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Political Science

POL 101-F World Politics
Analysis of the basic concepts and issues of international relations in the contemporary international system. The behaviors of states and their decision makers are considered according to various models of national and international conflict. The relationship between the characteristics of nations and their foreign policies is studied on a comparative basis.
3 credits

POL 102-F Introduction to American Government
What the informed citizen and specialist should know about the organization of American government, including the Constitution and what it means today, the Congress, political parties, pressure groups, growth of the Presidency, the Supreme Court, judicial review, federalism, separation of powers, and the Bill of Rights. May not be taken for credit in addition to POL 105.
3 credits

POL 103-F Introduction to Comparative Politics
Analysis of political institutions and processes in the contemporary world, emphasizing the interaction of political structures and processes in a variety of political settings.
3 credits

POL 105-F Honors Introduction to American Government
An enriched introduction to American government. Topics covered include political participation, public opinion, voting and elections, parties, interest groups, federalism, Congress, the Presidency, the bureaucracy, the judiciary, and public policy formation. This course requires more reading and more written work than does POL 102. May not be taken for credit in addition to POL 102.
Prerequisite: Permission of department; priority given to students in the University’s honors programs
3 credits

POL 201-C Introduction to Statistical Methods in Political Science
Elementary statistical methods in empirical political science, focusing on the analysis of public opinion, survey research designs, sampling, and probability. The course considers the application of descriptive and inferential statistics to testing hypotheses on various political issues. May not be taken for credit after AMS 102, ECO 320, PSY 201, or SOC 202.
Prerequisite: Satisfaction of entry skill in mathematics requirement
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 101 or 102 or 105 or 105
3 credits

POL 214-J Modern Latin America
From independence to the present: the evolution of 19th- and 20th-century Latin America. Emphasis on current social, economic, and political issues. This course is offered as both HIS 214 and POL 214.
Prerequisite: LAC 200
3 credits

POL 216-J History of U.S.-Latin American Relations
An examination of the impact of U.S. economic and political relations with Latin America from the mid-19th century to the present. The course considers changes in American policy toward Latin America, as well as the varying responses of Latin American nations to U.S. intervention and influence. This course is offered as both HIS 216 and POL 216.
Advisory Prerequisite: One HIS course
3 credits

POL 287 Introductory Research in Political Science
May be repeated up to a limit of 12 credits, but only six credits may count for major or minor requirements in political science.
Prerequisite: Permission of departmental research coordinator
0-3 credits, S/U grading

POL 302 Graphical Analysis in Political Science
Training in the use of graphical analysis to study politics, including research design, data collection and organization, methodology, and interpretation. Additional attention to the politics of measurement and the political impact of data. Formal analytical techniques are applied to substantive policy areas such as health, unemployment, and national security.
Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing; POL 201 or any other course satisfying the major’s methodology requirement
3 credits

POL 305-I Government and Politics of the United Kingdom
Examination of the political system of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, including the Constitution, parliament, cabinet, political parties, and the policy-making process.
Prerequisites: POL 105; U3 or U4 standing
3 credits

POL 307-I Politics in Germany
An examination of governmental institutions and policy making in Germany with special emphasis on the development of democracy, the process of national unification, political culture, citizen politics, party government, and Germany’s role within the European Community and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 103
3 credits

POL 309-I Politics in the European Union
Why the European Union was created, how its institutions have evolved over time, and where the union is going.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 101 and 103
3 credits

POL 311 Introduction to International Law
Casebook approach to standard introductory course in international law, including the following topics: state jurisdiction and responsibility, individuals, international organization, and use of force.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing;
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 101
3 credits

POL 313-F Problems of International Relations
Analysis of the international system, its characteristic forms, and the principal forces making for conflict and adjustment. Examination of prevalent analytical concepts, of major current problems and developments, and of prospects and alternatives for the future.
Prerequisites: POL 101; U3 or U4 standing.
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 201 or any other course satisfying the major’s methodology requirement
3 credits

