

LISTING OF POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS) COURSES FROM CURRENT WVU CATALOGUE WITH UPDATED INFORMATION ON RENUMBERED COURSES [PREVIOUSLY TAUGHT AS POLS493 TOPICS COURSES]

102. *Introduction to American Government.* 3 Hr. General survey of American national government and politics.

103. *Global Political Issues.* 3 Hr. Analysis of issues in post-cold war international politics, ranging from traditional major power diplomacy and intervention to the newer problems of economic interdependence and development, human rights, population pressures on limited resources, and the environment.

199. *Orientation to Political Science.* 1 Hr. Orientation to degree programs and requirements, departmental resources, curriculum options, student responsibilities and opportunities.

210. *Law and the Legal System.* 3 Hr. Introductory course on the role of law in the political system. Includes a survey of subfields in United States law and an examination of participants, processes, and policy making in the United States legal system.

220. *State and Local Government.* 3 Hr. The legal basis, structure, politics and operation of state and local governments, in the content of the American federal system.

230. *Introduction to Policy Analysis.* 3 Hr. Examination of the causes and consequences of public policies. Substantive policies examined include: civil rights, housing, social services, environment, health, law enforcement, education, and taxation.

240. *Introduction to Public Administration.* 3 Hr. The development, organization, and processes in governmental administration in the United States.

250. *Introduction to Comparative Politics.* 3 Hr. An introduction to the political and governmental systems of industrialized and developing countries. Focuses on approaches to comparative political study, political cultures and participation, and government structures, processes, and policy performance.

260. *Introduction to International Relations.* 3 Hr. Theories and concepts in international politics and their application to contemporary world politics.

270. *Power, Justice, and Citizenship.* 3hr. Introduction to topics in political theory from antiquity through modernity. This course investigates the individual and social requirements of democracy along dimensions of power, justice, and citizenship.

293 A-Z. *Special Topics.* 1-6 Hr. PR: Consent. Investigation of topics not covered in regularly scheduled courses.

300. *Empirical Political Analysis.* 3 Hr. Designed to provide a basic understanding of how to read and conduct empirical political science research. Topics include research design, hypotheses testing, data collection, and statistical analysis. No prior knowledge of computers or statistics required.

301. *Intro to Intelligence Analysis*. 3 Hr. PR: POLS 260. A professionally-oriented survey of the history, logic, and methods of intelligence analysis as applied to policy-making in foreign policy and national security.

302. *Intelligence Analysis Methods*. 3 Hr. PR: POLS 260 and POLS 301. An advanced course in the understanding and use of skills, processes, and tools currently used by intelligence analysts in the national security community.

310. *American Presidency*. 3 Hr. Institutional, behavioral, and societal forces which have given rise to the modern presidency; factors which enhance and constrain the exercise of presidential power over those constituencies with which the president must interact; the nature and consequences of the presidential decision-making process; desirability and/or feasibility of reforming the presidency.

311. *Political Parties and Elections*. 3 Hr. Parties and elections in America; emphasis on nomination and general election processes, campaigns, the mass media, campaign finance, voting, the electoral college, and parties in government.

312. *Appellate Judicial Process*. 3 Hr. PR: POLS 210 or Consent. The role of appeals courts and judges in American politics. Topics include appellate court organization and processes, the quantitative and qualitative analysis of judicial behavior, and the influence of courts on public policy.

313. *American Constitutional Law*. 3 Hr. The role of the Constitution in the American political system. Topics include the political concept of constitutionalism; the role of the supreme court in the political process; division of powers among the three branches of government; and the constitutional relation between the national government and the states.

314. *Civil Liberties in the United States*. 3 Hr. Issues in constitutional law concerning personal liberties against government action. Topics include free speech, press and association; religious freedoms; abortion; the right to privacy; due process of law; and criminal procedure safeguards.

315. *Law and Public Policy*. 3 Hr. PR: POLS 210 or Consent. Advanced examination of the role of trial courts in policymaking, including agenda-setting and policy formulation by courts, the outcomes of policy litigation, and the politics of legal reform.

316. *Public Opinion and Politics*. 3 Hr. In-depth treatment of the origins, content, and impact of public opinion in American politics; political ideology, partisanship, socialization, mass media, opinion polls, and survey research techniques.

