POLITICAL SCIENCE CORE

SPRING 2022

Courses designed to help students understand the foundations of Political Science as a discipline.
I WANT YOU TO TAKE POLS 1030

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

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 plagued 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 1101
intro to ancient political thought
- online -
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?
COMPARATIVE POLITICS

POLS 1301

ONLINE & ON CAMPUS

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**
Introduction to analysis of quantitative data and statistical hypothesis testing in the fields of political science.
POLITICAL SCIENCE
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

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Upper division offerings that fulfill requirements in the American Government subfield.
Examine the interactions between the political world and commercial media, emphasizing the variety of methods used by political elites to influence political perceptions.
PUBLIC OPINION

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.
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

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.
POLITICAL SCIENCE
COMPARATIVE POLITICS

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Upper division offerings that fulfill requirements in the Comparative Politics subfield.
GLOBAL POLITICS & SPORT

POLS 3311

EXAMINE THE LINKS BETWEEN POLITICS AND SPORTS WITH REGARD TO SOCIAL STRUCTURES, POLITICAL CULTURES, PATTERNS OF DOMINATION AND INEQUALITY, RELATIONSHIPS OF INCLUSION AND EXCLUSION, POWER ASYMMETRIES, POLITICAL ECONOMY, SOCIAL COMMUNICATION, AS WELL AS LOCAL, NATIONAL, ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS, CLASS AND GENDER IDENTITIES.
POLS 3320
HUMAN RIGHTS

History and conceptual underpinnings of modern concept of human rights; human rights in international law; political, economic, and other factors affecting extent to which governments meet their human rights legal obligations; actual human rights practices and conditions in countries; specific challenges of evidence-based human rights research.
POLITICS OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD

POLS 3325

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.

ONLINE
Comparative analysis of forms and causes of political violence within nations; revolutions, ethnic conflict, secessionist movements, terrorism
POLITICAL SCIENCE
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

SPRING 2022

Upper division offerings that fulfill requirements in the International Relations subfield.
take an in-depth look at the nature, scope, duties, rights, and evolutionary trends of international law.
Consider the manner in which political processes affect and are affected by economic processes at the global level.
EXPLORE THE MAJOR ISSUES AND TOPICS OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES; FORMS OF CONFLICT AND DIPLOMACY; PROLIFERATIONS OF WEAPONS; INSECURITY FOR HUMAN BEINGS ACROSS THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM.

ONLINE
POLITICAL SCIENCE
POLITICAL THEORY

SPRING 2022

Upper division offerings that fulfill requirements in the Political Theory subfield.
REVELATION & POLITICS

POLS 3102

MWF 11:30 - 12:25

Emily Fulmer

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.
CONSIDER THE VARIETY OF WAYS PEOPLE OF THE ANCIENT WORLD CONCEPTUALIZED JUSTICE AND ITS RELATION TO BOTH LAW AND POLITICS.
POLS 3410
CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THOUGHT

Study of political thought in 20th and 21st centuries.

MW 2:20 - 3:45
Dr. Derefe Chevannes
race and politics in the united states

MW 12:40 - 2:05
Dr. Sharon Stanley

Examination of the complex and contested politics of race and racism in the United States; topics may include civil rights, integration, immigration law, the criminal justice system, the meaning of Native American sovereignty.
ORIGIN & DEVELOPMENT OF

POLS 4405

American Political Thought

- online -

explore the origin and development of political thought in the United States from the colonial past to the present day.

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POLS 4416
AFRICAN-AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT FROM 1900

Thought of representative African-Americans upon fundamental questions of justice, right, persuasion, power and accommodation in the twentieth century.
POLITICAL SCIENCE
ELECTIVES & MORE

SPRING 2022

Offerings that fulfill Elective credit in the Political Science Major as well as other useful information.
POLS 3507

TERRORISM

EVOLUTION AND IMPACT OF TERRORISM ON AMERICA AND THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY; EMPHASIS ON THEEmergence OF MODERN TERRORIST GROUPS, DRIVERS OF TERRORIST RADICALIZATION AND RECRUITMENT, BEST PRACTICES IN COUNTERING TERRORISM, AND CHALLENGES FACED BY THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC STATE IN RESPONDING TO TERRORISM.
LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP

SPRING SEMESTER 2022

INTERN AT THE STATE CAPITOL
EARN COLLEGE CREDIT
GET PAID!

capitol.tn.gov/intern
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
dawkins@memphis.edu
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.