POLITICAL SCIENCE (POL SCI)

POL SCI 1100 Introduction to Political Science (LEC 3.0)
This course will introduce the student to the fundamental concepts and phenomena of political life and to the variety of political organizations characteristic of the modern age.

POL SCI 1200 American Government (LEC 3.0)
National, state and local government in the United States with special emphasis on political behavior and the institutions that determine and execute public policy. Topics include basic structure of American government, (i.e., democracy, the Constitution, the branches of government), as well as citizenship, parties, pressure groups and American economic policy. The course views government in its relation to its people, its services and protection.

POL SCI 2000 Special Problems (IND 0.0-6.0)
Problems or readings on specific subjects or projects in the department.

POL SCI 2001 Special Topics (IND 0.0-6.0)
This course is designed to give the department an opportunity to test a new course. Variable credit.

POL SCI 2400 Comparative Politics (LEC 3.0)
A comparative study of states, institutional structures, ideologies, political culture, political parties, interest groups and forms of government. How these social forces are organized to articulate national or parochial interests within the framework of participatory or centralized political systems will be studied. Prerequisite: Pol Sci 1200 or History 1300.

POL SCI 2500 International Relations (LEC 3.0)
A general introduction to the theoretical framework, pattern and personalities of international relations with special emphasis upon American foreign policy making. Problems of international economic development, resources, and armaments will also be examined. Prerequisite: Pol Sci 1200 or History 1300 or 1310.

POL SCI 3000 Special Problems (IND 0.0-6.0)
Problems or readings on specific subjects or projects in the department.

POL SCI 3001 Special Topics (LEC 0.0-6.0)
This course is designed to give the department an opportunity to test a new course. Variable title.

POL SCI 3010 Seminar (IND 0.0-6.0)
Discussion of current topics.

POL SCI 3210 Constitutional Law: Government Powers and Civil Liberties (LEC 3.0)
This course will examine constitutional powers of American governmental institutions and leading Supreme Court decisions dealing with civil liberties including speech, religion, equal protection and the rights of the accused. The course will include study of current political issues and problems relating to these foundational civil liberties. Prerequisites: Pol Sci 1200, History 1200, 1300, or 1310.

POL SCI 3211 American Political Parties (LEC 3.0)
The origin and development of political parties in the United States, the two-party system, the functions, organizations and operation of parties. Prerequisite: Pol Sci 1200.

POL SCI 3300 Principles Of Public Policy (LEC 3.0)
This course presents a study of public policy in the United States. Students analyze the policy process, the resulting policy choices and the impact of the choices on the American people. Prerequisite: Pol Sci 1200.

POL SCI 3310 Public Policy Analysis (LEC 3.0)
An advanced study of major U.S. national policies. A wide range of public policies, including education, economics, and health and welfare will be studied. Students will be introduced to the methods of policy analysis. Emphasis will be placed on the use of tools used by policy analysts to determine program effectiveness and impact. Prerequisite: Pol Sci 1200.

POL SCI 3760 The American Presidency (LEC 3.0)
Historical development of the presidency; emphasis on the constitutional powers and limits of the office and the political contextual variables which influence presidential behavior. Prerequisite: Pol Sci 1200 or History 1310. (Co-listed with History 3760).

POL SCI 3761 U.S. Diplomatic History to World War II (LEC 3.0)
This course is a history of American foreign relations, broadly conceived, from the War for Independence to WWII. Among other things, it deals with the diplomacy of survival, of expansion and of economic and political hegemony. Prerequisites: History 1300, 1310 or Pol Sci 1200. (Co-listed with History 3761).

POL SCI 3762 American Diplomatic History Since World War II (LEC 3.0)
American Diplomatic History Since World War II will address the major issues in American foreign policy from WWII to the present. Its primary focus is on the Cold War and the post-Cold War problems the U.S. has faced. Prerequisite: History 1310 or Pol Sci 1200. (Co-listed with History 3762).

POL SCI 3763 Contemporary Political Thought (LEC 3.0)
This course will explore the impact of ideas on American politics and history, including the relationship between technological change and public policy; this will be pursued through the study of American political history, social institutions, and intellectual history. Prerequisite: History 1300 or History 1310 or Pol Sci 1200. (Co-listed with History 3763).

POL SCI 4000 Special Problems And Readings (IND 0.0-6.0)
Problems or readings on specific subjects or projects in the department.

POL SCI 4001 Special Topics (LEC 0.0-6.0)
This course is designed to give the department an opportunity to test a new course. Variable title.

POL SCI 4010 Seminar (RSD 0.0-6.0)
Discussion of current topics Prerequisite: Senior standing.

POL SCI 4085 Political Science Internship (IND 0.0-6.0)
Internship will involve students applying critical thinking skills and discipline specific knowledge in a work setting based on a project designed by the advisor and employee. Activities will vary depending on the student’s background and the setting. Prerequisite: Pol Sci 1200 or Pol Sci 1100.

POL SCI 4510 The Politics of the Third World (LEC 3.0)
This course explores the processes and problems of the developing nations of the world. It examines the internal political processes of third world nations, as well as the position of the third world in international affairs. Prerequisite: Pol Sci 1200 or History 1200 or History 1300 or History 1310.