

Fall 2012 Schedule: Announcements and Advice Political Science Department

The following information is intended to assist Political Science majors, minors, and other interested students in registering for fall classes. Topics covered include: advising matters; the instructors for courses taught by "staff"; descriptions for POL 370/Selected Topics courses, tutorials, and seminars; the master list for departmental courses for the fall, the recommended four-year course sequence for majors; and additional links.

Advising Matters: Students please see your assigned advisor. Prior to doing so run your Academic Requirement Report on PAWS and come armed with a written draft schedule for the semester, courses in your shopping cart, and specific questions. Make sure any and all transfer credit is on your PAWS unofficial transcript or transfer credit pages, as this will affect your registration window and course selection. Do not miss your first available registration appointment. You should plan alternatives for major courses, liberal learning courses, and electives, so you can register quickly. You are encouraged to run "What If" reports for concentrations, double majors, and new minors you are thinking about taking. Also remember overload requests to take more than 4.5 units must be submitted on the HSS school form to the department chair, Dr. Koch, and then in person to the Assistant Dean, Dr. Rosa.

Recommended course sequences for first, second, third, and fourth year students may be found in the on-line bulletin. To avoid difficulties in enrolling (and hence course selection and even graduation) complete POL 200 by the end of your sophomore year and grab a tutorial that interests you as soon as you become a junior, even if you don't like the time slot.

The department offers several courses by special arrangement and special registration procedures need be followed. For Independent Study talk first to the faculty member you would like to work with or see the chair. For Internships, Departmental Honors, or the TCNJ/Washington Center Program see Dr. Koch. Many internship opportunities will exist in the 2012 campaigns during the summer and/or fall; explore enrollment in POL 399/Internship in Public Affairs.

Can't wait for fall--two courses are on the summer school schedule and you can enroll now: POL 200 or POL 250.

Reminder: Unless traveling to the Middle East, Dr. Lowi's advisees should see Dr. Koch this semester.

For Courses listed as Staff: Courses may be temporary listed on PAWS as taught by staff until all the paperwork is completed. A new faculty hire, Dr. Nick Toloudis, will be teaching POL 230, POL 335, and POL 350. Adjunct mainstays Jeff Brindle (Director of ELEC) and Assemblyman Reed Gusciora will be teaching POL 270 and POL 311, respectively.

Selected Topics: The Department will offer three POL 370 Courses:

POL 370-1/Appellate Advocacy/Dr. Fair

**Note: Permission of instructor is required.*

This course will focus on preparation for the American Collegiate Moot Court Association regional tournament on November 21-22, 2012. The case to be argued is not yet available, but will be based on two constitutional issues. Each student will study and brief approximately ten cases to prepare for

argument on one of the two issues. Admission to the course is by permission of the instructor; to apply for admission, contact Dr. Daryl Fair and fill out an application form. A new adjunct faculty member will be teaching a selected topic course on environmental political theory.

POL 370-02/Geography of American Politics/Dr. Bowen

Context is important for understanding who we are and why we act the way we do. America is a large and diverse nation, both in terms of geography and demography. What consequences does our cultural, economic, racial/ethnic, and religious context have for the nature and character of our politics in the U.S.? This course offers some answers to this question by reflecting briefly on democratic theory and then examining prominent perspectives on American politics that have important spatial dimensions. The role of context is studied by looking at political culture, electoral and political institutions, voting behavior, and public opinion, and how these factors are geographically constructed and maintained. In addition to the substantive material, students are trained in basic geographic information systems (GIS) techniques to visually display spatial data.

POL 370-03/Environmental Political Theory/Dr. Michael Nordquist (Adjunct)

**Note: Can count toward the major's political theory distribution requirement.*

This course examines competing theoretical approaches to understanding nature, the environment, and nonhumans, their roles in political life, and the consequences these ideas and assumptions have for politics. As a course at the intersection of political theory and environmental studies, we will study canonical and contemporary texts from a variety of disciplines that, implicitly and explicitly, address the politics of human engagement with the material world in which they participate.

Tutorials: The Department will offer two tutorials in the fall.

POL 390/ Violence Civil War, and Revolution/Dr. Lowi

This tutorial provides a theoretical, historical, and comparative treatment of political violence within states. Focusing on a variety of cases in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East, it explores the causes and objectives of "organized" political violence, the forms it takes, and its short- and long-term outcomes. Included among the many themes are: ethnicity and difference, the mobilization capacity of opposition groups, the organization and financing of rebel movements, economic agendas in civil wars, secessionist movements, and natural resources and conflict.

POL 390-02/Nuclear Proliferation/Dr. Potter

Nuclear weapons are the most deadly, terrifying and at times cheapest forms of violence available today. Given this bargain of force, why do not more states develop nuclear arsenals? While today's most public concerns revolve around a terrorist group manufacturing a small thermonuclear device, the Cold War arsenals that threaten global survival remain intact, albeit reduced in quantity. Most of us remain complacent about the presence of nuclear weapons since they have never been used in our lifetime. This course seeks to develop an understanding of the global impact of nuclear weapons, including why states seek them, why most states eschew them and international efforts to control vertical and horizontal proliferation.

Seminar: The Department has one offering for the fall. Seminar will be offered in spring 2013 as well.

