Featured Political Science Courses Autumn 2019

- POLS 100S Intro to International Politics
- POLS 101S Intro to American Politics
- POLS 102S Intro to Comparative Politics
- POLS 308 Research Design
- POLS 314 European Politics
- POLS 331 State and Local Politics
- POLS 338W Politics of East Asia
- POLS 368 Internships in Political Science
- POLS 395 Russian Foreign Policy
- POLS 395 The U.S. Intelligence Community
- POLS 414 Politics of Education
- POLS 418 Quantitative Methods
- POLS 480W Senior Seminar in International Studies
POLLS 100S Intro to International Politics

- 9 - 9.50 am MWF in BAL 3070 with Francis Adams
- 12 – 12.50 pm MWF in BAL 3068 with Mark Checchia
- 1.30 – 2.45 pm TR in BAL 1012 with Aaron Karp
- 4.20 – 7.00 pm in BAL 3068, TBA
POLS 101S Intro to American Politics

- 11 - 11.50 am MWF in BAL 1012 with Dr. Joshua Zinger
- 2 - 2.50 pm MWF in BAL 3070
- 11 – 12.15 pm TR in BAL 1005
- 3 -4.15 pm TR in BAL 3070
POLS 102S Intro to Comparative Government and Politics

- 3 - 4.15 pm MW in BAL 3068 with Dr. Matthew Hall
- 9.30 - 10.45 am TR in BAL 2058
POLS 308 Research Design

- 9.30 - 10.45 am TR in BAL 3068 with Dr. Matthew DiLorenzo
- 4.20 - 7.00 pm M in BAL 3070 with Dr. Joshua Behr

- How do political scientists separate truth from fiction, science from opinion? It's easier than you think.
- Your gateway to upper divisional study in Political Science.
- Fulfils 308 requirements in Geography, Psychology and several other majors.
Who governs in Europe?

Why is Europe’s single currency in permanent crisis?

What are the powers of the European Union and why is it so contested?

How is Europe addressing the challenge of sustainable energy?
How will the 2018 midterm elections impact redistricting and the electoral maps for the next decade?

How will the influx of female legislators impact the operation of our government?

Will marijuana become legalized in Virginia and the surrounding states?

Who is more important in creating policy which impacts your daily life – the Federal government or the American state governments?

Come answer these questions and many more as we examine the uniqueness and oddity of the American states!
Politics of East Asia
POLS 338W
Tuesday/Thursday 3:00-4:15 pm
Contact: Dr. Cathy Wu (xwu@odu.edu)

• What are the historical legacies and political culture of East Asia?
• How do we compare different political systems in East Asia?
• How do we analyze the success and challenges of economies?
• How do we understand the variation of state-society relations?
• What are the roles of history, culture, government and non-government actors in regional dynamics?
POLS / GEOG 368
Internships in Political Science and Geography

For more information contact Jesse Richman, internship coordinator.
jrichman@odu.edu
Or visit: https://sites.wp.odu.edu/gpinternships/ and
https://www.odu.edu/pols-geog/political/internships

WHY INTERN?
Valuable professional experience, socialization, networking, and recommendation letters.
Over 20% more likely to be hired, and up to $20,000 more in salary (NACE 2015)
A fabulous learning opportunity that ties together what you have learned in the classroom.
Experiential learning course credit.
Tsarist Russia, the Soviet Union (USSR) and today's Russian Federation show many similarities in their approach to international issues and relations. In spite of changing political systems "Russia's" main international interests have endured irrespective of political, economic and social difficulties and upheaval. Against this historic background the course aims to bring to students an enhanced understanding of modern Russia's FOREIGN POLICY.
POLS 395 The U.S. Intelligence Community: Capabilities and Purpose

Prof. Gary Gomez
Wednesday; 4:20p – 7:00p

- Discover what intelligence is, does, and provides, and how intelligence products support policy makers.

- Learn about the types of intelligence, the organizations, and structure of the U.S. intelligence community.

- Explore the worlds of human intelligence and foreign intelligence services.

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POLS 414 – Politics of Education
Online, Spring and Summer 2018
Instructor: Dr. Michael Clemons

The goals of American public education are determined politically, and these goals guide what is taught and how it is taught. While both the Republican and Democrat parties are generally in agreement that the fundamental role of American education is to prepare students for the global economy, ideological divergence necessitates similarly divergent approaches for the achievement of this goal.

This online seminar investigates and critiques the politics of the American system of education. Attention is given to issues surrounding the political goals of education, the social goals of schooling, and the goal of equality of educational opportunity, particularly as it relates to economic goals. The process of political socialization is examined and multiculturalism is considered as an alternative paradigm for American education. Additionally, the development and impact of educational policy at the federal level is examined in light of state and local political dynamics. Upon successful completion of the course, students will have the necessary intellectual and analytic tools to assess the relationship between the nation’s educational system and its social and political development.

Politics of Education (POLS 414) emphasizes the development of critical thinking, analytic skills, and writing skills through the mastery of theory and the required reading and written assignments. Students are required to participate in all asynchronous online discussions. The basic strategies of online instruction include utilization of assigned readings, various online resources, and PowerPoint and audio lectures.
POLS 418 Quantitative Methods

Learn the Most Marketable Job Skills Political Science Has to Offer:

--Data Science
--Statistical Inference
--Statistical Software
--Spreadsheet Management
--Hypothesis Testing

Required for BS students in Political Science

With: Dr. Joshua Zingher
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POLS 480W
Senior Seminar in International Studies

With Prof. Mark Checchia
Seminar Theme: Globalization and International Organizations

In the era of globalization, the prevailing world order continues to be fundamentally redefined and restructured. Is globalization, and its effect on global governance, progress, or not? Traditional notions of national sovereignty, economic independence, and cultural distinctiveness have affected transnational systems, institutions, and practices.

This seminar examines political convergence in the world today, as well as backlash by nationalist movements.

Challenges facing the global community: reducing military conflict, defending universal human rights, promoting economic development, enhancing ethnic and gender equity, preserving natural environments, and many more!