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<td>POLS 301W</td>
<td>Introduction to Public Law</td>
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<td>Polishes the student's understanding of the American legal system through an examination of its institutions, practitioners, and processes. A general survey of constitutional law, administrative law, civil and criminal law, and selected topics of substantive and procedural dimensions of the court system. This is a writing intensive course.</td>
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POLS 325W World Politics (3 Credit Hours)
This course is designed for intermediate students who are interested in the theoretical and systematic study of world politics. The course first introduces students to several major theoretical approaches to the study of world politics, and then applies these approaches to a number of major issues—ranging from conflict and cooperation, arms control, the protection of human rights, international trade, economic development, and environmental preservation. This is a writing intensive course.
Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, six hours of human behavior and junior standing

POLS 326W American Foreign Policy (3 Credit Hours)
This course presents those factors that go into the making and analyzing of American foreign policy, explores their application in decision making, and seeks to test their utilization against contemporary problems. This is a writing intensive course.
Prerequisites: POLS 100S and a grade of C or better in ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, or permission of the instructor

POLS 327W Politics of National Security (3 Credit Hours)
Examination of issues facing America as it debates the use of international force, including the range of national security choices, defense reform, and the tensions between American resort to warfare and global trends transforming the ability to use violence effectively. This is a writing intensive course.
Prerequisites: POLS 100S or permission of the instructor and a grade of C or better in ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C

POLS 328 Russian Politics (3 Credit Hours)
Starting with the Soviet communist system, explore Russia’s efforts to establish democracy and the rule of law, to fashion a productive, beneficial market economy, to establish viable relationships with the other former republics of the USSR and to craft advantageous foreign and military policies toward the West, Asia, and the developing countries.
Prerequisites: POLS 100S or POLS 102S or GEOG 100S or permission of the instructor

POLS 331 State and Local Government (3 Credit Hours)
This course is a survey of state and local government institutions, functions, processes, and behavior of political actors.
Prerequisites: POLS 101S

POLS 332W Europe in World Affairs (3 Credit Hours)
Analyzes European politics from World War II to the present. Emphasizes the foreign policies of major European states, including policies towards EU and NATO. This is a writing intensive course.
Prerequisites: POLS 100S and ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C

POLS 333 Media and Politics (3 Credit Hours)
An examination of the development of the news media and the role of political communication and information in American politics. Analysis of the newsmaking process; media coverage of political campaigns, the President and Congress; the impact of the news media on the American public; and the interaction between public officials and journalists.
Prerequisites: POLS 101S

POLS 334 Electoral Politics (3 Credit Hours)
A survey of electoral politics and behavior, including the structure of the electoral system, contemporary political campaigning, political partisanship, voting behavior, and role of interest groups in the electoral process.
Prerequisites: POLS 101S and another three hours in political science

POLS 335 Environmental Politics (3 Credit Hours)
This course examines the evolution of environmentalism in the United States, including the policy-making process, science and the role played by the public and political institutions.
Prerequisites: POLS 101S

POLS 336 South Asia Since Independence (3 Credit Hours)
This is a comparative study of the main political, economic and social developments in the major countries of South Asia. Themes will include democratization, problems of economic development, the role of caste and religion, the causes of intrastate conflict and interstate conflict and the influence of global forces on the region.
Prerequisites: POLS 100S or POLS 102S

POLS 337 Latin American Politics (3 Credit Hours)
Examines the evolution of Latin American politics, including early colonial and caudillo rule, populism and radicalism, the emergence of military regimes, and the reestablishment of constitutional democracies. Also considers contemporary economic, social, cultural, and environmental issues which condition state-society relations in the region.
Prerequisites: Six hours in human behavior

POLS 338W Politics of East Asia (3 Credit Hours)
This course examines political cultures/traditions, governmental institutions, decision-making processes, public policies, political organizations, and significant socio-political issues of such East Asian countries as China, Japan, and Korea. In addition, it explores the collective impact of these countries on world politics and global economy. This is a writing intensive course.
Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in ENGL 110C and ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, six hours in human behavior, and junior standing or permission of the instructor

