ADVISING HANDBOOK

SPRING 2023
Hello Political Science Major,

This digital handbook has been designed with you in mind. It is meant to help you prepare for the coming semester. It includes:

- An outline of the typical 4-year sequence for POLS majors
- A complete list of POLS courses being offered in Spring 2023
- Information on our BA/MA and JD/MA programs
- Departmental scholarship information
- And more

If you have any questions or concerns, be sure to contact your advisor.

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**SPRING 2023**
FOUR YEAR PLAN

Freshman Year
- ENGL 1010 - English Composition** (3)
- POLS 1030 - American Government** (3)
- Math Gen Ed* (3-4)
  ○ (Must complete ALEKS Placement test)
- Intermediate Foreign Language I /B.A. (3)
- Elective (3)
- ENGL 1020 - English Comp/Analysis** (3)
- POLS 1501 - International Relations** (3)
- POLS 1101 or 1102 - Intro Ancient or Modern Political Thought** (3)
- Intermediate Foreign Language II /B.A. (3)
- Elective (3)

Total: 30 hrs

Sophomore Year
- ENGL 2201 or 2202 - Literary Heritage or Lit Heritage: African-American ** (3)
- POLS 1301 - Intro to Comparative Politics ** (3)
- History Gen Ed* (3)
- Natural Science Gen Ed* (4) [must include lab]
- Fine Arts Gen Ed* (3)
- COMM 2381 - Oral Communication ** (3)
- UD POLS Political Theory (3)
- Natural Science* (4) [must include lab]
- Elective (3)
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- Elective (3 - 4)
- Elective (3)

Total: 32 hrs

Junior Year
- UD POLS American Government & Policy (3)
- UD POLS International Relations (3)
- UD POLS Comparative Politics (3)
- UD Elective (3)
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Total: 30 hrs

Senior Year
- POLS 4212 - Const Law Civil Liberty ** (3)
  ○ OR
- POLS 4405 - Origin/Dev Amer Pol Thought ** (3)
- UD Elective (3)
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- Elective (3 - 4)
- Elective (3)
- POLS 4101 - Political Statistics ** (3)
- UD Elective (3)
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- Elective (3)

Total 28 - 31 hrs

Total Hours: 120 – 122

Total Hours Required for Graduation: 120
IMPORTANT DATES

Registration
November 14, 2022: Registration Opens for:
- Honors Students
- Veterans
- Students Registered with DRS
- UofM Global
November 15, 2022: Registration Opens for:
- Seniors
- Juniors
November 17, 2022: Registration Opens for:
- Sophomores
- Freshmen
January 13, 2023: Last Day of Regular Registration!
January 14 - 20, 2023: Late Registration Period ($100 fee assessed)

Drop / Withdraw Deadlines
January 20, 2023: Last Day to Add or Change Section
January 30, 2023: Last Day to Drop a Course
March 17, 2023: Last Day to Withdraw from a Course (a "W" will be assessed)

Schedule
January 16, 2023: Martin Luther King Day (No Classes)
January 17, 2023: First Day of Classes
March 7 - 13: Spring Break (No Classes)
April 26, 2023: Last Day of Classes
April 28 - May 4: Exam Period

Graduation
November 9, 2022: Last Day to Apply for Spring 2023 Graduation
April 5, 2023: Last Day to Apply for Summer 2023 Graduation
July 5, 2023: Last Day to Apply for Fall 2023 Graduation

For more information go to:
https://www.memphis.edu/registrar/calendars/dates/23s-dates.php
Development, structure, and processes of American system of government, including framing principles of U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights; structure and roles of President, Congress, and Supreme Court, and citizen participation in governing.
Inquire into the fundamental questions that have concerned humanity since the very beginning

What is justice?
Who should rule?
What is the ideal political order?
How do we find the good life?
POLS 1102
INTRO TO MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT
online & on campus

Inquire into the fundamental questions at the heart of modern politics.