POL 316-F Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations
Examination of the primary structure of American politics. The historical foundation and evolution of American federalism and the effects of a federal structure on civil rights and liberties, economic development, political representation, and public policy. Discussion of current topics in federalism and intergovernmental relations.
Prerequisite: POL 102 or POL 105
3 credits

POL 317-F American Election Campaigns
The politics of presidential nominations through primary, caucuses, and conventions; the conduct of presidential general election campaigns; mass media coverage and opinion polling; the citizen’s involvement in campaign politics; voter attitudes toward parties, candidates, and issues; and the interpretation of electoral outcomes.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 102 or 105
3 credits

POL 318-F Voters and Elections
An examination of how citizens make electoral decisions, including the decision to participate at all in elections. The course compares models of voter behavior and probes the influence of such factors as party identification, opinions on issues, ideological orientations, and candidate evaluations. In addition, the social and economic context of voting is explored, as is the importance of elections for policy making and the functioning of the political system.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 102 or 105; POL 201 or any other course satisfying the major’s methodology requirement
3 credits

POL 320-F Constitutional Law and Politics: United States
A study of the role of the modern Supreme Court within the political and governmental process; its relation with Congress, the Presidency, state and local governments, parties, and interest groups; and the Court’s policy-making role in economic regulation.
Prerequisites: POL 102 or 105; U3 or U4 standing
3 credits

POL 321-F Law and Politics
The major institutional structures of the civil and criminal law systems in the United States: the adversary proceeding, the legal profession, the judiciary, jury, and patterns of fault and punishment. Each aspect is placed in the setting of American politics, i.e., in the context of legislative, executive, party, and community behavior.
Prerequisite: POL 102 or 105
3 credits

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POL 322-F The Presidency in the American Political System
How presidential power developed historically; from what sources the powers of the modern Presidency emanate; how decisions are made in the presidential institution; how and to what degree presidential power may or ought to be controlled. Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 102 or 105
3 credits

POL 323-F U.S. Congress
An examination of the most powerful legislative institution in America. The historical background of Congress is examined along with its internal organization, rules, and relationships to the rest of government and to the world outside Washington. Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 102 or 105
3 credits

POL 324-F American Political Parties and Pressure Groups
An examination of political party organization, political leadership, finance, campaign techniques, and legal controls over parties; the functions and methods of pressure groups and their interaction with policy makers; the historical origins and development of the American party system; the significance of parties and pressure groups for democratic ideology; and the problems of political leadership in a democracy. Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 102 or 105
3 credits

POL 325-F Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
A systematic treatment of leading Supreme Court decisions in such areas as freedom of speech, the press, and religion; the rights of criminal defendants; voting rights; the right to privacy, and discrimination on grounds of race, sex, poverty, illegitimacy, and alienage. Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 102 or 105
3 credits

POL 326-F Politics of New York State
Analysis of parties, pressure groups, and the political process in New York State. Particular attention is paid to the legislative process in Albany. Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 102 or 105
3 credits

POL 327-K Urban Politics
Covering the development of urban settlements from the early 19th century to the contemporary period, the course emphasizes both the formal and informal political institutions and processes in American cities and suburbs, including governmental structures, political parties, interest groups, and service delivery systems. Special attention is given to the multietnic and multicultural context within which urban politics in the United States takes place. Among the topics examined is the historical development of urban settlements in the United States, studying both the growth of cities and suburbs and the ever-changing relationship between these types of settlements evident at different times in our history. Prerequisite: POL 102 or POL 105
3 credits

POL 328-F Criminal Law
A survey of substantive and procedural criminal law as it applies to traditional and contemporary penal issues, including a review of relevant U.S. and New York constitutional, statutory, and case law provisions. Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 320
3 credits

POL 329-F Administrative Law
A study of substantive and procedural law as it applies to administrative actions at the federal, state, and local levels of government. Includes a review of relevant constitutional, statutory, and administrative acts; case law; and court rulings on some current administrative issues. Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 320
3 credits

POL 330-K Gender Issues in the Law
A critical exploration of American law that specifically addresses the issues of (in)equality of women and men in the United States. The course surveys and analyzes cases from the pre–Civil War era to the end of the 20th century dealing with various manifestations of sex discrimination, decided in the federal court system, typically by the Supreme Court, and the state court system. The course also considers how the political nature of the adjudicative process has ramifications for the decisions rendered by a court. This course is offered as both POL 330 and WST 330. Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 102 or 105 or WST 102 (formerly SSI/WST 102)
3 credits

