

# ***Advisement Newsletter***

## **Spring 2014 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 2014 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 last semester, POL 270/Western Political Philosophy is now POL 275, because of a new numbering convention at the College. No action is needed.***

**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 and 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 external transfer students entering in fall 2013 and other students with GPAs below 2.2. Your POL advisor can only clear “advisement” holds, not other types.

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 whenever 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 may be 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 openings will follow throughout the fall semester.

**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. The only place where this occurs for the spring is with POL 370-03/Topics: The Policy Aspects of Budgeting & Decision-Making, where the instructor is Richard Keevey (see below).

**Selected Topics Courses:** The Department will offer three POL 370 Courses in the spring; descriptions are offered for the two new courses:

**POL 370-01/CEL- 2: State-Civil Relations at the Local Level, Dr. Chartock**

CEL-2 courses offer a second level of community engaged learning by having students work with community residents and /or on community projects. Description will follow separately.

**POL 370-02/Lesbian and Gay Rights, Reed Gusciora**

(Field Distribution: American)

**POL 370-03/The Policy Aspects of Budgeting and Decision-Making, Richard Keevey**

(Field Distribution: American/May also be used for Public Policy Analysis & Mgt. Minor)

Difficult budget choices are being made each day by state and federal decision makers concerning the allocation of budgetary resources. This course will examine the practical & policy aspects of federal and state budget making, including how budgets are developed, where revenue comes from, taxation policy, infrastructure and capital needs, debt and bond issuance and pension issues. In addition, current challenges facing the federal government and state government, including New Jersey, will be discussed.

*Short Bio: Richard Keevey was the Director of the NJ Office of Management and Budget -- appointed by two Governors from two different political parties. In addition, Mr. Keevey has held Presidential appointments as the Deputy under Secretary of Defense for Finance, and Assistant Secretary and CFO for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He has worked in the private sector for Anderson Consulting and Unisys Corporation and taught at Princeton as a Visiting Professor at the Woodrow Wilson School.*

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

**Tutorials:** The Department will offer two tutorials in the spring. It is especially important to validate this course, because of several important prerequisites: Junior standing, POL 200, and WRI 102 (if required).

**POL 390-01/ Tutorial: Democracy in Theory and Practice/Dr. Nordquist**

(Field Distribution: Political Theory)

In the contemporary West, democracy is considered to be the only acceptable form of political organization; few people argue against democratic political rule. However, democracy has also become such a universalized and common term that its meaning has become ambiguous. In this tutorial, we will explore the question of what democracy is, what practices count as democratic, and what democratic political organization looks like. We will explore competing understandings of democracy and democratic practice, including foundational texts in democratic thought, and empirical, deliberative, and radical approaches to conceptualizing and engaging in democratic actions. Students will develop

research projects that explore empirical accounts of democracy and evaluate them using the theoretical approaches considered in class.

**POL 390-02/Tutorial: Congressional Elections and Representation/Dr. Bowen**  
(Field Distribution: American)

The aim of this course is to examine in-depth the representational role of Congress by studying the “electoral connection,” as Mayhew puts it, between the people and their national legislature. We will look at the causes of electoral success for congressional candidates, challenger emergence and candidate recruitment, sources of the incumbency advantage, and the redistricting process and its consequences, as well how members of Congress represent their constituents once they get into office. Throughout the semester, we will also discuss and debate the big themes of representation: what is “good” representation? How is it achieved? Are members of Congress (and Congress as a whole) fulfilling their essential representational role in American democracy? As a junior tutorial, students will undertake a large independent research project on some aspect of congressional elections or representation, and we will devote a significant portion of class time to the art and science of conducting political research.

**Seminars:** The Department has one seminar offering 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 POL Tutorial. INT 498 may be substituted for POL 498.

**POL 498-01/ Seminar: The Politics of the Financial Crises/Dr. Toloudis**  
(Field Distribution: Comparative)

This seminar deals with the politics of financial crises, with a particular focus on Europe and the US. It examines the politics of banking regulation, institutional breakdown and change, and the social and political consequences of financial system failure, as well as the ways that governments and international institutions have responded to crises. Students will write major research papers that compare two countries’ experiences with financial crisis.

