

Political Science Major Advising: October 26 – November 6

Spring Registration holds are in effect.

Sign up now to be advised!

You will not be able to pre-register for classes without first meeting with your advisor. The purpose of the registration hold is to make sure you don't miss out on this valuable opportunity to ask questions and receive input from your advisor about your progress in the major. Use this time to discuss minors, internship interests, study abroad opportunities, graduate and law school options and career plans. Your advisor is here to help! By October 19, faculty will post sign-up sheets for advising on their doors. Come prepared with what classes you want to take in the spring so that there will be time to discuss other topics. If you are eligible for early registration, please contact your advisor directly to setup an appointment.

Spring Registration schedule

(based on earned hours)

Date	Hrs.	Date	Hrs.
Nov. 2	122+	Nov. 11	49-55
Nov. 3	113-121	Nov. 12	43-48
Nov. 4	107-112	Nov. 13	33-42
Nov. 5	97-106	Nov. 14	25-32
Nov. 6	87-96	Nov. 15	19-24
Nov. 7	80-86	Nov. 16	15-18
Nov. 8	73-79	Nov. 17	9-14
Nov. 9	64-72	Nov. 18	1-8
Nov. 10	56-63	Nov. 19	0

College Calendar

November 25-27 Thanksgiving Holiday
 December 9-16 Fall Exams
 December 19 Graduation
 December 22 Final grades available on Cougar Trail

Interested in a Spring Internship?

Internships need to be arranged the semester before you intend to complete it. Set up an appointment with Erin Blevins at blevinse@cofc.edu to discuss ideas and options. POLS 402 internships in Charleston include both an unpaid internship experience and a class component. To participate, a student must be a junior or senior and have completed at least 18 semester hours in POLS coursework (including POLS 251 with a passing grade). Normally, a 2.8 GPA in the POLS major and a 2.5 GPA overall is required.

For internship ideas:

Visit webpage <http://polisci.cofc.edu/localinternships.html>
 Cistern online <http://careercenter.cofc.edu/>

Geography Minor

Have you completed POLS 104 World Regional Geography? If so, you might want to consider the Geography minor. Courses being offered for the minor this Spring include:

GEOG 219.090 Reading the Lowcountry Landscape M 4-6:56p Long
 POLS 104, POLS 368 and POLS 323 also fulfill Geography minor requirements.

For more information about the minor, visit <http://polisci.cofc.edu/geographyminor.html> or Contact Dr. Long at LongM@cofc.edu

Other courses of interest

Urban Transportation: Problems and Prospects (PUBA 502) will be taught on W 6-8:45p at the Lowcountry Graduate Center. This graduate course is available to undergraduates with permission of instructor, Dr. Keenan and a minimum 3.3 overall GPA. Interested students contact Dr. Keenan at KeenanK@cofc.edu.

African American Politics (AAST 300) develops an in depth understanding of the relationship between people of African descent in the U.S. and the political system. (not for POLS credit) This course counts towards the humanities requirement.

Capstone and Study abroad/transfer credit inquiries

Contact Dr. Claire Curtis, Associate Chair of the Political Science Department with inquiries related to the Capstone, study abroad and transfer credits at CurtisC@cofc.edu.

Spring 2010 POLS Course Offerings

General and Required Core Courses:

POLS 101.001 American Govt. TR 1:40p Mann
 POLS 101.002 American Govt. TR 9:25a Archie-Hudson
 POLS 101.003 American Govt. MWF 2:00p Chorlton
 POLS 101.005 American Govt. TR 3:05-4:20p Cabot
 POLS 101.085 American Govt. MW 5:30—8:30p Chorlton **

POLS 103.001 World Politics MWF 1:00p Gorden
 POLS 103.002 World Politics TR 10:50a Delfeld
 POLS 103.003 World Politics TR 12:15a Delfeld
 POLS 103.004 World Politics TR 1:40a Liu

