### Featured Political Science Courses
#### Spring 2019

- POLS 100S Intro to International Politics
- POLS 101S Intro to American Politics
- POLS 102S Intro to Comparative Politics
- POLS 300 Introduction to Public Policy
- POLS 308 Research Design
- POLS 314 European Politics
- POLS 321W United Nations II
- POLS 326W American Foreign Policy
- POLS 331 State and Local Politics
- POLS 335 Environmental Politics
- POLS 350T Technology and War
- POLS 400 Congress
- POLS 418 Quantitative Methods
- POLS 437/537 International Relations of East Asia
- POLS 495 Diplomacy
POLS 100S Intro to International Politics

Five sections in Spring 2019:

- Mark Checchia  MWF 9:00 - 09:50 AM  BAL 3068
- Mark Checchia  MWF 11:00 - 11:50 AM  BAL 3070
- Don Lam  MWF 12:00 - 12:50 PM  BAL 3068
- Don Lam  MWF 2:00 - 2:50 PM  BAL 3068
- TBA  W  4:20 PM - 7:00 PM  BAL 3070
POLS 101S Intro to American Politics

Four sections in Spring 2019:

- Joshua Zingher  MWF 11:00 - 11:50 AM  BAL 1012
- TBA  MWF 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM  BAL 3068
- Jesse Richman  MWF 10:00 - 10:50 AM  BAL 3068
- TBA  T 4:20 PM - 7:00 PM  BAL 3068
POLS 101S Intro to Comparative Politics

Three sections in Spring 2019:

- Matt Hall
  - TR 3:00 - 4:15 PM
  - BAL 3070
- Matt Hall
  - MWF 2:00 - 2:50 PM
  - BAL 2056
- TBA
  - MWF 9:00 - 9:50 AM
  - BAL 2056
Government in the US has grown from a small, simple “night watchman state” providing defense, police protection, tax collection and some education into an immense network of organizations and institutions affecting the daily lives of all citizens in countless ways.

As such, this course will:
1) Examine how the role of government has changed over time
2) The “life cycle” of a policy
3) The various factors influencing policy development
4) Some of the most controversial and infamous policies adopted in the US
POLS 308 Research Design

Two sections in Spring 2019:

- Michael Clemons  
  T  4:20 - 7:00 PM  
  BAL 3070

- Matthew DiLorenzo  
  TR  1:30 - 2:45 PM  
  BAL 3070

- How do political scientists separate truth from fiction, science from opinion? Its easier than you think.
- Your gateway to upper divisional study in Political Science.
- Fulfils 308 Research Design requirements in Geography, Psychology and 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?
POLS 321W United Nations II

With Amb. Christer Persson
4:20 - 7:00 PM BAL 2056
For more info; cpersson@odu.edu

- How the UN handles issues like climate, disarmament, gender and refugees.
- Examine specialized UN agencies like UNESCO and WHO.
- The working of regional organizations like the Organization of American States and Arab League.
- Pre-requisites: POLS-100, or POLS-102, or POLS-320, or instructor’s permission. POLS 320 is not required for POLS 321 United Nations II
- Ideal for students involved in MUN or other student organizations.
- Get credit for ODUMUNC participation
POLS 326W American Foreign Policy

Spring 2019 Tuesdays at 7.10 pm
Instructor: Aaron Karp
W course; meets ODU writing requirements.

- Prepares to fully participate in American foreign policy debates.
- Equip yourself with everything the media assumes you already know.
- Investigate key contributions and positions in the American foreign policy debate.
POLS 331 State and Local Politics

Dr. Benjamin Melusky
T, TH: 9:39am-10:45am
T, TH: 11:00am-12:15pm

- 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!
This course examines the evolution of environmentalism in the United States, including the policy-making process, science and the role played by the public and political institutions. How does environmental policy created, and how is it implemented? We will examine the role of the national government, as well as state and local governments in this setting. We will discuss the tradeoffs between environmental protection and economic growth, and discuss how we can protect the environment AND ensure economic growth.

Prerequisites: POLS 101S.
POLS 350T Technology and War

Spring 2019 Thursdays at 7.10 pm
Instructor: Aaron Karp

T course, meets all ODU T requirements.
Double counts for Political Science majors.

- What do new technologies reveal about the nature of war?
- How can we shape technological change?
- What do new technologies of war mean for the future of violence?
Congress is the central constitutional institution in U.S. politics. Laws, appropriations, advice and consent, impeachment, representation, oversight of executive branch.

POLS 400
CONGRESS
SIMULATE
RESEARCH
STUDY
LEARN

What students say about the simulation and the class:
• First hand experience as well as textbook knowledge.
• The class was unique, I have never taken a class like this.
• It actually felt like being in Congress.
• It was a lot of professional writing, which will be a phenomenal skill in my career.
• The simulation, and the assignments that came with it, made people participate!
• Really loved this class. Educational while fun!
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
• MW 3:00 - 4:15 pm in BAL 3070
• How do we understand “East Asia” as a region? What are its historical legacies and political culture?
• Who are the major powers in East Asia? How do they interact?
• How do we analyze territorial & maritime disputes in East Asia?
• What are the prospects of regional integration in East Asia?
• How can the regional order and security be managed in East Asia?
• What are the roles of growing civil society in regional dynamics?
The beginning of diplomacy, classical and traditional diplomatic art.

From the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations

Diplomacy in the modern age

It continued importance or not,

The challenges ahead for diplomacy and its practitioners; the diplomats.