Stony Brook University
Department of Political Science
Undergraduate Summer 2024 Courses

POL 102.30  Intro to American Government
Program of Study (POL Majors and Minors Only):
Study Within the Area of the Major
Instructor: Jason Rose
Session: Session I
Dates: 5/20/2024 to 7/1/2024
Location: ONLINE
Mode/Time: Asynchronous

Course Description:
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.

POL 103.30  Intro to Comparative Politics
Program of Study (POL Majors and Minors Only):
Study Within the Area of the Major
Instructor: Asha Venugopalan
Session: Session II
Dates: 7/8/2024 to 8/17/2024
Location: ONLINE
Mode/Time: Asynchronous

Course Description:
Analysis of political institutions and processes in the contemporary world, emphasizing the
interaction of political structures and processes in a variety of political settings.

POL 201.30  Intro to Stat Methods/Pol Sci
Program of Study (POL Majors and Minors Only):
Methodology requirement
Instructor: Ignacio Urbina
Session: Session II
Dates: 7/8/2024 to 8/17/2024
Location: ONLINE
Mode/Time: Asynchronous

Course Description:
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 any other course that satisfies the major’s
methodology requirement. This course has been designated as a High Demand/Controlled
Access (HD/CA) course. Students registering for HD/CA courses for the first time will have
priority to do so.

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POL 311.30  Intro to International Law  
**Program of Study (POL Majors and Minors Only):**  
Comparative and International Relations  
**Instructor:** Juliette Passer  
**Session:** Session I  
**Dates:** 5/20/2024 to 7/1/2024  
**Location:** ONLINE  
**Mode/Time:** Asynchronous  

**Course Description:**  
Casebook approach to standard introductory course in international law, including the following topics: state jurisdiction and responsibility, individuals, international organization, and use of force.

POL 313.30  Problems of International Relations  
**Program of Study (POL Majors and Minors Only):**  
Comparative and International Relations  
**Instructor:** Jason Rose  
**Session:** Session II  
**Dates:** 7/8/2024 to 8/17/2024  
**Location:** ONLINE  
**Mode/Time:** Asynchronous  

**Course Description:**  
Analysis of the international system, its characteristic forms, 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.

POL 317.30  American Election Campaigns  
**Program of Study (POL Majors and Minors Only):**  
American Government, Law, and Public Policy; Political Behavior and Political Psychology  
**Instructor:** Harry Applestein  
**Session:** Session I  
**Dates:** 5/20/2024 to 7/1/2024  
**Location:** ONLINE  
**Mode/Time:** Asynchronous  

**Course Description:**  
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.

POL 318.30  Voters and Elections  
**Program of Study (POL Majors and Minors Only):**  
American Government, Law, and Public Policy; Political Behavior and Political Psychology  
**Instructor:** Jacob Martin  
**Session:** Session II  
**Dates:** 7/8/2024 to 8/17/2024  
**Location:** ONLINE  
**Mode/Time:** Asynchronous  

**Course Description:**  
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.

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Course Description:
An examination of the most powerful legislative institution in America. The historical background of Congress is examined along with its internal organization, rules, and relationship to the rest of government and to the world outside Washington.

Course Description:
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.

Course Description:
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.

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**Course Description:**
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.

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**Course Description:**
Addresses how political research explains current political events. Attention will be paid to primarily to American national politics. The course will address theories of presidential elections, presidential-congressional relations, and current public opinion. The course will analyze whether those theories apply to current U.S. politics or whether the theories are outdated because of recent developments.

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**Course Description:**
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.

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<td>Topics in Political Science: Politics of Latin America</td>
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**Course Description:**
An introduction to some of the most pressing political topics in Latin America, addressing a variety of political experiences including political history, democratic development, social dynamics, current events, and political research about the region.

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