POLS 350T Technology and War (3 Credit Hours)
This course examines the fundamental changes and continuities that the evolution of technology has brought to armed conflict. It explores the historical development of technology and warfare, emphasizing the role of cultural, social and political choice shaping the development of new military technologies and affecting how they are used. What is the future of Western assumptions about technologically dominated warfare? 
Prerequisites: POLS 100S or permission of the instructor

POLS 367 Cooperative Education (1-3 Credit Hours)
Student participation for credit based on the academic relevance of the work experience, criteria, and evaluative procedures as formally determined by the department and Career Development Services prior to the semester in which the work experience is to take place.
Prerequisites: Approval of the department chair and Career Development Services

POLS 368 Internship in Political Science (1-12 Credit Hours)
Individualized practical experience in public bureaucracies, political groups, administrative agencies or law firms. Group seminars are held periodically under the supervision of faculty. Credits are commensurate with the level of the student's involvement.
Prerequisites: Nine hours in political science, 3 of which must be in an upper-level course

POLS 395 Topics in Political Science (1-3 Credit Hours)
A study of selected topics designed for nonmajors, or for elective credit within a major. These courses and any additional prerequisites will appear in the course schedule, and will be more fully described in information distributed to all academic advisors.
Prerequisites: Junior standing and permission of the instructor

POLS 396 Topics in Political Science (1-3 Credit Hours)
A study of selected topics designed for nonmajors, or for elective credit within a major. These courses and any additional prerequisites will appear in the course schedule, and will be more fully described in information distributed to all academic advisors.
Prerequisites: Junior standing and permission of the instructor

POLS 400 Congress (3 Credit Hours)
This is a detailed study of the institutional and behavioral factors at work in legislative decision making, especially at the national level. Emphases are on the interrelationships among Congress, the Presidency, and the bureaucracy and on learning how to do research on specific legislation.
Prerequisites: POLS 101S or permission of the instructor
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<td>An examination of separation of powers, federalism and the democratic</td>
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<td>Examines the political activities which resulted in the passage of the nation's</td>
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<td>A survey of and practice in the basic techniques of quantitative research,</td>
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<td>including the logic of empirical research, the identification of data sources,</td>
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POLS 419 Jurisprudence: History of Legal Theory (3 Credit Hours)
An examination of the history of legal thought and developments of natural law, as well as an in-depth analysis of legal positivism and realism. Particular attention is paid to American legal philosophy.
Pre-requisites: POLS 408 or POLS 409 or permission of the instructor

POLS 420W/520 Southern Politics (3 Credit Hours)
This seminar focuses on the politics of the American South from the 1940s to the present. Emphasis is on introducing students to contrasting explanations and analysis about the politics of the American South. This is a writing intensive course.
Pre-requisites: POLS 101S and a grade of C or better in ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, or permission of the instructor

POLS 421/521 International Law (3 Credit Hours)
Surveys major areas of public international law (e.g., laws of warfare, law of the sea, conflict resolution, etc.). Emphasizes the relationship between international law and international politics.
Pre-requisites: Six hours in political science or permission of the instructor; POLS 325W is recommended

POLS 424/524 International Organization (3 Credit Hours)
Course provides a basis for understanding the role and importance of international organizations in contemporary international relations. Focuses on development and history of global organizations, with particular emphasis on the United Nations, and regional and functional organizations.
Pre-requisites: POLS 100S and POLS 25SW and additional internationally-focused course or permission of the instructor

POLS 425W Cybersecurity Strategy and Policy (3 Credit Hours)
This writing intensive course explores cybersecurity policy and strategy and introduces students to the essentials of strategy development and policy making in cybersecurity. Topics considered include planning principles in cyber strategy; risk management and cybersecurity policy; the connections between cybersecurity policies, businesses, and governmental institutions; the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to develop and implement cybersecurity policy; the social, political and ethical implications that arise in cybersecurity policies and strategies; strategies to assess cybersecurity policy; and the ties between national security and cybersecurity policy.
Pre-requisites: ENGL 110C and ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C with a grade of C or better and CYSE 200T or IT 200T or POLS 101S

