

Spring 2013 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 spring 2013 POL classes. Topics covered include: advising matters; the instructors for courses listed as taught by "staff"; descriptions for POL 370/Selected Topics courses, tutorials, and seminars; the recommended four-year course sequence for majors; additional advising links; and the master list for Departmental courses for the spring semester.

Advising Matters: Students please see your assigned advisor. Prior to doing so, run your Academic Requirement Report on PAWS and come to your advisor 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, course selection, and advice received. Do not miss your first available registration appointment window on PAWS. 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. This is a one-time option that requires a 3.3 GPA and a good reason.

Recommended course sequences for first, second, third, and fourth year students may be found below and 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 when possible and grab a tutorial that interests you as soon as you become a junior, even if you don't like the time slot. Required courses are often found in less popular time slots.

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 exist for the spring; enrollment in POL 399/Internship in Public Affairs looks good on your record and allows you to test career opportunities. Separate announcements on Internships will follow.

Make sure all holds on PAWS are cleared well in advance of your registration time.

For Courses listed as Staff: Courses may be temporary listed on PAWS as taught by staff until all the paperwork is completed. That happens much closer to the semester. Adjunct Jeff Brindle (Director of ELEC) will teach POL 270 and POL 315; Assemblyman Reed Gusciora will teach POL 110 and 370-01 (The Politics of Marijuana); and Michael Nordquist will teach POL 370-03 (Global Environmental Politics).

Selected Topics Courses: The Department will offer three POL 370 Courses in the spring:

POL 370-01/The Politics of Marijuana/Mr. Gusciora

Description: The course focuses on the shifting debate on cannabis in the courts, Congress and in the states. The course is designed to give students a broader understanding of the classification of marijuana as a Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) and efforts to decriminalize the drug, allow

patients compassionate use of "medicinal marijuana," and predict future law enforcement strategies to prevent its misuse. Students will review the history of federal and state marijuana laws; as well as current political, legislative and judicial trends on efforts to declassify the drug as a controlled substance.

POL 370-02/European Union/Dr. Toloudis

This course explores the historical foundations, scope, and consequences of European political and economic integration since 1951. We will examine the historical trajectory that the European Union has followed over the past 60 years, how national political considerations have shaped the direction and pace of European integration, and the variety of policies that the EU implements. We will also consider the challenges faced by the European Union: enlargement to include Eastern European members, the loss of national sovereignty and the "democratic deficit," the creation of a European identity, and the development of a coordinated foreign policy.

POL 370-03/Global Environmental Politics/Dr. Nordquist

Description: Global Environmental Politics examines the history, theory, and politics of contemporary debates and conflicts over the sustainability of earth's environments. We will study the history of how the health of the planet became a political issue in the second half of the 20th century, and how scholars and activists theorize a politics of the planet. We will explore specific issues of global environmental politics (climate change, pollution, biodiversity) and the movements that have developed in response to them. We will also examine the institutions, organizations, and regimes that attempt to address and change environmental policy and practice.

Note: For purposes of meeting the POL major's field distribution requirement, the first will count as an American Politics course and the other two as International Relations. The third may count toward the Environmental Studies Liberal Learning Concentration.

Tutorial: The Department will offer one tutorial in the spring.

POL 390-01 / Capitalism, Democracy & the Welfare State/Dr. Toloudis

This tutorial is about the variety of measures that governments directly implement or indirectly structure in order to provide for the well-being of their citizens. With a particular focus on postwar Europe and the US, the course discusses welfare states as manifestations of the tensions created by the combination of electoral democracy and industrial capitalism. We will survey different theoretical approaches to understanding welfare states, some concrete examples of social policies, constellations of such policies in specific countries, and how countries have dealt with a variety of challenges to welfare states over the past three decades.

Seminar: The Department has two seminar offerings for the spring.

Note: Seminar is the culminating course of the Political Science major. As such, you are expected to draw not only from this course's materials, but also from your previous studies in Political Science. This previous experience should help you in choosing a topic upon which to focus as well as in designing and carrying out your research. For this reason, there are several prerequisites for this course: at least junior standing, completion of POL 200 and a Political Science Tutorial.

