

Political Science Advising News & Notes

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Political Science Major Advising: March 17 – March 28

Fall Registration holds are in effect.

Sign up now to be advised!

You will not be able to pre-register for classes without first meeting with your advisor. The purpose of the registration hold is to make sure you don't miss out on this valuable opportunity to ask questions and receive input from your advisor about your progress in the major. Use this time to discuss minors, internship interests, study abroad opportunities, graduate and law school options and career plans. Your advisor is here to help! Faculty have posted sign-up sheets for advising on their doors. Come prepared with what classes you want to take in the fall so that there will be time to discuss things beyond classes. If you are eligible for early registration, please contact your advisor directly to set-up an appointment.

Fall Registration schedule

Open Registration for Fall 2008 (based on earned hours)

Date	Hrs.	Date	Hrs.
March 19	122+	March 29	49-53
March 20	113-121	March 30	46-48
March 21	106-112	March 31	43-45
March 22	98-105	April 1	37-42
March 23	90-97	April 2	25-36
March 24	83-89	April 3	18-24
March 25	78-82	April 4	16-17
March 26	73-77	April 5	15
March 27	64-72	April 6	12-14
March 28	54-63	April 7	6-11
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College Calendar

April 24 Reading Day
April 25 – May 2 Spring exams
May 9 Final grades available on Cougar Trail
May 10 Graduation (POLS in morning)

New Faculty to join Political Science in the Fall!

Professor Helen Delfeld will teach courses in International Politics. She will earn her PhD from Rutgers University in New Jersey in June. Professor Delfeld has done significant research on Human Rights in the Philippines.

Professor Tim La Pira will teach courses in American Politics. He will earn his PhD from Rutgers University in New Jersey in June. His research involves lobbyists, political money and Congress.

Professor Kendra Stewart will serve as the Director of the Masters of Public Administration program. She earned her PhD in Political Science from the University of South Carolina where she focused on Public Administration. Dr. Stewart will teach courses in the undergraduate political science program as well as the graduate MPA program.

Interested in a Fall Internship?

Internships need to be arranged in the semester before you intend to complete it. Set-up an appointment with Erin Blevins at blevinse@cofc.edu to discuss ideas and options. POLS 402 internships in Charleston include both an unpaid internship experience and a class component. To participate, a student must be a junior or senior and have completed at least 18 semester hours in POLS coursework (including POLS 251 with a passing grade). Normally, a 2.8 GPA in the POLS major and a 2.5 GPA overall is required.

For internship ideas:

Visit webpage <http://polisci.cofc.edu/localinternships.html>

Cistern online <http://www.cofc.edu/~career/>

May and Summer Schedule

Maymester (May 13 – May 29)

POLS 103 World Politics M-F 8:30a-12p Liu
POLS 332 Latin American Film M-F 8:30a-12p Friedman
POLS 405 Capstone Seminar M-F 8:30a-12p France
“No Passport Required: Globalization from a Community Perspective”

Summer I (June 3- July 3)

POLS 101 American Government M-F 7:45-9:30a Mann

Fall 2008 POLS Course Offerings

General and Required Core Courses:

POLS 101.001 American Govt. TR 9:25a Mann
POLS 101.002 American Govt. MWF 1:00p Chorlton
POLS 101.003 American Govt. MWF 2:00p Chorlton
POLS 101.080 American Govt. MW 4-6:45p Hinton*Exp. I

POLS 102.001 Contemporary Pol. Issues MW 4-5:15p Chorlton

POLS 103.001 World Politics MWF 10a Liu
POLS 103.002 World Politics MWF 11a Liu
POLS 103.003 World Politics TR 9:25a France
POLS 103.004 World Politics TR 10:50a France

POLS 104.001 World Regional Geography TR 12:15p Staff
POLS 104.002 World Regional Geography TR 1:40p Staff

POLS 250.001 Politics and Political Inquiry I TR 8:00a Hinton
POLS 250.002 Politics and Political Inquiry I TR 9:25a Hinton
POLS 250.003 Politics and Political Inquiry I MW 2-3:15p Hinton
POLS 250.004 Politics and Political Inquiry I MWF 9a Curtis

POLS 251.001 Politics and Political Inquiry II MWF 10a Mann
POLS 251.002 Politics and Political Inquiry II MWF 11a Mann
POLS 251.003 Politics and Political Inquiry II TR 10:50a Halfacre

POLS 402.090 Field Internship Seminar T 5:00-6:15p Staff

POLS 405.001 Capstone Seminar TR 10:50a Moore
“Campaigns and Elections”

POLS 405.002 Capstone Seminar MW 4-5:15p Curtis
“Politics of the End”

