

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POL)

Course Descriptions

POL 513 American Constitutional Law 3 Credit Hours

A major theme of this course is the development of the constitution, especially focusing on the themes of judicial review: judicial self-restraint and judicial activism; the expansion of executive and legislative powers; and the rise of "substantive due process of law". Prerequisite or equivalent recommended. This course is distinguished from its 400 level counterpart by the requirement of additional readings and research. (AY).

Prerequisite(s): POL 101

Restriction(s):

Can enroll if Class is Graduate

POL 514 Civil Rights and Liberties 3 Credit Hours

An analysis of the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment, with particular emphasis upon recent landmark or controversial Supreme Court decisions dealing with freedom of speech and religion, rights of criminal defendants; cruel and unusual punishment, right to privacy; civil rights and equal protection clause; and apportionment. Prerequisite or equivalent recommended. This course is distinguished from its 400 level counterpart by the requirement of additional readings and research. (YR).

Prerequisite(s): POL 101

Restriction(s):

Can enroll if Class is Graduate

POL 560 Science, Tech & Pub Policy 3 Credit Hours

This course explores the intersection of science, technology, and public policy. Scientific knowledge and technological innovations are exceptionally powerful resources for policy-makers and for societies; they also pose great challenges and risks. This course will look at how science and technology affect the pursuit of policy goals in areas such as public health, environmental sustainability, economic growth, and national security. Students will not receive credit for more than one of POL 460, POL 560, and PPOL 560.

Restriction(s):

Can enroll if Class is Post-baccalaureate Cert only or Post-baccalaureate NCFD or Graduate

POL 566 Politics&Policies Soc Welfare 3 Credit Hours

FULL TITLE: The Politics and Policies of Social Welfare. The course examines the relationship between politics and public policy as related to the provision of social welfare programs in the United States.

Restriction(s):

Can enroll if Level is Graduate

POL 584 Revitalizing Cities 3 Credit Hours

What have we done to address decline in city neighborhoods and downtowns? Why? How has it worked? Why? What's the hope for the future? This course uses a public policy lens to engage students in a quest for answers to these questions. (W, AY).

Restriction(s):

Can enroll if Level is Rackham or Graduate

POL 587 Comparative Environmental Policy 3 Credit Hours

This course explores environmental policy decisions around the world, applying major comparative politics frameworks to understand similarities and differences across countries and governments. This course is distinguished from its 400 level counterpart by the requirement of additional readings, research, and writing.

Restriction(s):

Can enroll if Class is Graduate

POL 590 Topics in Political Science 1 to 3 Credit Hours

Problems and issues in selected areas of political science. Title changes according to content. Courses may be repeated when specific topic differs. (OC)

POL 598 Directed Studies 1 to 8 Credit Hours

Directed individual study of any subject agreed upon by the student and the instructor. May not duplicate a formal course offering. (OC).

POL 599 Directed Studies 1 to 6 Credit Hours

Directed individual study of any subjects agreed upon by the student and the advising instructor, which shall not duplicate a formal course offering. This course is distinguished from its 400 level counterpart by the requirement of additional readings and research. (F, W, S).

Restriction(s):

Can enroll if Class is Graduate

*An asterisk denotes that a course may be taken concurrently.

Frequency of Offering

The following abbreviations are used to denote the frequency of offering: (F) fall term; (W) winter term; (S) summer term; (F, W) fall and winter terms; (YR) once a year; (AY) alternating years; (OC) offered occasionally