POL

Political Science

POL 101: 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.

DEC: F
SBC: GLO, SBS
3 credits

POL 102: 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.

DEC: F & 4
SBC: SBS, USA
3 credits

POL 103: 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.

DEC: F
SBC: SBS
3 credits

POL 201: 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. 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.

Prerequisite: Satisfaction of entry skill in mathematics requirement; Advisory Prerequisite: POL 101 or 102 or 103 or 105
DEC: C
SBC: QPS
3 credits

POL 214: Modern Latin America
An introduction to the major themes in the history of modern Latin America, from the early nineteenth century to the present. Students will gain a deeper understanding of some of the central historical themes that have shaped Latin American society and politics since achieving independence, thus providing the basis for making sound observations and judgments about the political, economic, social, and cultural realities affecting Latin America today. The class advances chronologically as well as thematically, covering topics such as nationalism, political economy, U.S.-Latin American relations, revolutionary & counterrevolutionary struggle, and cultural practices. Lectures approach the hemisphere comparatively, drawing similarities and differences between different nation-states and regions. This course is offered as both HIS 214 and POL 214.

Advisory Prerequisite: LAC 200
DEC: J
SBC: GLO, SBS
3 credits

POL 216: 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
DEC: J
SBC: GLO
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
SBC: ESI
0-3 credits, S/U grading

POL 305: 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
DEC: I
SBC: SBS+
3 credits

POL 307: Women in U.S.-Asian Relations
Critically examines the important and, at times, even crucial roles played by women in U.S.-Asian relations over a roughly 125-year period, from the 1850s to the 1970s; and it compares/contrasts these roles to those in the present day. We will study the transformative occupations (writers/poets, missionaries, journalists, diplomats, medical and social workers, scientists, scholars and chefs) to understand how women used motivational discourse and social networking to interpret China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, and Vietnam for diverse audiences in America and their native lands in Asia. This course is offered as both AAS 307 and POL 307.

Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
DEC: J
SBC: SBS+, SPK
3 credits

POL 308: Women Islam and Political Change in Africa
Explores the impact of Islam on political institutions and representation in Africa. Using the example of how Muslim women in West, North, Southern, and East Africa are mobilizing to address gender inequality, explores variations in the formation of Islamist movements and examine the influence of moderate, progressive, and more radical forms of political Islam on the experiences of women. In order to provide students with a comprehensive picture, Islam and politics is contextualized by focusing on the experiences of selected countries from East and West Africa including Tanzania, Kenya, Somalia, Nigeria, Ghana, and Senegal. This course is offered as both AFS 308 and POL 308.

Prerequisite: U3 or U4 status
DEC: J
SBC: GLO, SBS+
3 credits

POL 309: 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

**DEC:** F

**SBC:** SBS+

3 credits

**POL 310: 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

**DEC:** F

**SBC:** SBS+

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: Problems of International Relations**

Analysis of the international system, its characteristic forms, and the principal forces making for conflict and adjustment. Examination of some prevalent analytical concepts, 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

**DEC:** F

**SBC:** SBS+

3 credits

**POL 317: 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

**DEC:** F

**SBC:** SBS+

3 credits

**POL 318: 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; POL 201 or any other course satisfying the major's methodology requirement

**DEC:** F

**SBC:** SBS+

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/U4 standing or New Transfer student

3 credits

**POL 320: 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; U3 or U4 standing

**DEC:** F

**SBC:** SBS+

3 credits

**POL 322: 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

**DEC:** F

**SBC:** SBS+

3 credits

**POL 323: 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 relationship to the rest of government and to the world outside Washington.

**Prerequisite:** U3 or U4 standing

**Advisory Prerequisite:** POL 102

**DEC:** F

**SBC:** SBS+

3 credits

**POL 324: 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

**DEC:** F

**SBC:** SBS+

3 credits

**POL 325: 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 320

**DEC:** F

**SBC:** SBS+

3 credits

**POL 327: 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 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

**DEC:** K

**SBC:** SBS+

**3 credits**

**POL 328: 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

**DEC:** F

**SBC:** SBS+

**3 credits**

**POL 330: 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 WST 330

**DEC:** K

**SBC:** SBS+

**3 credits**

**POL 332: 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

**DEC:** F

**SBC:** SBS+

**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 ENS 333 and POL 333.

**Prerequisites:** ECO 108; POL 102

**3 credits**

**POL 334: Modern Terrorism**

Examines the origins, ideology, and tactics of modern non-state actors who use terrorism to achieve their ends. What circumstances lead to the founding and growth of organizations engaged in terrorism? In what contexts are they successful? What are the underlying socio-economic factors that explain their behaviors? What links do they have to existing governmental and cultural organizations?

