POL

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&4 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&4 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 103 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.

Advisory 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, SIU grading

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.

Prerequisite: POL 103; 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 310-F Immigration and Refugee Politics
Provides an introduction to the politics of immigration and refugees by considering the impact of the movement and resettlement of foreigners across international borders on states, societies, and international relations. We will address several themes that generate heated debate within the topic of migration including, why people move, the impact of ethnic and religious diversity, state control over its borders, racism and xenophobia, immigrant integration strategies, citizenship policies, refugee movements, globalization, security and human smuggling.

Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing or approval of professor

3 credits

POL 311-F International Law
Casebook approach to standard introductory course in international law, including the following topics: state jurisdiction and responsibility, individuals, international organizations, 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 characteristics, and the principal forces making for conflict and adjustment. Examination of some prevalent analytical concepts, of major current problems and developments, and of prospects and alternatives for the future.

Prerequisite: 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 primaries, 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 319 Business Law
A study of the legal environment of business operations, covering such topics as the principle of contracts, commercial papers, partnerships, corporations, real property, estates, bankruptcy, antitrust laws, and environmental and civil rights regulations.

Prerequisite: U3/4U standing or New Transfer student

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 government, 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, juries, 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 POL 105

3 credits

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 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 with case studies, 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 320
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 multiethnic and multicultural context within which urban politics in the United States take 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 them as 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
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, beginning 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 state of 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 POL 333 and POL 333.
Prerequisites: 103; POL 102 or 105
3 credits

**POL 334-F U.S. Foreign Policy**
An examination of the central problems in making U.S. foreign policy. The particular emphasis 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 current 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 335-F International Politics Since 1945**
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 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 105; C or higher in POL 201 or any other course satisfying the major’s methodological requirement
3 credits

**POL 336-F Politics of Criminal Due Process**
A survey of the procedural steps through which a criminal case passes, beginning 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.
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 102 or 105
3 credits

**POL 337-K 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 POL 337 and WST 337.
Prerequisite: Two AFS or POL courses
3 credits

**POL 338-F The Politics of Latin America**
A study of nationalist, political thought, and political institutions in Latin America. 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 POL 338 and WST 338.
Prerequisites: AAS 219 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 global importance 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 340-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 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 105; C or higher in POL 201 or any other course satisfying the major’s methodological requirement
3 credits

**POL 345 Changes in the World Order: International Politics Since 1945**
An analysis and discussion of such terms and concepts as sovereignty, power, diplomacy, ideology, imperialism, containment, détente, disarmament, and pre-emptive defense, and how these terms can be useful in understanding international politics since the end of World War II. Students will use these concepts along with case studies of specific events and prominent figures to examine how events of the past have affected the international system of states since 1945.
Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing and POL 101 or 103
3 credits

**POL 346-F Political Psychology**
Focus on the application of psychological concepts and measures to political behavior. 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 348-F Political Beliefs and Judgments**
Following a review of the literature on political attitudes, the course applies psychological concepts and techniques to political contexts and processes, including public opinion, partisanship, and political ideology.
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 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 on what the public thinks and what the public thinks about. Various explanations of why news organizations 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

**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

**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 legitimization 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, Walzer, Habermas, and Pateman. This course is offered as both PHI 377 and POL 377. Prerequisites: Two courses in philosophy

**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 282 and POL 382. Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing

**POL 390 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 3 credits

**POL 391 Topics in Political Science**

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**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 demonstrate knowledge of the development 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 3 credits

**POL 401 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

**POL 402 Seminar in Advanced Topics**

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**POL 403 Seminar in Advanced Topics**

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**POL 404 Seminar in Advanced Topics**

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**POL 406 Strategic Models of Politics**

An introduction to formal political theory. Examination of strategic interaction of political actors in American politics, international relations, and public policy. The course primarily focuses on game theoretic and other quantitative models. Prerequisite: POL 201 or equivalent and U3 or U4 status. Students should be comfortable with high school algebra. Advisory Prerequisites: MAT 126 or 131 or 141 or AMS 151 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 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 certiorari, 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 Undergraduate Teaching Practicum I**  
Work with a faculty member as an assistant in one of the faculty member’s regularly scheduled classes. 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:** Political science major; U4 standing; permission of instructor and department  
3 credits, S/U grading  

**POL 476 Undergraduate Teaching Practicum II**  
Work with a faculty member as an assistant in one of the faculty member’s regularly scheduled classes. 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:** POL 475; permission of instructor and department  
3 credits, 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; 5.00 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; 5.00 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**  
First course of 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