POL 331-F Law and Political Representation
An examination of the leading federal court decisions relating to a citizen’s right to participate and be fairly represented in government. Topics include voter qualifications, legislative apportionment, political and racial gerrymandering, the evolution of the Voting Rights Act, and the rights of political parties and interest groups. Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 102 or 105
3 credits

POL 332-F Politics of Criminal Due Process
A survey of the procedural steps through which a criminal case passes commencing with the initial investigation of a crime, covering the laws and court rules governing arrest, search and seizure, bail and fair trial, and concluding with the unconditional release of an offender. Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 102 or 105
3 credits

POL 333 Environmental Law
Survey of the origins of environmental law and the major legislation enacted by Congress and the states in New York. Special emphasis is placed on the application of environmental law to the problem of solid waste management on Long Island. This course is offered as both ENS 333 and POL 333. Prerequisites: ECO 108; POL 102
3 credits

POL 336-F U.S. Foreign Policy
An examination of the central problems in making U.S. foreign policy. The particular system and structure of foreign policy making as they have evolved from the constitutional and historical roots of the United States are the focus. An important central theme is the potential tension between the demands of effective foreign policy and democratic constraints. Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 101 or 102 or 103 or 105
3 credits

POL 337-J The Politics of Africa
A study of nationalism, political thought, and political institutions in Africa. Consideration is given to the quest for unity, the problems of liberation, and the political implications of social change. This course is offered as both AFS 337 and POL 337. Prerequisites: Two AFS or POL courses
3 credits

POL 338-J Contemporary India: History, Politics, and Diplomacy (Post-1947)
Study of the forces shaping India’s post-independence history, domestic politics, and foreign diplomacy. As the world’s largest democracy, second most populous nation, and Asia’s second fastest growing economy, its impact on the international scene in the coming years will be carefully analyzed. The course, taught by a former Ambassador, will also focus on emerging trends in Indo-U.S. relations and impact of the Indian diaspora. This course is offered as both AAS 338 and POL 338. Prerequisites: AAS 201 or POL 101; U3 or U4 standing
3 credits

POL 339-J Contemporary China: History, Politics, and Diplomacy (Post-1949)
This course will analyze the evolution of major events in contemporary China following the communist revolution that led to the establishment of the People’s Republic in 1949. The course, taught by a former Ambassador, will examine major political, economic, and social developments in light of both their general global impact and their particular relationship with the U.S. This course is offered as both AAS 339 and POL 339. Prerequisites: AAS 219 or POL 101; U3 or U4 standing
3 credits

POL 343-F Behavioral Assumptions of the Law
Evidence from social science research is used to examine some of the behavioral assumptions underlying the law and to assess their validity. The primary focus is on those aspects of the criminal justice system where social psychological factors, although formally extraneous to the legal process, can and do consistently influence legal outcomes and decisions. Prerequisite: PSY 103; U3 or U4 standing
3 credits

POL 344-F American Political Ideology and Public Opinion
An examination of the nature of contemporary political ideology and public opinion in the United States. The goal is to understand political conflict and debate in the U.S. and the ways in which the public influences that debate. Major topics in public opinion include political tolerance and trust, attitudes toward women and African Americans, the role of the mass media, and the impact of political values and ideology on political campaigns and elections. Prerequisites: POL 102 or 106; C or higher in POL 201 or any other course satisfying the major’s methodological requirement
3 credits

POL 346-F Political Psychology
Focus on the application of psychological concepts and measures to political behavior. Course topics include attitude measurement, stability and change, obedience to authority, learning theory, attention and problem solving, personality correlates of political activity, and stress and aggression. Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
3 credits

POL 347-K Women and Politics
Analysis of the role of women in current American politics—their electoral participation, office seeking, and political beliefs—and policy issues that have special relevance to women. The course traces the history of American women’s political involvement and the historical trajectory of gender-related policy from the mid-19th century to today. This course is offered as both POL 347 and WST 347. Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 102 or 105
3 credits