POLS 426 Cyber War (3 Credit Hours)
This course explores the national security dimensions of cybersecurity and examines cyber war in international relations. Exploration of cyber war begins with an examination of cybersecurity as a component of national security and investigates the topics of U.S National Cybersecurity and other national approaches to cyber war. The topics of cyber deterrence, cyber as a military domain, the roles of international organizations in cyber war, cyber terrorism, the role of social media, and information warfare will be discussed. The international dimension of cybersecurity is also discussed.
Pre-requisites: CYSE 200T or POLS 101S or permission of the instructor

POLS 424/534 Political Participation in the United States (3 Credit Hours)
An examination of current theories and research on political behavior, conventional and unconventional modes of political participation, and the impact of participation on the political system.
Pre-requisites: Six semester hours of political science

POLS 435/535 Chinese Politics (3 Credit Hours)
A study of origins of the Chinese revolution; development and functions of the Chinese Communist Party; government institutions; the defense establishment; evolution of foreign policy; and post-Mao political and economic reforms.
Pre-requisites: POLS 100S and POLS 102S or permission of the instructor

POLS 436 Japanese Politics (3 Credit Hours)
A study of Japan's historical political development and social patterns; government institutions; problems of the constitution; and foreign and defense policy.
Pre-requisites: POLS 100S and POLS 102S or permission of the instructor
POLS 437/537 International Relations in East Asia (3 Credit Hours)
A study of contemporary issues (political, economic, and strategic) in the East Asia area; the interactions of China, Japan, the United States, and the former Soviet republics in East Asia.
Prerequisites: POLS 100S

POLS 438/538 Law in Literature and Film (3 Credit Hours)
Students will study law as seen through the lens of fiction. Assignments draw heavily from classic and contemporary novels, short stories, plays, films, and perhaps television. As these artistic representations of law in action are explored, short theoretical readings help focus on questions of philosophy, politics, and justice. The course also explores the relationship between fiction and reality through appellate opinions and contemporary literature on the American legal system. The goal is to come to a better understanding of the potential blessings, dangers, and limitations of law.
Prerequisites: POLS 1015 or permission of the instructor

POLS 439/539 International Relations of African States (3 Credit Hours)
This course aims to expose students to an examination of the workings of international politics from the viewpoint of Africans and African states. International relations have tended to look at the world from the viewpoint of its most powerful states. Yet, most the world's states - notably in Africa - are weak but have great potential global impact.
Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of the instructor

POLS 442/542 Twentieth Century Dictatorships (3 Credit Hours)
A study of the Fascist, Nazi, Stalin and Mao regimes and the forces that brought them to power and sustained them, including a study of the impact of their policies on their people and neighboring states.
Prerequisites: Six hours in human behavior and junior standing or permission of the instructor

POLS 445 Globalization: Dynamics and Implications (3 Credit Hours)
Explores the essential characteristics of globalization and its implications for social relations and existing institutions.
Prerequisites: Three hours in economics and 6 hours in political science

POLS 455/555 The Politics of Climate Change (3 Credit Hours)
An examination of the science of climate change and how United States political actors have responded to this global environmental challenge.
Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of the instructor

POLS 458T Weapons of Mass Destruction in Global Security (3 Credit Hours)
Since the end of the Cold War, weapons of mass destruction have emerged as one of the most dangerous and contentious issues in international affairs. The course examines how these weapons are made, how they proliferate, and how they are controlled.
Prerequisites: POLS 100S

POLS 461 Seminar in European Politics (3 Credit Hours)
This course focuses on one specific European country such as France, Germany, the United Kingdom, etc. Examination of trends and events which most influenced the evolution of domestic politics and foreign relations from World War II to the present.
Prerequisites: POLS 100S or POLS 102S and POLS 314 or POLS 332W

POLS 462 Ethnic Conflict in the New Global Order (3 Credit Hours)
Ethnically based conflict is presently a pervasive worldwide phenomenon. This course examines internal and external factors causing ethnic conflicts and mechanisms for resolving or mitigating such conflicts.
Prerequisites: Six hours in human behavior

POLS 466/566 Politics of the Middle East (3 Credit Hours)
An analysis of the political processes throughout the region and in selected nations of the Middle East. Topics to be discussed include inter-Arab relations, the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Iran-Iraq rivalry and foreign power involvement in the Middle East.
Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of the instructor