POLS 104.001 World Regional Geography MW 2-3:15p Watson
 POLS 104.002 World Regional Geography MWF 9:00a Long
 POLS 104.003 World Regional Geography MWF 11:00a Keenan
 POLS 104.090 World Regional Geography MW 4-5:15p Watson

POLS 250.001 Politics and Political Inquiry I TR 8:00a Hinton
 POLS 250.002 Politics and Political Inquiry I TR 9:25a Hinton
 POLS 250.003 Politics and Political Inquiry I MWF 9:00a Curtis

POLS 251.001 Politics and Political Inquiry II TR 12:15p Ford
 POLS 251.002 Politics and Political Inquiry II MWF 9:00a LaPira
 POLS 251.003 Politics and Political Inquiry II MWF 10:00a LaPira

POLS 402.090 Field Internship M 5:30 – 6:45 p France

POLS 405.001 Capstone Seminar TR 10:50a Parson
"The Political Economy of Global Capitalism"

POLS 405.090 Capstone Seminar W 4-6:45p Mann
"Murder"

POLS 405.091 Capstone Seminar TR 5:30-6:45p Delfeld
"Politics of Illusion"

GEOG 219.090 Reading the Lowcountry Landscape M 4-6:45p Long

PA/Public Policy

POLS 200.001 Intro to Public Admin. MWF 12:00p Felts
 POLS 308.001 Education Policy TR 12:15p Archie-Hudson
 POLS 309.001 Health Policy TR 1:40p Archie-Hudson

Comparative

POLS 323.001 Politics of East Asia TR 10:50a Liu
 POLS 330.001 Comparative Gender TR 12:15p Richter
 POLS 333.001 Pol Contemp Brazil MWF 12:00p Friedman
 POLS 339.001 ST: Politics of India and Pakistan MWF 10:00a Pehl

Political Thought/Public Law

POLS 220.001 Criminal Justice TR 8:00a Walsh
 POLS 221.085 Law and Society MW 4-6:45p Sanders **
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 POLS 353.090 Beginning Mock Trial R 4:00-6:45p Gremillion
 POLS 359.001 ST: Global Political Theory MWF 9:00a Gorden

International Politics

POLS 360.001 International Relations Theory TR 9:25a Liu
 POLS 363.090 Int. Law and Org MW 4-5:15 p Fisher
 POLS 366.080 Model AU MW 5:30-8:30p Parson *
 POLS 366.090 Model OAS MW 5:30p Friedman
 POLS 368.001 Political Geography MWF 10:00a Long

American Politics

POLS 382.001 The Congress MWF 1:00p La Pira
 POLS 383.001 The Judiciary TR 10:50a Mann
 POLS 386.001 American Politics and Mass Media TR 9:25a Lee
 POLS 386.002 American Politics and Mass Media TR 10:50a Lee
 POLS 392.001 Women and Politics TR 9:25a Ford
 POLS 399.001 ST: 3rd Parties in Amer Pol TR 12:15p Gillespie
 POLS 399.002 ST: LGBT Politics MWF 1:00p Chorlton

* Express I classes: January 11 – March 2

** Express II classes: March 3 – May 5

Maymester (May 11 - May 27)

POLS 103.001 World Politics M-F 8:30 – 12 p Liu
 POLS 332.001 Latin American Film M-F 8:30-12 p Friedman
 POLS 405.001 Capstone Seminar M-F 8:30 – 12p France
"No Passport Required: Globalization from a Community Perspective"

Upcoming Events

October 28: "Is Grad School the Next step for me?" Q & A with Political Science Professors; 4:00 pm. Maybank 303

November 5: Geography Lecture – "Lawn People: The Politics of Everyday Landscape" with speaker Dr. Paul Robbins. 3:30 pm; Stern Center Ballroom

November 10- "Inside Campaigns 101: Consultants Share What to Expect and How to Get Involved" 4:30 pm. Admissions Auditorium

February 17 - Political Science Convocation of Majors Dr. Mark Umbreit, founding director of the [Center for Restorative Justice & Peacemaking](#). Physicians Auditorium at 7 pm.

