical issues may include capital punishment, undocumented aliens, disarmament, the Central American question and human rights.

POLI 102 United States Politics (3 Credits)
American government and politics unique? How does the world's foremost democracy really work? This introductory course imparts a basic understanding of the major institutions, participants and ideas animating American political life.

POLI 105 History of Political Thought (3 Credits)
Justice, democracy, equality, and liberty are just some of the key ideas and contentious issues that have animated political life from ancient Athens to the present. This course focuses on selected works from both classical and modern political philosophy and examines how these key ideas have been defined, discussed and implemented.

POLI 107 Introduction to Public Administration (3 Credits)
Public Administration involves policy development and implementation, and the relation between various political actors and the administrative bureaucracy. This course introduces students to basic features of the public sector bureaucracy, the policy cycle, leadership style, management, and accountability.

POLI 109 Comparative Politics (3 Credits)
This is a study of major political systems in today's world with special emphasis on modernization and development problems.

POLI 110 Introduction to World Politics (3 Credits)
Discussion topics include the motivations and strategies of major powers, and an examination of the international political system, the balancing process and the adjustment of interstate conflicts. The nature and ingredients of power are analyzed as they affect the international system.

POLI 120 Global Challenges (3 Credits)
This survey course is designed to expose students to the leading global issues confronted by the "global village." It provides students with the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and service learning opportunities to explore solutions to global challenges that will shape our world in the next 25-30 years.

POLI 130 Debating Current Controversies (3 Credits)
Debating Current Controversies teaches the formats and techniques of debate and simultaneously introduces students to rhetoric and argumentation. Policy, Lincoln-Douglas and parliamentary debate formats are introduced. Students also analyze contemporary public policy questions and participate in several debates.

POLI 140 American Politics (3 Credits)
This course examines current political events as vehicles for understanding the major functions, structures, participants, and processes of the United States government and their impact on day-to-day life. Students will analyze current events as cases for understanding issues of liberty, equality, governance, and democracy in U.S. domestic politics.

POLI 201 Political Parties and Election (3 Credits)
This course analyzes the American party system, its evolution and development, as well as the principle roles it fulfills in the American political system.

Pre-Requisite(s): POLI 102 or poli 140

POLI 202 State and Local Government (3 Credits)
This course explores the role of state and local governments in the American federal system. It examines the constitutional and historical relationship between the national government and the states, and the ways in which this dynamic relationship shapes American political life.

Pre-Requisite(s): POLI 102 or POLI 140

POLI 204 Media and Politics (3 Credits)
This course analyzes the role of the mass media in the formation of public opinion and its use by both the public and political leaders in the policy making process. The course emphasizes on inter-relationships among the public opinion leaders, the masses, and the media.

Pre-Requisite(s): POLI 102 or POLI 140

POLI 208 Research Methods in the Political and Social Sciences (3 Credits)
Research Methods introduces students to the research techniques used to conduct empirical studies in the political and social sciences. Students learn how to analyze empirical studies, prepare literature review, develop research hypotheses, develop a research design, operational concepts, use data bases and collect data, and interpret basic statistics.

POLI 209 Government and Politics of South America (3 Credits)
This is an introduction to the government and politics of the countries of South America. Characteristic themes include power contenders, revolt and revolution, democratization and economic development.

Pre-Requisite(s): POLI 109

POLI 210 Government & Politics of Mexico & the Caribbean (3 Credits)
The focus of this study is the nations of the Caribbean Basin, with emphasis on Mexico and the Spanish-speaking islands (Cuba, Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico). Central America is also considered; with emphasis on the long-range implications for U.S. policy.

Pre-Requisite(s): POLI 109

POLI 212 Introduction to Public Policy Analysis (3 Credits)
This course examines current policy areas, policy makers, the setting in which the policy is made, and the steps taken in the policy process.

POLI 213 Urban Politics (3 Credits)
This course explores power in the city, focusing on the formal institutions of urban government as well as the informal power sources that influence and shape government policy and life in the city.

Pre-Requisite(s): POLI 102 or POLI 140

POLI 215 Women and Law (3 Credits)
Using court cases, this course examines current developments in American law regarding women's status and rights in the areas of employment, marriage and family, reproduction, sexuality, and education.

Pre-Requisite(s): POLI 102 or POLI 140

POLI 216 Government and Business in United States (3 Credits)
This course examines the structure and process of business-government relations in the United States and the attitudes, which have affected their behavior toward one another. It also details how and why attitudes and policies are changing and the increasing interdependency of the private and public sectors in the American political system.

Pre-Requisite(s): POLI 102 or POLI 140
POLI 217 Globalization & Governance (3 Credits)
Globalization, citizenship, and governance are the central ideas explored in this course. Students are introduced to globalization and the consequences for governance. By examining citizenship, students explore their role and place in the global community. The central ideas are viewed in the context of political science, history, and geography.