**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) 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](http://www.tcnj.edu/~bulletin/current/Political_Science_courses.pdf)

### **Entry to Closed Courses:**

Generally contact the instructor first for permission; the instructor will then contact Dr. Koch. Wait lists will be maintained by the instructor. Enrollment above cap will be permitted in crucial required courses on a priority basis, as space permits. Again, hit your registration window to avoid most problems. Unusual problems should be reported to your advisor or Dr. Koch

### **POL Course Listings for Spring:**

<b>PAWS #</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	<b>Cap</b>
40787	POL 110-01	American Government	Gusciora	30

		Wednesday 5:30pm - 8:20pm Rm 225		
<b>40793</b>	<b>POL 150-01</b>	<b>Comparative Politics</b>	Chartock	30
		Mon/Thur 2:00pm -3:20pm - Rm 223		
<b>40796</b>	<b>POL 200-01</b>	<b>Political Analysis</b>	Bowen	22
		Mon/Thur 8:30 -9:50am RM 223/B031		
<b>42024</b>	<b>POL 200-02</b>	<b>Political Analysis</b>	Bowen	22
		Mon/Thur 10:00am -11:20am - Rm 223/B031		
<b>40788</b>	<b>POL 230-01</b>	<b>International Relations</b>	Toloudis	30
		Mon/Thur 10:00am-11:20am - Rm 225		
<b>40799</b>	<b>POL 275-01</b>	<b>Western Political Philosophy</b>	Brindle	30
		Monday 5:30pm - 8:20pm - SSB 223		
<b>42244</b>	<b>POL 305-01</b>	<b>American Public Policy</b>	Healey	28
		Monday 5:30pm - 8:20pm Room 226		
<b>40797</b>	<b>POL 315-01</b>	<b>Political Parties, Interest Groups</b>	Brindle	28
		Tuesday 5:30pm - 8:20pm- Rm 223		
<b>42025</b>	<b>POL 345-01/</b>	<b>Human Rights in International Relations</b>	Winston	28
		Mon/Thur 12:30pm - 1:50pm Rm 324		
<b>40794</b>	<b>POL 370-01</b>	<b>CEL-2: State-Civil Rel. Local Level</b>	Chartock	28
		Wednesday 5:00pm - 7:50pm Rm 223		
<b>40800</b>	<b>POL 370-02</b>	<b>Topics: Lesbian and Gay Politics</b>	Gusciora	28
		Tuesday 5:30pm -8:20 pm Rm 225		
<b>40801</b>	<b>POL 370-03</b>	<b>Topics: The Policy Aspects of Budgeting</b>	Keevey	28
		Thursday 5:30pm - 8:20pm Rm 223		
<b>42020</b>	<b>POL 372-01</b>	<b>History American Political Ideas</b>	Nordquist	28
		Mon/Thurs 2:00pm-3:20pm Rm 225		

<b>40806</b>	<b>POL 380-01</b>	<b>International Political Economy</b>	Potter	28
		Tue/Fri 12:30pm -1:50pm Rm 223		
<b>40792</b>	<b>POL 390-01</b>	<b>Tutorial: Democracy in Theory and Practice</b>	Nordquist	15
		Mon/Thurs 4:00pm -5:20pm - Rm 241		
<b>42082</b>	<b>POL 390-02</b>	<b>Tutorial: Congressional Elections</b>	Bowen	15
		Mon/Thurs 12:30 - 1:50 SSB 225		
<b>40795</b>	<b>POL 391-01</b>	<b>Independent Study in Polisci</b>	Varies	0
<b>42059</b>	<b>POL 399-01</b>	<b>Internship in Public Affairs</b>	Koch	0
<b>40798</b>	<b>POL 401-01</b>	<b>Washington Center</b>	Koch	0
<b>42079</b>	<b>POL 495-01</b>	<b>Honors Thesis in Political Science</b>	Chartock	0
<b>40791</b>	<b>POL 498-01</b>	<b>Seminar in PS: The Politics of Financial Crises</b>	Toloudis	15
		Mon/Thurs 12:30pm - 1:50pm Rm 223		