POLS 470 African Americans and Foreign Affairs (3 Credit Hours)
This course focuses on race, ethnicity, and the role and influence of African Americans in international affairs and American foreign policy making. It investigates the activities of African Americans in the international arena. The emphasis is on how African Americans have participated and the results of that participation from the era of slavery to Barack Obama.
Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of the instructor

POLS 480W Senior Seminar in International Studies (3 Credit Hours)
Interdisciplinary research and preparation of a senior thesis in international studies This is a writing intensive course.
Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, senior standing in the BAIS degree program or permission of the instructor

POLS 481 Seminar in American Politics (3 Credit Hours)
The advanced study of selected topics in American politics designed to permit small groups of qualified students to work on subjects of mutual interest which, due to their specialized nature, may not be offered regularly.
Prerequisites: Junior standing in political science

POLS 493 Great Decisions (1 Credit Hour)
An examination and discussion of critical world issues based upon the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decision Series.

POLS 495/595 Topics in Political Science (1-3 Credit Hours)
The advanced study of selected topics in political science which, due to their specialized nature, may not be offered regularly.
Prerequisites: Appropriate survey course or permission of the instructor

POLS 496/596 Topics in Political Science (1-3 Credit Hours)
The advanced study of selected topics which, due to their specialized nature, may not be offered regularly.
Prerequisites: Appropriate survey course or permission of the instructor

POLS 497/597 Independent Research in Political Science (1-3 Credit Hours)
Independent research in political science under the supervision of a faculty member.
Prerequisites: Senior standing or permission of the instructor

POLS 498 Tutorial Work-Special Topics (1-3 Credit Hours)
Independent research in political science under the supervision of a faculty member.
Prerequisites: Senior standing or permission of instructor

POLS 501 Global Environmental Policy (3 Credit Hours)
This course analyzes the causes, severity, potential consequences, and proposed solutions regarding global ecological issues with special attention to the scientific debate and the political and policy process. It examines environmental policies of national governments, regional/international organizations, and global conferences.
Prerequisites: GEOG 100S or GEOG 101S or GEOG 102T or POLS 100S or POLS 102S

POLS 503 First Amendment Freedoms (3 Credit Hours)
The course deals with the development and practice of conflicting judicial and legal theories concerning our substantive guarantees. Students are asked to act as advocates in developing and substantiating theories of their own.

POLS 510 African American Politics (3 Credit Hours)
This course examines the political development of Black people in the United States by focusing on the relationship and processes of the American political system. The political dynamics of Black political thought, the Civil Rights Movement, and Black protest politics are also analyzed.

POLS 512 Politics of the Civil Rights Movement (3 Credit Hours)
Examines the political activities which resulted in the passage of the nation's second Civil Rights policy, the 1960 and 1964 Civil Rights Acts, the 1965 Voting Rights Act and the 1968 Fair Housing Act. The course analyzes the underpinnings, leadership, and political strategies of the Civil Rights Movement.
POL514 Politics of Education (3 Credit Hours)
The question of power, often ignored by education policy analysts and researchers, is a principal focus of this seminar. Issues ranging from the role of education in political socialization and the politics of affirmative action and equal opportunity are examined.

POL515 Women and Politics in America (3 Credit Hours)
Examines women's place in political theory and the practice of politics in the United States. A major focus is to trace the development of women's political rights, the impact of public policy on the lives of American women and to see how women influence and participate in the political process.

POL520 Southern Politics (3 Credit Hours)
This seminar focuses on the politics of the American South from the 1940s to the present. Emphasis is on introducing students to contrasting explanations and analysis about the politics of the American South.

POL521 International Law (3 Credit Hours)
Surveys major areas of public international law (e.g., laws of warfare, law of the sea, conflict resolution, etc.). Emphasizes the relationship between international law and international politics.

POL524 International Organization (3 Credit Hours)
Course provides a basis for understanding the role and importance of international organizations in contemporary international relations. Focuses on development and history of global organizations, with particular emphasis on the United Nations, and regional and functional organizations.