POLS Webpage

<http://polisci.cofc.edu/index.html>

Features include: Upcoming events, POLS course syllabi, Internship resources, faculty page, Frequently Asked Questions, POLS honors and more!

Spring 2010 Semester Cuba program

Three POLS course will be offered: POLS 321 Politics of Latin America, POLS 335 Cuban Revolution and POLS 339 ST: Social and Political Movements in Latin America. Interested students, please contact Dr. Friedman at FriedmanD@cofc.edu. Space is limited.

College of Charleston Model U.N.

April 9-10, 2010. The Model United Nations simulates a meeting of the U.N. where students represent member states on the issues of the day, such as global climate change, financial crisis, and nuclear non-proliferation. Whether in relation to enrollment in a class or as an extra-curricular activity, participation in a Model U.N. can be an extraordinarily enlightening and enjoyable experience. Details for the Model will be published early in the Spring semester.

Morocco 2010 Study Abroad Program

May 12 – June 5, 2010. The seventh annual summer study abroad program in Morocco will be led by Dr. Jack Parson and Dr. Abdellatif Attafi. Students earn three hours of POLS special topics credit in comparative politics and three hours of humanities credit for literature in translation or three hours of credit in advanced French. Application and deposit are due by March 6, 2010. For more information contact Dr. Parson at ParsonJ@cofc.edu or Julie Swigert at SwigertJ@cofc.edu

Special Topics Course Descriptions

POLS 339.001 ST: Politics of India and Pakistan

South Asia is a world region of growing importance which offers the student of politics the opportunity to engage with the greatest promises and the gravest problems facing humanity today. This course traces major political developments in India and Pakistan, drawing on a range of analytical perspectives and focusing mainly on the post-independence period. It will cover colonial rule, nationalism and the formation of the two nation-states, democratic and authoritarian transitions in post-colonial politics, the dynamics of politics and social tensions, political mobilization along the lines of religion, ethnicity, and gender and its varying results. The foreign relations of India and Pakistan with each other and with other important actors influencing the region, including inter- and intra-state conflict, will be another focus in this course. We will also examine the determinants and the impact of socio-economic change and various policies. (Pehl)

POLS 359.001 ST: Global Political Theory

This course offers an exploration of the multiple perspectives of political thought that exist in the world outside of the Western Canon. We will explore perspectives from around the globe, including African and Buddhist political philosophy to post-colonial feminisms, to consider political theorizations of freedom, equality, justice, security and political organization. The course will encourage students to examine how a knowledge of global perspectives allows political analysts a richer and more complex understanding of politics. (Gorden)

POLS 399.001 ST: Third Parties in American Politics

We will explore a little-known but fascinating domain beyond the major parties: the world of Know Nothings and Populists, Progressives and Dixiecrats, Libertarians and Greens, Prohibitionists and Communists and others. Understanding their mutual interest in maintaining *duopoly*, the Democrats and Republicans have united in stacking the deck against such outside challengers. And yet, third parties were the first to nominate women, African Americans, and gays for the presidency. They were the first parties to push for transparency in government, the abolition of slavery, women's suffrage, national health insurance, social security, ending the cold war. Whatever one's definition of "there" is, third parties have almost always arrived there years before the major parties. The course will proceed seminar style. You will be expected to be a regular participant in our shared discussion of assigned readings, and to choose and complete an appropriate research project. (Gillespie)

POLS 399.002 LGBT Politics

This course will focus on the evolution of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender politics from the founding of the Mattachine Society and Daughters of Bilitis in the 1950s, the Stonewall Rebellion in 1969, the inclusion of Lesbian & Gay Rights in the 1980 Democratic

Platform through present day developments in local, state, national and international politics. Special emphasis will be placed on the Military's "Don't Ask/Don't Tell" policy; the impact of AIDS on the LGBT community; Gay Marriage and Family issues; and LGBT Elected Officials from Capitol Hill to City Hall. (Chorlton)

Spring Capstone Enrollment

Registration for Capstone courses is not available through Cougar Trail. You must be placed in the course by the department. See Erin Blevins in the main office **after** you have been advised to complete an application. Capstones are filled on a first come first served basis; however, preference in enrollment will be given to students graduating in May 2010 who complete the application by October 30. Sign-up early to ensure you get a spot in a class!