317. *Interest Groups and Democracy*. 3 Hr. The role of interest groups in American politics, focusing on their distribution and internal dynamics, their involvement in campaigns and elections, their influence on public policy, and their place in a democratic system.

318. *Legislative Process*. 3 Hr. Structure, organization and processes of legislative bodies; powers of the legislature; detailed study of law-making processes and procedures.

320. *American Federalism and Policy*.

321. *West Virginia Government*. 3 Hr. Organization and operation of the state government of West Virginia.

331. *Criminal Law Policy and Administration*. 3 Hr. Legal and administrative approach to policy issues in criminal justice. Focuses on the criminal law, police, court decisions, and the implementation of law and policy in the criminal field.

333. *Politics of Social Welfare*. 3 Hr. Questions of poverty and inequality: who are the poor; what causes economic inequality; what have been governmental and private solutions to the problem of poverty; and what successes and failures have there been in the war against poverty.

334. *Politics of Economic Policy*. 3 Hr. An examination of U.S. economic policy, with an emphasis on the political considerations that influence policy development and implementation in government regulation, taxation, and spending.

335. *Civil Rights Policy and Politics*. 3 Hr. Analysis of the law, politics, and policy related to discrimination in public accommodations, voting, education, housing and employment based on race, gender, national origin, handicapped status, and age.

336. *Energy Policy and Politics*. 3 Hr. Explores the formulation and implementation of energy policy, including a discussion of scientific, risk, technological, economic, and political variables affecting policy with emphasis on national security, environmental protection, resource management and economic growth problems.

337. *Gender/Politics and Policy*. 3 Hr. Examination of the political implications of gender. Topics included the relationship between gender and relevant public policy issues; gender differences in political participation, public opinion, and elite behavior; and the difference in media coverage of male and female candidates and officeholders and its implications for electoral politics.

338. *Environmental Policy*. 3 Hr. Explores the formulation and implementation of environmental policy, using both a policy process approach and policy analysis. Includes a discussion of the scientific, technological, risk, economic, and political variables which affect policy making in this area.

339. *National Security Analysis*. 3 Hr.

342. *Bureaucratic Politics*. 3 Hr. Analysis of the nature and processes of American public administration (political, legal, economic, and social), including the role of bureaucracy in a democracy.

344. *Administrative Law*. 3 Hr. Administrative powers and limitations; procedures in administrative adjudication and rulemaking; discretion, ultra vires as a check on administrators; notice and hearing; administrative penalties; judicial control; and administrative liability.

350. *Government of Japan*. 3 Hr. Survey of political institutions and governmental processes in Japan with special emphasis on the analysis of political problems in the post-war period.

351. *Russian and Post-Soviet Politics*. 3 Hr. Survey of politics and government in Russia and in the states of the former Soviet Union.

352. *Politics of the European Union*. 3 Hr.

353. *Western Democratic Governments*. 3 Hr. Cross-national and/or country based analysis of selected western democracies. Individual countries analyzed will vary, but may include Canada, Great Britain, France, Italy, and the European Union.

354. *Government of China*. 3 Hr. Survey of political institutions and governmental process in the People's Republic of China with special emphasis on the analysis of political problems since 1949.

355. *Governments of Latin America*. 3 Hr. Comparative study of the government and politics of the Latin American states.

356. *Politics of the Middle East*. 3 Hr. Survey of the domestic and international political dynamics of the Middle East.

357. *Comparative Law and Politics*. 3 Hr.

358. *Politics of Africa*. II. Historical legacies and current political processes of tropical African countries.

359. *Politics of Terrorism*. 3 Hr.

360. *International Political Economy*. 3 Hr.

361. *International Organization*. 3 Hr. An introduction to field of international organizations covering theories of international institutions, the formation of such poignant 20th century institutions as the United Nations and the European Union, and the role of international law and norms in international relations.

362. *Comparative Foreign Policy*. 3 Hr. PR: POLS 260. Introduction to comparative foreign policy focused on political structures and processes in advanced industrial democracies, transitional polities, and Third World states.

363. *International Law*. 3 Hr. Law governing relations among nations, including development of rules, means of enforcement, and conflict between theory and practice.