POL 388-F Presidential Politics
An examination of the institution of the American presidency in traditional and contemporary settings. Topics include: the role and powers of the president; the executive branch and the federal government; and the interaction of the president with Congress, the conflict over the law, the media, and public opinion. Prerequisite: POL 102 or 105
3 credits
POL 348-F Political Beliefs and Judgments
Following a review of the literature on political attitudes, the course applies psychological concepts and experimental approaches to the study of the content and structure of political beliefs and judgments.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 201 or any other course satisfying the major’s methodology requirement
3 credits

POL 349-F Social Psychology of Politics
A survey of social cognition theory and research as applied to the study of mass politics. The course takes an information processing approach to understanding how people form impressions of others. Political applications focus on how citizens perceive and evaluate political candidates, voters make decisions, and the mass media shape candidate impressions.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 201 or any other course satisfying the major’s methodology requirement
3 credits

POL 350-I Contemporary European Political Theory
Analysis of major writings in European political thought throughout the 20th century, focusing on four important ideological groupings: liberalism, socialism, fascism, and conservatism, with consideration of their historical antecedents.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisites: Completion of D.E.C. category F
3 credits

POL 351 Social Surveys in Contemporary Society
An interdisciplinary course on the history, uses, design, and implementation of the social survey. Emphasis given to the use of surveys in politics, the media, and business.
Prerequisites: POL 201 or any other course satisfying the major’s methodology requirement; U3 or U4 standing
3 credits

POL 357-J India’s Foreign Policy
A critical analysis of the foreign policy of India since Independence in 1947, especially Non-alignment and relations with major powers. The factors behind India’s entry into the nuclear club and its impact on her international relations within the subcontinent and abroad. Analysis of issues such as Kashmir, terrorism, India’s quest for a permanent seat in the U.N. Security Council, economic reforms, and role of Indian diaspora to the country’s relations with the countries of their adoption. This course is offered as both AAS and POL 357.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing or permission of instructor
Advisory Prerequisites: AAS 201 and 348
3 credits

POL 359-F Public Policy Analysis
A course analyzing the connection between the administrative process of government in the United States and the public policy process. It focuses on the analysis of policy formulation and the broader connections between public policy and the American political process.
Prerequisites: POL 102 or 105; U3 or U4 standing
3 credits

POL 364-F Organizational Decision Making
Decision processes are examined in public and private organizations to understand common problems arising from limited decision-making capabilities, conflicts among organizational members, and uncertainty and ambiguity in the organization’s environment. Several concepts are introduced to analyze normative and behavioral issues arising from the organizational context of political life.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
3 credits

POL 365-F Economy and Democracy
An examination of the interplay between economics and politics in Western democracies. Topics include the economic theory of democracy; the political-business cycle; political parties and economic policies; the economy and voter choices in elections; economic performance and government (especially presidential popularity); and the formation of economic expectations.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 102 or 105; POL 201 or any other course satisfying the major’s methodology requirement
3 credits

POL 366-F Government Regulation of Business
An examination of the scope of government regulation of business in the United States today—regulation at both the federal and state levels, regulation by both economic and social agencies. The course also compares alternative explanations for regulatory agency failures as well as possible explanations of why some regulatory agencies perform better than others. Finally, the course considers proposed reforms, such as clearer legislative standards, curbs on “revolving door” practices, greater citizen participation in agency proceedings, and deregulation.
Prerequisites: POL 102 or 105; U3 or U4 standing
3 credits

POL 367-F Mass Media in American Politics
Competing theories of the power of the press are tested by examining the literature on mass media effects. What does the public think and what the public thinks about. Various explanations of why newspapers behave as they do are also assessed. Conflicts between freedom of the press and such values as privacy, national security, and the right to fair trial are discussed. The relationships between freedom of the press and the public’s right to know are also explored.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 102 or 105
3 credits