**Prerequisite:** U3 or U4 status and POL 101 and POL 103

**SBC:** SBS+

**3 credits**

**POL 336: 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 restraints.

**Prerequisite:** U3 or U4 standing

**Advisory Prerequisite:** POL 101 or POL 102 or POL 103

**DEC:** F

**SBC:** SBS+

**3 credits**

**POL 337: 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

**DEC:** J

**SBC:** SBS+

**3 credits**

**POL 338: Contemporary India: History, Politics, and Diplomacy**

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:** One previous course in AAS or POL; U3 or U4 standing

**DEC:** J

**SBC:** GLO, SBS+

**3 credits**

**POL 339: Contemporary China: History, Politics, and Diplomacy**

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

**DEC:** J

**SBC:** GLO, SBS+

**3 credits**

**POL 340: America's Wars in Asia**

Explores America's involvement in and execution of wars in Asia in the 19th and 20th centuries notably in the Philippines, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam, with an incisive analysis of American empire building. If war is "an act of violence intended to compel our opponent to fulfill our will," how far did these wars succeed in their aim? Focusing both on American and Asian perspectives on global conflicts, we will draw upon international relations and historical interdisciplinary sources in our investigations, including newer tools such as online digitized oral history collections through the Library of Congress Veterans' History Project. This course is offered as both AAS 310 and POL 340.
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Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
DEC: J
SBC: SBS+, WRTD
3 credits

POL 344: 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; C or higher in POL 201 or any other course satisfying the major's methodology requirement
DEC: F
SBC: SBS+
3 credits

POL 346: 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: Junior or Senior Standing
DEC: F
SBC: SBS+
3 credits

POL 347: 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
DEC: K
SBC: SBS+
3 credits

POL 348: 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 Prereq: POL 201 or any other course satisfying the major's methodology requirement
DEC: F
SBC: SBS+
3 credits

POL 350: 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
DEC: 1
SBC: SBS+
3 credits

POL 351: Social Surveys in Contemporary Society
An interdisciplinary course on the history, uses, design, and implementation of the social survey. Emphasis is 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 352: Current Political Events
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.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 102; POL 201 or any other course satisfying the major's methodology requirement
SBC: SBS+
3 credits

POL 357: 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 beyond. 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.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing or permission of instructor
Advisory Prerequisites: AAS 201 and 348
DEC: 1
SBC: SBS+
3 credits

POL 359: Public Policy Analysis
A course analyzing the connection between the administrative processes 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.
Prerequisite: POL 102; U3 or U4 standing
DEC: F
SBC: SBS+
3 credits

POL 365: 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; POL 201 or any other course satisfying the major's methodology requirement
DEC: F
SBC: SBS+
3 credits

POL 366: Press & the Presidency
To examine the role of the news media covering the White House and the administration with special emphasis on the current administration, the rise of the Internet and the decline of traditional media. The course will study the historical relationship between the press and the presidency, the tension between the public's need to be informed and the government's responsibility for national security, and the impact of the Internet and cable television. The course will compare newspaper, television/radio and Internet coverage, examine how political professionals view and attempt to use the press, and how the press can or should respond. In presidential election years, the course will examine how the news media covers the campaign and how candidates deal with the news media, with a special emphasis.
on how the digital revolution has impacted the relationship between news media and presidential candidates. This course is offered as both JRN 366 and POL 366.  
Prerequisite: POL 102 or C or higher in JRN 205 or permission of the instructor  
3 credits

POL 367: 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  
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 102  
DEC: F  
SBC: SBS+  
3 credits

POL 368: Social Networks and Politics  
An examination of social networks in contemporary politics. The course progresses from interpersonal social networks to the use of online social networks. Attention is given to how interpersonal social networks shape political attitudes and behavior, how online social networks are used to organize movements, and to communicate political information.  
Prerequisite: POL 102 and POL 201 (or equivalent); U3 or U4 status  
SBC: SBS+, WRTD  
3 credits

POL 372: 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  
DEC: J  
SBC: SBS+  
3 credits

POL 373: The Biology of Politics  
The study of politics has traditionally focused on factors such as demography, socioeconomic status, mobilization, electoral institutions, and social norms to answer questions of political attitude formation and political participation. However, scholars have recently begun to explore the possibility that biological differences may, at least in part, help to explain individual differences in political attitudes and behavior. This course explores the relationship between biology and political behavior with an emphasis on how the two may be linked. We examine human political behavior from evolutionary, genetic, and neurobiological perspectives, considering literature on non-human animals, developmental psychology, personality, psychophysiology, neurobiology, genetics, hormones, disgust sensitivity, and mating.  
Advisory Prerequisite: POL 102  
DEC: E  
SBC: SBS+, SNW  
3 credits

POL 374: 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  
DEC: F  
SBC: SBS+  
3 credits