What is the origin of political society?
What are our rights, liberties, duties, and responsibilities as citizens? As Humans?
What are the legitimate purposes of government?
How can we make a more just world?
COMPARE INSTITUTIONS, ISSUES, PROCESSES, AND POLICIES IN A VARIETY OF POLITICAL SYSTEMS RANGING FROM ASIA, AFRICA, EUROPE, AND THE AMERICAS
Consider all the ways states interact with one another - war, peace, conflict, competition, and cooperation. Of course, they're not alone. Other actors on the global stage, such as IGO’s, NGO’s, and MNC’s, also help to shape and inform the complex world in which we live. This course examines those interactions to help give students a better understanding of the world around them.

ONLINE & ON CAMPUS
What role do religion and religious belief play in politics?

This course emphasizes the place of religious institutions in the international arena as well as in national politics. It also considers the effects of religion on behavior and political beliefs.

RELIGION & POLITICS
POLS 3102
MWF 11:30 - 12:25
Emily Fulmer
Political parties and elections in the American political system; emphasis on party organization and activities, campaign strategies and techniques, voting behavior, and two-party system.
Examine the interactions between the political world and commercial media, emphasizing the variety of methods used by political elites to influence political perceptions.
Explore political attitudes and behavior while considering the sources of political knowledge as well as the formation of political attitudes. Learn how public opinion is measured and consider why people vote the way they do.
ANALYSIS OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN AMERICA, INCLUDING TERRORISTS INSPIRED BY LEFT-WING, RIGHT-WING, ENVIRONMENTAL, RELIGIOUS, AND ISLAMIST IDEOLOGIES.
LIKE MUSIC? INTERESTED IN POLITICS?
IF SO, WE'VE GOT THE CLASS FOR YOU.
Exploration of politics of regions and countries typically labeled as “developing”; democratization, corruption, role of military in politics, debt, poverty, conflict, globalization, activities of non-governmental organizations.
MODERN LEGAL & POLITICAL THOUGHT

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pols 3402

MW 12:40 - 2:05

DR. DEREFЕ CHEVANNES

CONSIDER QUESTIONS OF JUSTICE AND ITS RELATION TO LAW AND POLITICS. THIS COURSE EMPHASIZES CONFRONTATION BETWEEN EARLY AND RECENT MODERNITY.
This course provides an in-depth analysis of the relationship between the law and race, raising fundamental questions about concepts of freedom, justice, and equality.
POLS 3506
AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

Examine domestic sources, implementation, and content of U.S. foreign policy.

Dr. Dursun Peksen
TR 100 - 225
POLITICAL STATISTICS

POLS 4101

MWF 10:20 - 11:15
W/ JEFF LEEDHAM
OR
ONLINE
W/ DR. KRIS-STELLA TRUMP

INTRODUCTION TO ANALYSIS OF QUANTITATIVE DATA AND STATISTICAL HYPOTHESIS TESTING IN THE FIELDS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE.
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

POLS 4211

NATIONAL POWERS

CONSIDER THE SYSTEM OF CHECKS AND BALANCES FOUND IN THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AS WELL AS THE SYSTEM OF FEDERALISM IT CREATES. EMPHASIS ON ROLE OF SUPREME COURT AS ARBITER IN CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM.
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

POLS 4212

CIVIL LIBERTY

CONSIDER THE BACKGROUND, ROLE, AND LEGITIMATE EXTENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES IN THE UNITED STATES.
POLS 4230

LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP

INTERN AT THE STATE CAPITOL
EARN COLLEGE CREDIT
GET PAID!

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capitol.tn.gov/intern
explore the origin and development of political thought in the United States from the colonial past to the present day.

polisci.memphis.edu
Thought of representative African-Americans upon fundamental questions of justice, right, persuasion, power and accommodation in the twentieth century.
take an in-depth look at the nature, scope, duties, rights, and evolutionary trends of international law.
THEORIES
OF
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Theoretical approaches to study of international politics; consideration of various schools of thought, methods, and substantive literatures.
Consider the manner in which political processes affect and are affected by economic processes at the global level.
Looking for more information?

Are you interested in:
- Internships?
- Earning your MA?
- Law School?
- Scholarship opportunities?

Be sure to talk to your advisor!
FOR MORE INFORMATION
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INTERNSHIP

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The Tennessee Legislative Intern Program was established in 1972 to provide Tennessee College and University students with an opportunity to work and learn in a hands-on legislative environment. Each year 70 to 80 students from around the state participate in this program to learn about leadership responsibilities as well as develop legislative process skills. The interns assist legislative offices with their Legislative activities and work functions.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
Juniors, Seniors, and Graduate Students in law, political science, history, administration, social work, economics, sociology, journalism, and related fields are eligible for this program.