POL 368-F American Political Development
The development and evolution of the American political system. Consideration of the evolution of institutions such as the party system, Congress, and the bureaucracy and how they explain policy developments and shape our political life. Attention to how historical approaches to American politics help explain current dilemmas in the American political system.
Prerequisites: POL 102 or 105; U3 or U4 standing
3 credits

POL 372-J Politics in the Third World
Analysis of problems and prospects of nonindustrialized nations that are experiencing political and economic development. Particular attention is paid to the impact of colonialism, social problems, economic modernization, and foreign policy orientations of Third World nations.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 101 or 103
3 credits

POL 374-F Global Issues in the United Nations
An overview of key issues and contemporary debate in the United Nations toward an understanding of its formal and informal operations. Issues include peace and security, human rights, development and trade, and the global environment. Consideration of perspectives of people from outside the United States and the West; the major obstacles to effective international cooperation in the U.N.; and the ways these obstacles might be overcome; and how democratic governance is affected by the rise of global institutions and governance. This course offered as both POL and SOC 374.
Prerequisite: SOC 105 or POL 101 or 103
3 credits

POL 377 Contemporary Political Philosophy (II)
A critical examination of selected issues in contemporary political philosophy, for example, the nature and justification of basic rights, the legitimation of political authority, and the various relations between ideals of social justice and democratic rule. Readings represent contemporary views such as libertarianism, liberalism, socialism, communitarianism, and feminism, and include selections by authors such as Rawls, Nozick, Dworkin, Walker, Habermas, and Pateman. This course is offered as both PHI 377 and POL 377.
Prerequisites: Two courses in philosophy
Advisory Prerequisites: PHI 105 or 277 or 375; one upper-division political science course
3 credits

POL 382-J Politics and Political Change in Latin America
An examination of revolutionary and reformist movements that have shaped the political, social, and economic contours of 20th-century Latin America. Topics include the Mexican and Cuban revolutions, populism, urban squatter movements, and guerrilla warfare. This course is offered as both HIS 382 and POL 382.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: HIS 213 or HIS/POL 214 or HIS/POL 216 or LAC 200
3 credits

POL 390, 391 Topics in Political Science
Semester supplements to this Bulletin contain specific description when course is offered. May be repeated for credit as the topic changes.
Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing; one POL course announced with topic
2 credits per course

POL 392-I Topics in Political Science and the European Tradition
Semester supplements to this Bulletin contain specific descriptions when course is offered. Topics may include, for example, politics during the time of the French Revolution, or contemporary Italian politics. Designed for upper-division students, this course provides an in-depth study of a specific topic relating to Western civilization. Students will be expected to develop knowledge and understanding of the distinctive features of the history, institutions, economy, society, and culture of Western civilization, and relate it to that of other regions in the world. May be repeated for credit as the topic changes.
Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing; one POL course announced with topic
2 credits per course

POL 401, 402, 403, 404 Seminar in Advanced Topics
Semester supplements to this Bulletin contain specific description when course is offered. May be repeated for credit as the topic changes.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
3 credits per course

POL 405 Colloquium in Comparative Politics and Political Theory
Close reading and discussions of selected classic and modern texts in the area of comparative politics and political theory.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
3 credits

POL 406 Strategic Models of Politics
A survey of the political science literature on strategic interaction and an analysis of different forms of strategic behavior in a variety of political contexts. Topics include strategic voting in elections and legislatures, principal-agent relationships, advocacy and protest tactics, agenda-setting, and international conflict.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
3 credits
POL 411-H Science, Technology, and Arms Control
A study of the application of scientific technology to national defense, covering nuclear weapons and delivery systems, chemical and biological weapons, conventional weapons systems, defense research and development, arms control and disarmament negotiations, and international technology transfer. This course is offered as both EST 411 and POL 411.
Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing; one D.E.C. category E course 3 credits, S/U grading

POL 412 Intelligence Organizations, Technology, and Democracy
The role of intelligence organizations in decision making through analysis of agency practices in support of U.S. national security policy. The course also explores the roles of intelligence agencies and practices in democratic societies. This course is offered as both EST 412 and POL 412.
Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing; POL 101 and 102; one D.E.C. category E course 3 credits