POL 498-01/ American Politics/Dr. Fair

Description: This seminar will focus on recent American politics, broadly defined. It will deal with the politics and policy of the Obama Administration and will focus in part on the role of the Supreme Court in that process, e.g., the Obama appointments and the Court’s decisions on several issues of importance to the Administration. The election campaign and the outcome of the 2012 elections will also be considered.

POL 498-02/ Social Movements and the Politics of Protest/Dr. Chartock

Description: Often, when we think about politics, formal and regulated institutions and processes such as elections, political parties, and policy-making come to mind. So often, however, the most concentrated pressures for political change come from ordinary people coming together outside of the formal political sphere. In this Political Science Seminar, we therefore focus on social movements and other forms of collective action aimed at achieving or preventing social and political change (often, though not always, through non-institutionalized forms of political action such as protests and demonstrations). We examine theories that explain how social movements arise and succeed (and why they sometimes do not) and apply these theories to cases from the US and countries in various other regions.

Among the primary objectives of this course is to produce a polished research paper that draws from the frameworks we establish in class, but that is largely based on intensive research on a relevant topic of your choosing. Your topic may have anything to do with social movements and/or the politics of protest, and may examine cases both within and outside the United States.

Course Recommendations By Year for Majors:

First Year

FSP First Seminar	1 course unit
POL 110/American Government*	1 course unit
<i>or</i>	
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/>. Follow the preparation advice in the Syllabus Template at this site.

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

POL Course Offerings for Spring 2013:

PAWS #	Course	Title	Instructor
40804	POL 110-01	American Government Wednesday 5:30pm - 8:20pm SSB 225	Gusciora
40811	POL 150-01	Comparative Politics Mon/Thur 2:00pm -3:20pm - SSB 223	Chartock
40814	POL 200-01	Political Analysis Mon/Thur 10:00am -11:20am - SSB 225/021	Bowen
40805	POL 230-01	International Relations Tue/Fri 10:00am-11:20am - SSB 225	Toloudis
40818	POL 270-01	Western Political Philosophy Monday 5:30pm - 8:20pm - SSB 225	Brindle
40816	POL 315-01	Political Parties, Interest Groups Tuesday 5:30pm - 8:20pm- SSB 223	Brindle
42064	POL 316-01	Public Opinion Mon/Thur 12:30pm - 1:50pm SSB 225	Bowen
40806	POL 321-01	Civil Liberties Tue/Fri 2:00pm -3:20pm SSB 223	Fair

40807	POL 323-01	Law and Society Tue/Fri 10:00am - 11:20am- SSB 223	Fair
42063	POL 357-01	Middle East Politics Mon/Thur 4:00pm - 5:20pm SSB 223	Lowi
40812	POL 370-01	Topics: Marijuana as Public Policy Tuesday 5:30pm - 8:20pm- SSB 225	Gusciora
40819	POL 370-02	Topics: European Union Thursday 5:30pm - 8:20pm SSB 225	Toloudis
40820	POL 370-03	Topics: Global Environmental Politics Mon/Thur 2:00pm - 3:20pm SSB 225	Nordquist
42065	POL 380-01	International Political Economy Tue/Fri 12:30pm -1:50pm SSB 225	Potter
40810	POL 390-01	Tutorial: Capitalism, Democracy & Welfare States Tue/Fri 2:00pm -3:20pm - SSB 241	Toloudis
40821	POL 391-02	Independent Study in Political Science	
42068	POL 399-01	Internship in Public Affairs	Koch
40817	POL 401-01	Washington Center	Koch
40809	POL 498-01	Seminar in PS: American Politics Wednesday 5:30pm - 8:20pm SSB 223	Fair
42062	POL 498-02	Seminar in PS: Social Movements and the Politics of Protest Wednesday 5:30pm - 8:20pm SSB 241	Chartock