Pre-Requisite(s): POLI 109 or POLI 110

POLI 222 Politics of Western Europe (3 Credits)
This course discusses the political and economic development of Western countries (France, Germany, UK) and the role of Western Europe in the evolving international political environment.

Pre-Requisite(s): POLI 109 or POLI 110

POLI 230 Business & Politics by the Numbers (3 Credits)
Course studies the relationship between business and politics in the US by using, interpreting and applying data. Topics include corporate power, government relations, interest groups and associations, public opinion, lobbying, and campaign activities.

Pre-Requisite(s): POLI 109 or POLI 110

POLI 248 Political Behavior (3 Credits)
This course addresses the study of political behavior in its broadest sense: the study of politics at all levels of government. It includes a study of the political process, the political conflict, and the political structure.

Pre-Requisite(s): POLI 109 or POLI 110

POLI 250 International Political Economy (3 Credits)
This course provides an introduction to the interplay of politics and economics in the international and domestic arenas. Within the general historical and theoretical frameworks that guide the study of international political economy (IPE), it examines the interaction of states, markets, and social forces across various issue areas of IPE.
POLI 331 U.S. Foreign Policy (3 Credits)
Decision processes and contents of contemporary U.S. foreign and defense policies, emphasizing major participants, underlying traditions, and principal concepts are discussed. Past policies and current events are used to illustrate the decision process.
Pre-requisite: POLI 102, POLI 110 or POLI 140

POLI 334 Issues of War & Peace (3 Credits)
This is an interdisciplinary study of possible approaches to permanent peace and an examination of the causes of war. Case studies are undertaken wherever appropriate.
Pre-requisite: POLI 105 or POLI 110

POLI 341 Political Science Fiction (3 Credits)
This course draws on works in classic and contemporary science fiction to develop political ideas and bring political ideas to reading and analyzing these works.
Pre-Requisite(s): POLI 105

POLI 346 Public Personnel Systems (3 Credits)
This course examines the organization and management of public sector human resources, including reforms and comparisons/contrasts with private sector human resource systems.
Pre-Requisite(s): POLI 212

POLI 354 Politics Through Film (3 Credits)
This course focuses on politics through the lens of classic and contemporary cinema. It emphasizes the portrayal of politics in feature films and the impact of film in shaping public opinion and perceptions on political issues, actors, and institution.
Pre-Requisite(s): POLI 102 or POLI 140

POLI 440 United Nation Workshop (3 Credits)
This course is built around the annual National Model United Nations simulation exercise held in New York City. Students research and write position papers related to specific United Nations committee topics and the country being represented, draft resolution, make speeches, and work to build coalition at the simulation.
Pre-Requisite(s): POLI 327

POLI 450 Seminar in American Government (3 Credits)
This seminar offers an intensive study of issues related to American government. The course typically culminates in the creation and presentation of a research project related to the themes developed during the course.
Pre-requisite: POLI 102 or POLI 140

POLI 452 Seminar in International Relations (3 Credits)
This seminar focuses on the study of International politics. The course typically culminates in the creation and presentation of a research project related to the themes developed during the course.
Pre-requisite: POLI 110

POLI 453 Seminar in Urban Politics (3 Credits)
This seminar provides close study of issues related to historic and contemporary urban life. The course typically culminates in the creation and presentation of research project related to the themes developed during the course.
Pre-requisite: POLI 102 or POLI 140

POLI 494 Seminar in Political Theory (3 Credits)
This seminar offers an intensive study of selected topics related in political theory, democracy, equality, American political thought, etc. The course typically culminates in the creation and presentation of a research project related to the themes developed during the course.
Pre-requisite: POLI 105

POLI 496 Legal Research (3 Credits)
This workshop is for pre-law students and introduces skills needed for law school and legal work, such as: briefing cases, using legal sources and documents and writing memoranda.

POLI 497 Legal Internship Pre-Law (3 Credits)
Working in conjunction with the Office of Academic Career Planning and Placement, students are placed in an internship in a law office.

POLI 498 Internship in Policy and Admin (3 Credits)
Working in conjunction with the Office of Academic Career Planning and Placement, students are placed in an internship in a law office.

POLI 499 Legal Writing (3 Credits)
Students learn research and writing methods specific to the legal process, including applying the law to real and hypothetical situations. Students develop legal reasoning skills by analyzing legislation, debating legal issues, and assessing case law. Students organize and formulate two types of legal writings: a motion and a memorandum.
Pre-requisite: POLI 496

POLI 1499 Independent Study Political Science (1 Credit)

POLI 2499 Independent Study Political Science (2 Credits)

POLI 3499 Independent Study Political Science (3 Credits)