POL534 Political Participation in the United States (3 Credit Hours)
An examination of current theories and research on political behavior, conventional and unconventional modes of political participation, and the impact of participation on the political system.

POL535 Chinese Politics (3 Credit Hours)
A study of origins of the Chinese revolution; development and functions of the Chinese Communist Party; government institutions; the defense establishment; evolution of foreign policy; and post-Mao political and economic reforms.

POL537 International Relations in East Asia (3 Credit Hours)
A study of contemporary issues (political, economic, and strategic) in the East Asia area; the interactions of China, Japan, the United States, and the former Soviet republics in East Asia.

POL538 Law in Literature and Film (3 Credit Hours)
Students will study law as seen through the lens of fiction. Assignments draw heavily from classic and contemporary novels, short stories, plays, films, and perhaps television. As these artistic representations of law in action are explored, short theoretical readings help focus on questions of philosophy, politics, and justice. The course also explores the relationship between fiction and reality through appellate opinions and contemporary literature on the American legal system. The goal is to come to a better understanding of the potential blessings, dangers, and limitations of law.

POL539 International Relations of African States (3 Credit Hours)
This course aims to expose students to an examination of the workings of international politics from the viewpoint of Africans and African states. International relations have tended to look at the world from the viewpoint of its most powerful states. Yet, most the world's states - notably in Africa - are weak but have great potential global impact.

POL542 Twentieth Century Dictatorships (3 Credit Hours)
A study of the Fascist, Nazi, Stalin and Mao regimes and the forces that brought them to power and sustained them, including a study of the impact of their policies on their people and neighboring states.

POL555 The Politics of Climate Change (3 Credit Hours)
An examination of the science of climate change and how United States political actors have responded to this global environmental challenge.

POL566 Politics of the Middle East (3 Credit Hours)
An analysis of the political processes throughout the region and in selected nations of the Middle East. Topics to be discussed include inter-Arab relations, the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Iran-Iraq rivalry and foreign power involvement in the Middle East.

POL595 Topics in Political Science (1-3 Credit Hours)
The advanced study of selected topics which, due to their specialized nature, may not be offered regularly.

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POL597 Independent Research in Political Science (1-3 Credit Hours)
Independent research in political science under the supervision of a faculty member.

POL602 Seminar in American Foreign Policy (3 Credit Hours)
The formulation and conduct of U.S. foreign policy under changing domestic and external circumstances. Models of decision making; interrelationships of economic, political, and military factors; major trends in contemporary American foreign policy making.

POL623 Foreign Policy Analysis (3 Credit Hours)
Comparative study of foreign policy behavior. Internal and external factors in formation and implementation of foreign policy. Examination and application of foreign policy models.

POL624 National Security Policy (3 Credit Hours)
Examines U.S. national security policy, strategy and the use of force, the formulation and execution of policy, the international dimension of national security, and contemporary issues in national security.

POL626 Seminar in Politics of Russia and the Soviet Successor States (3 Credit Hours)
Power and authority in Russia and the other successor states of the former Soviet Union. Although focusing on Russia, the course embraces the contemporary internal politics of the states in the space between Germany and Japan/China including Central Asia and the Caucasus. Emphasizes research methodology and strategies.

POL631 Seminar in Chinese Politics (3 Credit Hours)
An advanced survey and research on contemporary Chinese politics, political and economic reforms; intellectuals and politics; China's experience of socialist revolution and economic construction; and foreign policy.

POL650 Interdependence, Power and Transnationalism (3 Credit Hours)
This course covers the fundamental concepts, ideas, and approaches to the study of interdependence and transnationalism. It seeks to expose students to the nature, role, and impact of economic, technological, strategic, and cultural interdependence. Cases of interdependence and transnationalism are explored in the post-Cold War era. Some focus is placed on how interdependence and transnationalism are impacting the power of the state. Prerequisites: Permission of director or instructor

POL665 International Political Economy (3 Credit Hours)
Analysis of the forces shaping national and transnational economic institutions and their policies on a range of contemporary issues, including North-South relations.

POL695 Selected Topics in Political Science (1-3 Credit Hours)
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