364. *American Foreign Relations*. 3 Hr. PR: POLS 260 or Consent. Examination of contemporary U.S. foreign policy and its historical, cultural, and domestic political roots. Substantive and theoretical issues in understanding foreign relations since WW II, including both continuity and change in the emerging post-cold war system.

365. *Foreign Policy Decision-Making*. 3 Hr. PR: POLS 260 An advanced course examining the psychological and political dynamics by which decision-makers formulate foreign policy with emphasis on American national security.

366. *Political Economy of Developing Areas*. 3 Hr. This course is a research seminar that focuses on the pathways that developing countries take towards development. It investigates, via comparative analysis, a variety of issues (e.g. transitions to democracy, the role of gender, ethnicity, religion, hunger, the environment and health) being dealt with by countries in Latin America, Africa, Asia and the Middle East in their quest for development.

367. *Latin America in International Affairs*. 3 Hr. Relations of Latin American states among themselves, with the United States, the United Nations, regional organizations, and nonwestern states. In-depth analysis of the Monroe doctrine and its corollaries and the inter-American system.

368. *Politics of War and Peace*. 3 Hr. PR: POLS 260 or Consent. Analysis of great power politics in the international system. Examination of theories of war, historical patterns of the balance of power, and origins of the 20th century's major conflicts: WW I, WW II, and the Cold War.

369. *Far East International Affairs*. 3 Hr. International relations of countries of the Far East with emphasis on historic roots of recent conflicts, the roles of the United States and other major powers, confrontation between the countries in the region, and the regional cooperation and security problems in the post-World War II period.

371. *History of Political Thought*. 3 Hr. . Major political philosophers and ideas from the Greeks to the 17th Century.

372. *Modern Political Thought*. 3 Hr. Beginning with early Marxist thought, this course examines the evolution of the concepts of rights, justice, liberty, democracy, and equality from 1850 through the present, using the works of both classical and contemporary political theorists.

373. *American Political Philosophy*. 3 Hr. Major American political ideas and their influence upon American society and government from the seventeenth century to the present.

375. *Psychological Theories of Politics*. 3 Hr. Introduction to rational choice theory and various psychological theories of politics; application of psychological theories to both international relations and American politics.

389 A-Z. *Selected Topics*. (Honors.) 3 Hr.

383. *Debate*.

389 A-Z. *Selected Topics*. (Honors.) 3 Hr.

452. *EU Law and Legal Systems* (Strasbourg Program)

453. *EU Law and Institutions* (Strasbourg Program)

461. *Transformation of War*

485. *Great Books: American Politics*

486. *Great Books: Law & Politics*

487. *Capstone: Senior Paper*. 3 Hr. One of three capstone options for political science majors. Students choosing this option undertake a faculty-supervised independent research project culminating in a written research paper and oral presentation at a faculty/student colloquium.

488. *Capstone: Political Simulation*. 3 Hr. One of three capstone options for political science majors. Students choosing this option conduct research and participate in role-playing exercises through planned political simulations involving both U.S. politics and international relations.

489. *Capstone: Citizenship Seminar*. 3 Hr. One of three capstone options for political science majors. Students choosing this option participate in a seminar focusing on the role of citizens in a democracy, with emphasis on experimental learning through civic participation.

490. *Teaching Practicum*. 1-3 Hr. PR: Consent. Teaching practice as a tutor or assistant.

491. *A-Z. Professional Field Experience*. 1-18 Hr. PR: Consent. (May be repeated up to a maximum of 18 hours). Prearranged experiential learning program, to be planned, supervised, and evaluated for credit by faculty and field supervisors. Involves temporary placement with public or private enterprise for professional competence development.

493 A-Z. *Special Topics*. 1-6 Hr. PR: Consent. Investigation of topics not covered in regularly scheduled courses.

494 A-Z. *Seminar*. 1-3 Hr. PR: Consent. Presentation and discussion of topics of mutual concern to students and faculty.

495. *Independent Study*. 1-6 Hr. Faculty supervised study of topics not available through regular course offerings.

496. *Senior Thesis*. 1-3 Hr. PR: Consent.

498. *Honors*. 1-3 Hr. PR: Students in Honors Program and Consent by the Honors Director. Independent reading, study or research.

499 A-Z. *Global Service Learning*. 3 Hr. PR: Consent.