

Fall 2013 Schedule: Announcements and Advice

Political Science Department

Advisement Newsletter

The following information is intended to assist Political Science majors, minors, and other interested students in registering for fall 2013 POL classes. Please read everything carefully since a successful registration experience depends on many elements. 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.

Please note one change in course numbering going forward, POL 270/Western Political Philosophy has been changed to POL 275, because of a new numbering convention at the College. No action is needed on your part.

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. ***When you put courses in your shopping cart, hit the validate button, to make sure you have met all prerequisites.*** 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, as you may be closed out of courses you desire. 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. Check and clear all holds on PAWS well in advance of your registration window; a hold for advisement has been placed on all transfer students entering in January 2013.

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 application must include a brief narrative on why you seek overload; overload is a one-time option that requires a 3.3 GPA and a good reason. Allow time for Dr. Rosa to schedule an appointment with you.

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 fall; 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.

For Courses listed as Staff: Courses are temporary listed on PAWS as taught by staff until all human resources paperwork is completed. That happens much closer to the semester. Adjunct Jeff Brindle (Director of ELEC) will teach POL 110 and **POL 275**; Assemblyman Reed Gusciora will teach POL 110; Michael Nordquist will teach POL 372/History of American Political Ideals; and William Healey, an experienced professional lobbyist and public affairs specialist, will be teaching POL 370-03/ Lobbying, Government Affairs, and Advocacy: An Insider's Perspective.

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

POL 370-01/Appellate Advocacy/Dr. Fair (Field Distribution: American)

**Note: Permission of instructor is required.*

This course will focus on preparation for the American Collegiate Moot Court Association regional tournament on November 2013 and hopefully nationals in January. 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, contact Dr. Daryl Fair and fill out an application form.

POL 370-02/Islam and Politics/Dr. Lowi (Field Distribution: Comparative or Theory)

"Islam and Politics" introduces students to the Islamic faith and its teachings, as well as their impact on politics and society both historically and in the contemporary period. The course begins with the study of Islam in history, and considers the origins of the faith and the challenges it faced. We read from religious texts and from some of the most prominent thinkers as they discuss the values of the faith and the code of conduct at its core. We study and discuss the different teachings and schools of thought as they relate to such things as political authority, distributive justice, the position of women, Islamic finance, and defense of the Muslim community. We focus, in the final weeks, on contemporary issues related to Islam and governance, with some attention to forms of "Islamic activism," the wearing of the veil, the coherence with democracy.

POL 370-03/Lobbying, Government Affairs, and Advocacy: An Insider's Perspective/Prof. Healey

(Field Distribution: American)

POL 370-03 examines the role of the lobbyist and the profession of governmental relations in the shaping of our laws and policies. The course will explore specifically the role of the lobbyist in New Jersey, how that role differs in other states and in Washington. This course is intended to give a broad overview of lobbying, its history, the strategies and tools employed, and how the profession will evolve in the future. The instructor is an experienced practitioner who has worked in corporate, non-profit, and governmental settings and specializes in the creation of effective lobbying, communications, and government relations strategies.

For now, any questions about this course should be addressed to Dr. Koch.

Tutorials: The Department will offer two tutorials in the fall. It is especially important to validate this course, because of several important prerequisites: Junior standing, POL 200, and WRI 102 (if required). At least one section of tutorial will be offered in spring 2014.

POL 390-01/ Nuclear Proliferation/Dr. Potter

(Field Distribution: International)

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.

POL 390-02/Public Policy and the Politics of Inclusion/Dr. Chartock

(Field Distribution: Comparative)

This course examines the origins and outcomes of policies that affect marginalized populations. We will examine general theories of public policy origins such as those that center on the effect of ideas, institutions, interest groups and individuals as well as those centering around the role of public opinion, the media, social movements, and political elites. We will use these theories to specifically examine public policies targeted toward communities that have been excluded from social, economic and political power in countries around the world. Students will focus on a case of their choosing, and using the theories discussed in class, will develop a polished final research paper.

Seminars: The Department has one seminar offerings for the fall.

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. Two additional sections of seminar will be offered in spring 2014.

POL 498-01/ American Politics/Dr. Bowen

(Field Distribution: American)

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.

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 Fall 2013:

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<u>PAWS#</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
80821	POL 110-01	American Government Tuesday, 5:30 - 8:20pm	J. Brindle
80829	POL 110-02	American Government Wednesday, 5:30 - 8:20pm	R. Gusciora
80820	POL 200-01	Political Analysis Mon/Thur 8:30 – 9:50am	D. Bowen
80822	POL 230-01	International Relations Tue/Fri 10:00 - 11:20am	N. Toloudis
80827	POL 250-01	Politics in Society in Developing Countries Mon/Thurs 12:30 - 1:50pm	S. Chartock
80826	POL 275-01	Western Political Philosophy Monday, 5:30 - 8:20pm	J. Brindle
80843	POL 300-01	Politics and Public Management Mon/Thur 10:00-11:20am	S. Koch
80835	POL 320-01	Constitutional Law Tue/Fri 2:00 - 3:20pm	D. Fair
82308	POL 323-01	Law & Society Tue/Fri 10:00 - 11:20am	D. Fair
82309	POL 328-01	State & Local Government in New Jersey Mon/Thur 2:00 - 3:20pm	S. Koch
80836	POL 330-01	American Foreign Policy Mon/Thur 12:30 - 1:50pm	B. Potter
80838	POL 350-01	Politics of Europe Tue/Fri 12:30 - 1:50pm	N. Toloudis
82310	POL 358-01	Latin American Politics Mon/Thur 4:00pm - 5:20pm	S. Chartock
80840	POL 370-01	Topics in PS: Appellate Advocacy Wednesday, 5:30 – 8:20pm	D. Fair

80841	POL 370-02	Topics in PS: Islam and Politics Tuesday, 5:30 - 8:20pm	M. Lowi
82531	POL 370-03	Topics in PS: Lobbying, Government Affairs and Advocacy: An Insider's Perspective Monday 5:30pm-8:20pm	W. Healey
82313	POL 372-01	History of American Political Ideas Mon/Thurs 2:00-3:20pm	M. Nordquist
80824	POL 390-01	Tutorial in PS: Nuclear Proliferation Mon/Thur 10:00 - 11:20am	B. Potter
80832	POL 390-02	Tutorial in PS: Public Policy and Politics of Inclusion Wednesday, 5:30 - 8:20pm	S. Chartock
80824	POL 391-01	Independent Study in Political Science	Varies
82314	POL 395-01	Group Research: Europe Tuesday, 5:30pm - 8:20pm	N. Toloudis

Note: This is a new course limited to about six students working with the Instructor on his research. Permission of Instructor required.

82318	POL 399-01	Internship in Public Affairs	S. Koch
		Note: See Instructor; You cannot register directly on PAWS.	

80825	POL 498-01	Seminar in PS: American State Politics	D. Bowen
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