POL 498/ American State Politics/Dr. Bowen

The American states boast great variation on social, economic, and political characteristics of interest to political scientists. Yet the states are deeply similar due to common historical development and participation in the U.S. political and legal systems, creating a situation ideal for comparative research. This seminar focuses on how differences in the political and social context of the states influence political outputs like public policy, turnout, and governance. As a capstone seminar, students will conduct a major research project relating to some aspect of state politics. By the end of the course, students will be familiar with the major themes and work in the field and will have added to this work with their own research.

Fall 2012 Course List: (As of March 15, 2012)

PAWS #	Course	Title	Instructor
80805	POL 110-01	American Government Tuesday, 5:30 - 8:20 SSB 223	J. Brindle
80814	POL 110-02	American Government Wednesday, 5:30 - 8:20 SSB 225	R. Gusciora
80804	POL 200-01	Political Analysis Mon/Thur 8:30 – 9:50am SSB223/021	D. Bowen
80806	POL 230-01	International Relations Tue/Fri 10:00 - 11:20pm SSB 225	N. Toloudis
80812	POL 250-01	Politics in Society in Developing Countries Mon/Thurs 12:30 - 1:50pm SSB 223	S. Chartock
80813	POL 250-02	Politics in Society in Developing Countries Mon/Thurs 4:00 - 5:20pm SSB 223	S. Chartock
80811	POL 270-01	Western Political Philosophy Monday, 5:30 - 8:20pm SSB 223	J. Brindle
82387	POL 305-01	American Public Policy Mon/Thur 2:00-3:20pm SSB 223	S. Koch
82506	POL 300-01	Politics and Public Management Mon/Thur 10:00-11:20am SSB 223	S. Koch
82388	POL 311-01	The Presidency and Congress Tue 5:30-8:20pm SSB 225	R. Gusciora
82389	POL 320-01	Constitutional Law Tue/Fri 2:00 - 3:20pm SSB 223	D. Fair
82390	POL 330-01	American Foreign Policy Tue/Fri 12:30 - 1:50pm SSB 223	B. Potter

82391	POL 335-01	International Organization	N. Toloudis
		Tue/Fri 12:30 - 1:50pm SSB 225	
82392	POL 350-01	Politics of Europe	N. Toloudis
		Tue/Fri 2:00 - 3:20pm SSB 225	
82393	POL 352-01	Comparative Political Economy of Develop.	M. Lowi
		Mon/Thur 4:00 - 5:20pm SSB 225	
82394	POL 365-01/	Origins of the U.S. Constitution	D. Fair
	HIS 366	Tue/Fri 10:00 – 11:20am SSB 223	
82395	POL 370-01	Topics in PS: Appellate Advocacy	D. Fair
		Wednesday 5:30 – 8:20pm SSB 223	
82396	POL 370-02	Topics in PS: Geography of Amer. Politics	D. Bowen
		Mon/Thurs 12:30-1:50pm SSB225	
82481	POL 370-03	Topics PS: Environmental Political Theory	M. Nordquist
		Mon/Thurs 2:00-3:20pm SSB 225	
80809	POL 390 - 01	Tutorial in PS: Violence, Civil War & Revolution	M. Lowi
		Mon/Thurs 10:00 - 11:50am SSB 241	
82386	POL 390-02	Tutorial in PS: Nuclear Proliferation	B. Potter
		Tue/Fri 10:00 - 11:20am SSB 241	
80807	POL 391-01	Independent Study in Political Science	
82397	POL 399-01	Internship in Public Affairs	S. Koch
80803	POL 401-01	The Washington Center	S. Koch
80815	POL 402-01	The Washington Center Coursework	S. Koch
80816	POL 403-01	The Washington Center Leadership Sem.	S. Koch
80810	POL 498-01	Seminar in PS: American State Politics	D. Bowen
		Wednesday 9:00-11:50am SSB 241	

Course Recommendations By Year for Majors:

First Year

FSP First Seminar	1 course unit
POL 110/American Government*	1 course unit
or	
POL 230/International Relations	
POL Comparative Politics Option	1 course unit

Quantitative Reasoning including STA 115	2 course units
WRI 102/Academic Writing (if not exempted)**	1 course unit
Foreign Language (if not exempted) **	2 course units

**Students who have taken a course in American politics or government prior to TCNJ should take POL 230 instead.*

***It is recommended that students exempted from these courses take other liberal learning courses. Note: Arabic 151 and 152, Chinese 151 and 152, Japanese 151 and 152, and Russian 151 and 152 (offered annually); and Persian 151 and 152 (offered occasionally) are intensive courses and carry two course units of credit each. Students should take this into account when planning a normal four-course semester.*

Sophomore Year

POL 200/Political Analysis*	1 course unit
POL Electives	2 course units
Liberal Learning courses (including foreign language, if needed, and economics)	2-3 course units
Electives	2-3 course units

**POL 200 should be completed by the end of the second year.*

Junior Year

POL 390/Tutorial in Political Science	1 course unit
POL Electives	3 course units
Liberal Learning courses	1-2 course units
Electives	2-4 course units

Senior Year

POL 498/Seminar in Political Science	1 course unit
POL Electives	2 course units
Electives	4-5 course units

Additional Links:

For guidance on how to prepare better for your advisement session and plan systematically for your academic career at TCNJ see links under “advising” on the School of Humanities and Social Sciences website: <http://hss.pages.tcnj.edu/advising-resources/>

For Bulletin information about Political Science courses, including course descriptions and how they count toward field distribution requirements see the following link: http://www.tcnj.edu/~bulletin/current/Political_Science_courses.pdf