POL 375: The Political Animal  
Examines political behavior from the perspective of evolutionary biology. We compare human social behavior to similar behaviors observed in chimpanzees, baboons, dolphins, honeybees, and other animal species. We look at behaviors such as altruism, mating, fighting, dominance hierarchies, alliances, punishment, trade, risk sharing, group decision-making, social learning, and culture. For each social behavior, we consider the underlying psychological systems, how they process information, and what evolutionary functions they perform. We will focus particularly on evidence from experiments. Finally, we explore how humans invent new political institutions that extend our evolved political strategies.  
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing  
SBC: SBS+, SNW  
3 credits

POL 377: Contemporary Political Philosophy (I)  
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 Arendt, Dworkin, Foucault, Habermas, Pateman and Rawls. This course is offered as both PHI 377 and POL 377.  
Prerequisite: PHI 105 or PHI 277; or two courses in philosophy; or one course in political science; or permission of the department  
SBC: CER, HFA+  
3 credits

POL 390: Topics in Political Science  
May be repeated as the topic changes.  
Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing; one POL course announced with topic  
3 credits

POL 391: Topics in Political Science  
May be repeated as the topic changes.  
Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing; one POL course announced with topic  
3 credits

POL 392: Topics in Political Science and the European Tradition  
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 as the topic changes.  
Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing; one POL course announced with topic  
DEC: I  
SBC: SBS+  
3 credits

POL 401: Seminar in Advanced Topics
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May be repeated as the topic changes. 
**Prerequisite**: Junior or Senior Standing 
3 credits

**POL 402: Seminar in Advanced Topics**
May be repeated as the topic changes. 
**Prerequisite**: Junior or Senior Standing 
3 credits

**POL 403: Seminar in Advanced Topics**
May be repeated as the topic changes. 
**Prerequisite**: Junior or Senior Standing 
3 credits

**POL 404: Seminar in Advanced Topics**
May be repeated as the topic changes. 
**Prerequisite**: Junior or Senior Standing 
3 credits

**POL 411: 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.  
**Prerequisite**: U3 or U4 standing; one D.E.C. E or SNW course  
**DEC**: H  
**SBC**: STAS  
3 credits

**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.  
**Prerequisites**: U3 or U4 standing; POL 101 and 102; one D.E.C. category E course  
3 credits

**POL 434: 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  
**DEC**: F  
**SBC**: SBS  
3 credits

**POL 444: Experiential Learning**
This course is designed for students who engage in a substantial, structured experiential learning activity in conjunction with another class. Experiential learning occurs when knowledge acquired through formal learning and past experience are applied to a "real-world" setting or problem to create new knowledge through a process of reflection, critical analysis, feedback and synthesis. 
Beyond-the-classroom experiences that support experiential learning may include: service learning, mentored research, field work, or an internship.  
**Prerequisite**: WRT 102 or equivalent; permission of the instructor and approval of the EXP+ contract (http://sb.cc.stonybrook.edu/bulletin/current/policiesandregulations/degree_requirements/EXPplus.php)  
**SBC**: EXP+  
0 credit, S/U grading

**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 448: Speak Effectively Before an Audience**
A zero credit course that may be taken in conjunction with any POL course that provides opportunity to achieve the learning outcomes of the Stony Brook Curriculum's SPK learning objective. 
**Pre- or corequisite**: WRT 102 or equivalent; permission of the instructor  
**SBC**: SPK  
0 credit, S/U grading

**POL 459: Write Effectively in Political Science**
A zero credit course that may be taken in conjunction with any 300- or 400-level POL course, with permission of the instructor. The course provides opportunity to practice the skills and techniques of effective academic writing and satisfies the learning outcomes of the Stony Brook Curriculum's WRTD learning objective.  
**Prerequisite**: U3 or U4 status  
**SBC**: CER, ESI, SBS+  
3 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. 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. Not for major credit. 
**Prerequisites**: Political science major; U4 standing; permission of instructor  
**SBC**: EXP+  
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  
**SBC**: EXP+  
3 credits, S/U grading

**POL 477: Qualitative & Mixed Methods**
Exposes students to qualitative and mixed methods research including epistemological, ontological debates, research design, methodologies, data analysis, and applications in scholarly published works. A combination of mixed methods approaches utilized in political science and the interdisciplinary fields of African Studies, Africana Studies, and Women's and Gender Studies are explored. Key methods that will be covered include interviews (unstructured, semi-structured, structured), oral histories, case studies, analytical narratives, participant observation and ethnography, focus groups, large-N studies, GIS, sequencing of methods, databases, and content analysis. Students will develop a research proposal that can be utilized for senior projects. This course is offered as both AFS 477 and POL 477. 
**Prerequisite**: U3 or U4 status  
**SBC**: CER, ESI, SBS+  
3 credits
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.
SBC:   ESI
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
SBC:   EXP+
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 489
SBC:   EXP+
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
SBC:   ESI, WRTD
3 credits