Selection is based upon academic performance
Qualified applications should have a minimum 3.0 GPA.
The ideal applicant is also expected to show the ability to conduct professional research, demonstrate a committed work-ethic, and possess strong intrapersonal skills.

BENEFITS
A stipend of $400 per week will be paid to each intern,
Interns will receive reimbursement for travel as well as a one-time advance to help cover relocation expenses

ACADEMIC CREDIT
Interns can earn up to six hours of academic credit.

DUTIES
Interns will be assigned to legislative leadership offices and committees. Duties will vary from office to office, but will include bill analysis, constituent work, research and general office work. Interns will also be expected to attend weekly meetings.

PROJECTS, TOURS AND GUEST SPEAKERS
The intern class participates in various projects and tours. Some samples of tours are, a maximum-security prison, the State Capitol, the Bicentennial Mall and The Tennessee Supreme Court. Past projects included the Great Strides Project for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Habitat for Humanity and collecting food for the Second Harvest Food Bank. Some of the guest speakers included Chief Justice Sharon Lee and TBI Director Mark Gwyn.

HOW TO APPLY
Interested students should contact PROF. EBONY DAWKINS
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Other Internships

Work in Washington!
We can help place you in the halls of Congress.

Washington Center
The Washington Center (TWC) for Internships and Academic Seminars is a highly competitive internship program in Washington, DC that includes an internship, academic coursework and real-life experiences in the nation’s capital.

Urban Fellows Program
The UFP is a year-round initiative that offers local college students the opportunity to intern with various divisions of the City of Memphis Government. The program serves primarily to enhance the interaction of area college students with the City, advancing the purpose of getting students to consider employment after graduation.

For More Information
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This program allows outstanding undergraduates to begin the coursework for the Master of Arts in Political Science during their senior year. Students are encouraged to begin planning to enter the Accelerated B.A./M.A. program early in their undergraduate career, in consultation with the advisor in the Department of Political Science.

To apply, students must:
- Have a minimum 3.25 GPA
- Submit two reference letters
- Send a copy of their transcript to the Political Science department.
- Complete an interview with the graduate academic coordinator in Political Science.
A. Program Admission:
Admission to the dual program will require separate admission to each program. However, for applications to the joint program, the Political Science Department will accept LSAT scores in lieu of the GRE. Students are admitted into each program separately; completion of one degree is not contingent upon completion of both.

B. Program Requirements:
Dual Credit
Students may earn up to a maximum of sixteen hours of dual credit for law courses taken at the law school. The remaining hours toward the M.A. in Political Science must be taken in Political Science. The following courses will qualify for both the J.D. and M.A. in Political Science:

- Law Courses Required at Law School
  - Constitutional Law | 4 hours,
  - Criminal Law | 3 hours,
  - Criminal Procedure | 3 hours
  - Law School Electives | 6 hours

C. Other Requirements
For students in the dual program, their first year of law school must include only classes that are part of the J.D. program. With the above exceptions, all the normal requirements for admission and graduation for a J.D. and for an M.A. in Political Science apply.

Want more from your law degree?
Earn Two Degrees at Once!
THE LISA HUFFSTETLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The University of Memphis has created the Lisa Huffstetler Memorial Scholarship in Political Science, thanks to a generous gift from Shannon Hayes (BA ’09). Lisa Huffstetler had served as an instructor in the Department of Political Science for more than 10 years when she suddenly passed away in 2014. She touched the lives of her students, colleagues, and friends - leaving behind a legacy that will not soon be forgotten.

The scholarship is available online through the Tiger Scholarship Manager. We will begin accepting applications in the fall. The scholarship will be awarded in the spring. Qualified candidates are encouraged to apply.

Criteria:

- Full-time undergraduates majoring in Political Science classified as rising sophomores, juniors or seniors.
- A personal statement from the student, sharing their accomplishments, hardships, interests in the field of Political Science or other relevant information.
- A preference for students who were emancipated minors or adopted in their teens.
- A preference for need.
- Minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Students with a GPA below 3.0 should describe the circumstances which may have affected their GPA in their personal statement.