

Political Science (POL)

POL 344. International Relations. 3 Credits.

A study of the principle forces, movements, ideologies, and instruments of international politics. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor.

POL 348. Public Choice and Interest. 3 Credits.

This is a study of political economy focusing on what modern public choice and public interest models say about the proper boundaries of the public and private sectors. It analyzes the rent-seeking activities of special interest groups and the relative impacts of altruism and self-interest in explaining political behavior and governmental policies in democratic systems. The material focuses on the nature of public goods, market failures, government regulation, and wealth redistribution, among other topics. Theoretical, historical, and empirical forms of evidence are brought to bear on the issues.

POL 392. Independent Study. 3 Credits.

Provides an opportunity for students to engage in directed research and study on an individual basis rather than in a formal class environment.

POL 401. Seminar in Political Science. 3 Credits.

Student participation in the examination of contemporary political ideologies. Contemporary issues in political science, including the structures of political parties, are discussed. Prerequisite: Junior standing.