PA/Public Policy

POLS 200.001 Intro to Public Admin. TR 9:25a Archie-Hudson
POLS 201.001 Intro to Public Policy TR 10:50a Jos
POLS 304.001 American Foreign Policy MWF 10a Creed

Comparative

POLS 321.001 Politics of Latin America MWF 11a Friedman
POLS 324.001 Politics of the Middle East MWF 2p Creed
POLS 329.001 Politics of Protest and Rev. MWF 12p Friedman
POLS 339.001 ST: Chinese Politics MWF 1p Liu
POLS 339.002 ST: Modern Jewish Politics TR 12:15p Shanes

Political Thought/Public Law

POLS 220.001 Criminal Justice TR 8:00a Haley
POLS 220.090 Criminal Justice T 5:30-8:15p Staff
POLS 221.085 Law and Society MW 4-6:45p Sanders ** Exp II
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POLS 341.001 Constitutional Law TR 10:50a Mann
POLS 345.001 Ethics and Politics TR 1:40p Jos
POLS 350.001 Contemporary Liberalism MWF 10a Curtis

POLS 354.001 Advanced Mock Trial W 2-5:00p Marcantel
(Mock Trial course will meet in Federal Courthouse)

POLS 359.090 Legal Conflict and Mediation T 5:30-8:15p Carr

International Politics

POLS 360.001 Int. Relations Theory MWF 10a Delfeld
POLS 364.001 Int. Environmental Politics MWF 12p Creed
POLS 365.001 Int. Political Economy TR 1:40p France
POLS 369.001 Politics of Globalization MW 2-3:15p Velluzi
POLS 379.080 Int. Human Rights Law MWF 12 -1:50p Delfeld *Exp I

American Politics

POLS 382.001 Congress MWF 9a La Pira
POLS 387.001 Pol. Parties and Interest Groups MWF 11a La Pira
POLS 396.001 Race, Ethnicity and the City TR 12:15p Veninga
POLS 399.001 State Leg and Leg Policymaking TR 1:40p Archie-Hudson

* Express I classes: August 26 – October 10

** Express II classes: October 15 – December 17

POLS website resources

<http://polisci.cofc.edu/index.html>

Features include: Upcoming events, POLS course syllabi, Internship resources, faculty page, Frequently Asked Questions, POLS honors and more! This semester in particular, watch the website for new courses added for fall.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Exploring Geography lecture: Protest, Profit and Femicide in Northern Mexico; 4 pm, Stern Center Ballroom

Speaker: Dr. Melissa Wright, Associate Professor in Geography and Women's Studies, Pennsylvania State University.

Over the last decade, a social justice movement in northern Mexico has relied on testimonial performance as a strategy for transforming a local protest into an international human rights campaign. In this presentation, Dr. Wright combines feminist and Marxist analyses to focus on testimony as a contradictory strategy for creating particularly gendered subjects who sustain international coalitions around the practice of public witnessing.

Geography Minor now available

Interested students can declare this minor at the POLS main office. Contact Dr. Mark Long at longm@cofc.edu if you have any questions. For details about the minor, please visit <http://polisci.cofc.edu/geographyminor.html>

Bachelor's Essay Research Presentations

Eight students will be presenting their bachelor's essay research on Tuesday, April 24 from 9 am-12 pm in the Beatty Center, Room 214. All students are invited, but students considering a bachelor's essay in the next year are especially encouraged to attend.

Political Science Student Awards Reception

A reception honoring the outstanding achievements of political science students will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 4 pm in Alumni Hall. The department will announce and recognize recipients of best paper awards, 2008-2009 scholarships, outstanding student awards, departmental honors and departmental honor roll for spring 2007 and fall 2007. In addition, new members of Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honor Society) will be initiated. All political science students are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honor Society)

Pi Sigma Alpha's purpose is to recognize and promote scholarship on and intelligent discussion of government and politics. Requirements to become a member include: a 3.25 GPA in political science courses; a 3.0 overall GPA, and the completion of at least 18 hours in political science coursework. Invitations to join the honor society have been delivered in class and via email. Please check your Edisto account to see if you have an invitation. If you haven't received an invitation, and believe you are qualified, please contact Erin Blevins at blevinse@cofc.edu by Monday, March 17.

2007 Political Science Honor Roll

The political science department is pleased to announce that over 90 political science majors made the political science honor roll in Fall 2007. These students achieved a 3.5 or better GPA in that term while taking at least 12 hours of coursework. The honor roll is posted in the department and on the POLS honors webpage: <http://polisci.cofc.edu/honors.html>

Departmental Honors eligibility

The minimum eligibility to be considered for Departmental Honors in political science includes a grade point average in the major of at least 3.5 and completion of a minimum of 12 hours of exceptionally fine independent work. The 12 hours must include the completion of a 6 hour bachelor's essay in addition to any combination of POLS 400, 401, and/or 402. The Capstone Seminar (POLS 405) may not be included in the required 12 hours of independent work.