POL 413-J Asian Security and Technology Issues
An examination of international security issues, such as technology transfer and arms sales, arms control, environmental stress, and emerging regional conflicts among Asian nations. A case study approach is used. Recent cases have included China and Nuclear Weapons Tests; The Japanese Constitution and Japan’s Self Defense Forces; The Three Gorges Dam; Development, Democracy, and Human Rights.
Prerequisites: POL 311, 313 or 336; U3 or U4 standing 3 credits

POL 434-F Supreme Court Decision Making
A comprehensive examination of Supreme Court decision making, aided by analysis of a computer database on the court. The course covers various stages of the judicial process, including the decision to grant cer tiorari, the decision on the merits, majority-opinion assignment, and majority-opinion coalitions.
Prerequisites: POL 201 or any other course satisfying the major’s methodology requirement; U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 320 3 credits

POL 447 Directed Readings in Political Science
Individually supervised readings in selected topics of the discipline. May be repeated, but total credit may not exceed six credits.
Prerequisites: Political science major with U3 or U4 standing; 15 credits in political science; permission of instructor and department 1-6 credits

POL 475, 476 Undergraduate Teaching Practica I, II
Work with a faculty member as an assistant in one of the faculty member’s regularly scheduled classes. The student is required to attend all the classes, do all the regularly assigned work and meet with the faculty member at regularly scheduled times to discuss the intellectual and pedagogical matters relating to the course. In POL 476, students assume greater responsibility in such areas as leading discussions and analyzing results of tests that have already been graded. The course in which the student is permitted to work as a teaching assistant must be different from the course in which he or she previously served. Not for major credit.
Prerequisites to POL 475: Political science major; U4 standing; permission of instructor
Prerequisites to POL 476: POL 475; permission of instructor and department 3 credits per course, S/U grading

POL 487 Directed Research
Qualified advanced undergraduates in political science may carry out individual research projects under the direct supervision of a faculty member. May be repeated but total credits may not exceed six credits.
Prerequisites: Political science major; 15 credits in political science; permission of instructor and department; permission of departmental research coordinator may be substituted.
0-6 credits

POL 488 Internship
Participation in a local, state, or federal governmental agency or community organization. Students are required to submit progress reports to their department sponsor and a final report on their experience to the department faculty. May be repeated up to a limit of 12 credits.
Prerequisites: Political science major or minor with 3.00 g.p.a.; 15 credits in political science; permission of instructor and department 0-6 credits, S/U grading

POL 489 Washington or Albany Internship
Designed so that students can participate in Washington, D.C., at the Washington Center as interns in private or public sector organizations and agencies, or in Albany, as interns in the New York State Assembly or Senate Program. Students are supervised by selected practitioners within the organization or agency. Students are required to submit journals of experience and observation which, together with the supervisor’s report, become the basis for a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grade. Only three credits may be applied to major requirements.
Prerequisites: Completion of pre-application orientation; admission to Washington Center or NY State Assembly or Senate Program; POL major or minor; 3.00 g.p.a.; 15 credits in POL; sponsorship of a political science faculty member
Corequisite: POL 490 12 credits, S/U grading

POL 490 Washington or Albany Seminar
Seminar offered in Washington, D.C., as part of the internship program of the Washington Center, or in Albany, as part of the New York State Assembly or Senate Internship Program. The seminars are taught by people with experience in public and private agencies, public policy formulation, and relevant academic and professional experience. Students are offered work in several program areas designed to complement their internships, such as law and justice, congressional studies, policy studies, community urban service, and studies in government.
Prerequisites: Completion of pre-application orientation; admission to Washington Center or NY State Assembly or Senate Program; POL major or minor; 3.00 g.p.a.; 15 credits in POL; sponsorship of a political science faculty member
Corequisite: POL 489 3 credits

POL 495-496 Senior Honors Project in Political Science
A two-semester project for political science majors who are candidates for the degree with honors. Arranged in consultation with the department, the project involves independent study and the writing of a research paper under close supervision of a faculty member. Students enrolled in POL 495 are obliged to complete POL 496. Students receive only one grade upon completion of the sequence.
Prerequisite: Admission to the political science honors program 3 credits per course