The Capstone is a senior requirement for the major, designed to be completed within the last 9 hours of POLS coursework. There are two capstones offered each fall semester, three each spring, and one in Maymester. It is your responsibility to anticipate when you will need the capstone, and complete an application in a timely manner. Enrollment for each capstone is strictly limited to 25 students to ensure a high-quality culminating experience.

Regardless of the topic, all capstone seminars include: intensive writing, independent research, opportunities to apply theories and concepts to new problems and cases, and the opportunity to go beyond comprehending the views of others to articulate and defend one's own view.

Spring Capstone Descriptions

POLS 405.001 The Political Economy of Global Capitalism

The current moment is characterized by the collapse of the political economy of global capitalism. The capstone seminar will provide an opportunity to explore and understand this moment through an historical examination of how we got where we are today. Based on a reading of world systems' theory the seminar will read, discuss and react to analyses of three selected elements: Health (Malaria), Food (Corn), and Clothing (Cotton) in order to understand what one author describes as "disaster capitalism." Based on this common reading, seminar participants will have the opportunity to research an aspect of their choice in the political economy of capitalism for presentation to and discussion by the seminar as a whole. The goal is to begin thinking about what transformations will be required to make the system less prone to disaster and more prone to promoting human welfare. (Parson)

POLS 405.090 Murder

This course will explore a variety of themes, theories, explanations, and predictions about murder, in a feature film-based setting. Topics will include: death penalty, psychotics, assassins, and genocide. Both perpetrators and victims will be studied through fiction, philosophy, politics, history, theatre, and film itself. Students will propose and complete an independent research project. (Mann)

POLS 405.091 Politics of Illusion

There are two distinct problems having to do with "knowing things" in politics: first, information is hard to get, and takes a lot of effort to acquire; secondly, we have the illusion of knowing things, but in fact are misinformed regarding the level of certainty of our "knowledge". Our perception of political life is dominated by three different illusions: that of understanding what we do not in fact understand (the difficulty of translating concepts from one language or context to another); that of partial or biased information being portrayed as authoritative (what is "news", after all? What is an authority?); and that of dominant voices sounding like truth rather than partisan positions (the narrowness of most political dialogue, and the consequences of excluding voices). Overlaying all of these questions and problems are the questions, "What is knowledge itself? What do we *know*? What do we end up believing that we would not believe if a free flow of information were possible?" We will work on these themes throughout the course in both US and international contexts, although prior expertise in either is unnecessary. (Delfeld)

Maymester Capstone Description

POLS 405.001 No Passport Required: Globalization from a Community Perspective

This capstone is focused on exploring the connections between local communities and global processes. We want to begin to examine how global economic processes transform social relations at the local level. The goal is to recognize how powerfully globalization acts to shape and transform society and peoples lives. Issues like international competition, outsourcing, the environment, and regulatory systems affect students' daily lives in many ways, from the price you pay for gasoline to the kinds of jobs available after graduation. In order to dispel the conventional notion that globalization is something happening "over there," 4 local low-country case studies (shrimping, bio-diesel production and consumption, longshoreman union, and migrant farm workers), will be employed to demonstrate the presence of globalization "here." Based on a series of interviews with local stakeholders impacted by global economic processes, students will draw on common cross-cutting themes to develop a research project exploring global/local connections from a community perspective. (France)