Fall Capstone Enrollment

Registration for Capstone courses is not available through Cougar Trail. You must be placed in the course by the department. See Erin Blevins in the main office after you have been advised to complete an application. Capstones are filled on a first come first served basis; however, preference in enrollment will be given to students graduating in December 2008 who complete the application by March 21. Sign-up early to ensure you get a spot in a class!

The Capstone is a senior requirement for the major, designed to be completed within the last 9 hours of POLS coursework. There are two capstones offered each fall semester, three each spring, and one in Maymester. It is your responsibility to anticipate when you will need the capstone, and complete an application in a timely manner. Enrollment for each capstone is strictly limited to 25 students to ensure a high-quality culminating experience.

Fall Capstone Descriptions

POLS 405 Campaigns and Elections

This capstone is designed to introduce students to the practitioner side of politics and to allow them to apply what they have previously learned about politics. This course has two objectives. First, it will introduce students to the techniques and strategies involved in running political campaigns. Second, it will examine voting behavior and the different factors that impact voter participation and voter direction. All students will be required to work a minimum of 20 hours in a political campaign of their choice. Students will also be required to give oral and written reports on topics related to the course topic. (Moore)

POLS 405.002 Politics of the End

Nuclear war. Climate change. Pandemic disease. For the last 50 years we have confronted the possibility that the world as we know it could come to an end. This course takes up the potential radical change in the conditions under which we live in order to examine three particular questions: How do we come to terms with the very idea of such world changing events? How do we prepare for the possibility of such events? How have we politicized the very issues that could bring about such radical change? Students, working in teams on potential catastrophic events, will each research one aspect of that possibility. (Curtis)

Special Topics Course Descriptions

POLS 339.001 ST: Chinese Politics

This course examines contemporary Chinese politics with emphasis on the era of reform and opening since 1978. China's politics has been focusing on achieving modernity. In addition to having the most rapidly growing economy, China is experiencing profound sociopolitical changes. We shall examine whether the Chinese can build a dynamic market economy in an increasingly globalized world economy, create social harmony in a society with growing tensions, and maintain political stability while avoiding stagnation and decay. (Liu)

POLS 339.002 ST: Modern Jewish Politics

Beginning in the 19th century, Jews faced an unprecedented crisis in identity. The Jewish self-governing "autonomous community," which had defined the Jews' role in European society for centuries, was under siege by forces that could no longer tolerate this "state within a state." Above all, the question of Jewish nationhood grew to dominate "post-emancipation" Jewish politics. Were the Jews a nation or a religious community? What sort of politics should they pursue? Where should they seek to win equal rights and in what language? This course will explore the variety of Jewish political ideologies (liberalism, Zionism, Diaspora nationalism, socialism, political Orthodoxy) that have influenced modern Jewish politics in Europe, the United States, and Israel. (Shanes, Religious Studies)

POLS 359.090 Legal Conflict and Mediation

This course includes an overview of conflict evaluation, conflict management and resolution approaches with an emphasis on mediation and negotiation. Among other issues the course will cover non-litigation methods of dispute settlement, the ethics of mediation and negotiation, demonstration and roll playing of the mediation process, participation in the Community Juvenile Arbitration Program, and other experiential learning opportunities. (Carr)

POLS 379.080 International Human Rights Law

This course is an introduction to both human rights law and its underlying theory. Human rights law is distinguished from more traditional international law by its interconnected idealism and lack of specificity and enforceability. First we will establish what exactly is covered by human rights law, and then we will move on to the participation of different countries and organizations. We will further examine the theoretical implications of human rights law, including explorations of inherent contradictions in the law and methods of enforcement and resistance. (Delfeld)

POLS 399.001 State Legislatures and Legislative Policymaking

This course is designed to introduce students interested in public policy to the methods and processes by which state legislatures achieve public policy objectives. The focus is on how policy is enacted at the state level and the issues, strategies, politics and influences that shape these public decisions (Archie-Hudson)

Political Science Club

Meets every Wednesday in Maybank 220 at 7:00 pm. Interested? Contact Jared Esselman at Jared.Esselman@gmail.com or Mike Erickson at merickson18@gmail.com.

SC Student Legislature

Meets every Tuesday at 8:30 pm; Stern Center Room 201
A great opportunity to debate legislation and get involved with other political minded students. For more information contact Scottie Cline at secc114.aol.com or JaredEsselman@gmail.com