POLITICAL SCIENCE (POL)

POL-1010 American National Government
3 Credits
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): None.
OAN Approved: TMSBS and OSS011.

POL-101H Honors American National Government
3 Credits
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I or eligibility for ENG-101H College Composition I; or departmental approval.
OAN Approved: TMSBS and OSS011.

POL-1020 State & Local Government
3 Credits
Examination of state and local governments within the United States federal system. Intergovernmental relations and dynamics of the electoral process, including impacts of public policy decisions on individual lives. Several policy areas may be studied.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): None.
OAN Approved: TMSBS and OSS014.

POL-1040 Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies
3 Credits
Introduction to the field of conflict analysis and resolution and is intended to provide a solid foundation for further inquiry and application. Examines definitions of conflict and diverse views of its resolution and explores thinking about human behavior and social systems as they relate to the origins of conflict and the role of conflict in violent and peaceful social changes. Specific conflict situations will also be approached through models of sociocultural dynamics.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I or concurrent enrollment; or eligibility for ENG-101H Honors College Composition I; or departmental approval; permission from instructor.

POL-179H Honors Contract in Political Science
1 Credit
Honors Contract complements and exceeds requirements and expected outcomes for an existing 1000-level honors course through formulation of a contract with a faculty mentor. This independent study at the honors level may also be taken with a non-honors course. When taken with a non-honors course the Honors Contract adds an honor experience to that course. In conjunction with a faculty mentor, student will formulate a contract, which upon completion will result in distinctive scholarship. The student is required to meet on a regularly scheduled basis with the instructor for mentor-student tutorial sessions. A maximum of six Honor Contracts (six credit hours) may be taken at the college (includes 179H and 279H).
Lecture: 1 hours
Prerequisite(s): Must be taken concurrently with a 1000-level course whose instructor agrees to mentor the student in this contract. Departmental approval required.

POL-1820 Independent Study/Research in Political Science
1-3 Credits
Directed individual study. Study/research title and specific content arranged between instructor and student. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits of different topics.
Lecture: 1-3 hours
Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval and instructor approval, and ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II, or appropriate score on English Placement Test.

POL-182H Honors Independent Study in Political Science
1-3 Credits
Honors-level directed individual study. Must meet criteria set forth in the Honors Course Checklist used to approve regular honors courses. Study/research title and specific content arranged between instructor and student. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits of different topics.
Lecture: 1-3 hours
Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval and instructor approval, and ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II, or appropriate score on English Placement Test, and must have earned an A or B in at least 3 honors courses.

POL-2030 Comparative Politics
3 Credits
Examination of various political philosophies and ideologies and the study of several nations and their governments including industrialized democracies. Explores the ideological underpinnings, economic systems, and most salient political and social issues of each of these case-study states.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I, and POL-1010 American National Government, or by instructor’s discretion.
OAN Approved: TMSBS and OSS013.
POL-2040 Conflict Resolution Skills  
3 Credits  
Explore the role and nature of conflict in both their personal and professional lives. Develop skills that will help prevent and de-escalate intense conflict situations. The topic of conflict in human interaction will be addressed through an interdisciplinary approach that will include texts from relevant academic areas and experiential role playings. Includes the role of intrapersonal intelligence and its affect in interpersonal interactions. Also covers a variety of symbolic systems of meaning making and apply them for understanding human nature and conflict.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I, or departmental approval.

POL-2050 Study Abroad in Peace and Conflict Resolution  
3 Credits  
Study abroad opportunity covering theory and practice of Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies. Students will have an opportunity to meet with decision makers across fields while experiencing the rich culture of the country/countries. Students will begin to understand issues from multiple cultural perspectives, enhance their intercultural communication and adjustment skills, and analyze conflict resolution efforts and their impact at multiple levels. Basic language and cultural instruction will be included along with excursions to areas of interest. Requires participation in a travel abroad experience. Additional costs required.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I, and POL-1040 Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies, and POL-2040 Conflict Resolution Skills; and departmental approval. Instructor permission required.

POL-2060 Political Systems of Africa  
3 Credits  
Comparative discussion of selected topics in Africa with particular focus on interrelationship between internal and external affairs. Examination of colonial policies, party systems, interest groups and modes of development.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): POL-1010 American National Government is recommended. OAN Approved: TMSSBS.

POL-2070 International Relations  
3 Credits  
Study of International Relations. Explores how individuals, Nation-States, non-governmental and international organizations interact with one another. Emphasis on major subfields of security and political economy.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I, and POL-1010 American National Government. OAN Approved: TMSSBS and OSS012.

POL-2100 Constitutional Law  
3 Credits  
The origins and development of American constitutional and legal system. Emphasizes the structure and role of Supreme Court in constitutional interpretation and major decisions concerning important areas of litigation. Major areas of emphasis include federalism, separation of powers, civil liberties, civil rights, and rights of the criminally accused. Historical and current court cases discussed.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I, and POL-1010 American National Government. OAN Approved: TMSSBS.

POL-2110 Terrorism and Counterterrorism  
3 Credits  
An interdisciplinary examination of the complex nature, types and historical evolution of terrorism. Will analyze terrorism and its political, economic, religious, psychological and ideological dimensions. Select acts of domestic and global terrorism will be examined to better understand terrorists’ motives, methods and objectives. Counterterrorism strategies and how democratic nations should respond to terrorism and future terrorist threats will be evaluated.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I or ENG-101H Honors College Composition I.

POL-2120 Women and Politics  
3 Credits  
This course is cross-listed as WST-2120. Credit can only be earned once for either course. This course examines women’s political life in the United States. Women’s involvement in all aspects of the political process will be addressed. Substantive areas include women and democracy, their political participation, and role in governing institutions. The course also includes discussion on the struggle for equal rights and issues of public policy.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): POL-1010 American National Government, or HIST-1020 History of Civilization II, or HIST-1520 United States History Since 1877.

POL-2130 Politics of Race  
3 Credits  
Analysis of minority group interactions within the American political system. Focus on the strategies employed both within and outside government to achieve political ideals and their roles and political behaviors in national, state, and local levels.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I or ENG-101H Honors College Composition I.

POL-2140 Implementing Peace Studies and Conflict Management Theories and Practices with Service Learning  
3 Credits  
This course will integrate theories and skills in Peace Studies and Conflict Management with service learning. Students will gain practical experience, serve their community, and engage with issues surrounding the promotion of social justice, social service, or conflict management at local, regional, national, or international levels. A minimum of 40 hours service learning required over the course of the semester.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): POL-1040 Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies, and POL-2040 Conflict Resolution Skills.

POL-2150 Peace and Conflict Studies  
3 Credits  
Directed individual advanced study. Study/research title and specific content arranged between instructor and student. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits of different topics.
Lecture: 1-3 hours
Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval, and instructor approval, and ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II, or appropriate score on English Placement Test.
POL-282H Honors Advanced Independent Study in Political Science
1-3 Credits

Honors-level directed individual study. Must meet criteria set forth in the Honors Course Checklist used to approve regular honors courses. Study/research title and specific content arranged between instructor and student. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits of different topics.

Lecture: 1-3 hours

Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval and instructor approval, and ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II or appropriate score on English Placement Test, and must have earned an A or B in at least 3 honors courses.