Spring 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 will post sign-up sheets for advising on their doors. Come prepared with what classes you want to take in the spring so that there will be time to discuss other topics.

Spring Registration schedule
(based on earned hours)

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College Calendar
November 23-26  Thanksgiving Holiday
December 7-14  Fall Exams
December 17  Graduation
December 17  Final grades available on My Charleston
February 1  Application deadline for Spring Graduation

Interested in a Spring Internship?
Internships need to be arranged the semester before you intend to complete one. Set up an appointment with Erin Blevis at blevisse@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 2.0 GPA in the POLS major and a 2.5 GPA overall is required.

For internship ideas:
Visit our webpage http://polisci.cofc.edu/localinternships.html or Cistern online http://careercenter.cofc.edu/

Geography Minor
This semester choose from the required minor course GEOG 219 Reading the Lowcountry Landscape as well as Spring 2012 courses POLS 104, POLS 310 and POLS 334 which also fulfill Geography minor requirements. Up to 9 hours of POLS coursework may count toward this minor. Search for “Geography at CofC” on facebook to learn more about opportunities in Geography and contact Dr. Long at LongM@cofc.edu for more information about the minor.

Maymester 2012 POLS Courses (May 14 – May 30)

POLS 103 World Politics M- F 8:30 am – 12 pm Liu
POLS 339 ST: Political Psychology in the Global South M-F 8:30 am – 12 pm (online course) Delfeld/Wright
POLS 405 Capstone Seminar M-F 8:30 am – 12 pm (on-campus) “No Passport Required: Globalization from a Community Perspective”

May Evening 2012 POLS Courses (May 9 – June 20)

POLS 319 ST: Urban Applications in GIS TR 5:30 – 8:30 pm Keenan
You will learn how to use ArcGIS (widely-used digital mapping and spatial analysis software) to do the following, among many other things: spatially display urban environments, define neighborhood boundaries, contrast the urban core and the edge city, study urban environmental problems, such as air pollution, study industrial location strategies, and analyze urban geographies.

Spring 2012 POLS Course offerings

General and Required Core Courses

POLS 101.01 Am. Govt. MWF 9-9:50 am Felts
POLS 101.02 Am. Govt. TR 9:25-10:40 am Archie-Hudson
POLS 101.03 Am. Govt. TR 12:15-1:30 pm Archie-Hudson
POLS 101.04 Am. Govt. MWF 10-10:50 am Wofford
POLS 101.05 Am. Govt. TR 4-4:45 pm (Exp I) Chorlton
POLS 101.06 Am. Govt. TR 4:45-6 pm (Exp II)** Chorlton
POLS 101.07 Am. Govt. TR 1-2:05 pm McAdams
POLS 102.01 Contemporary Pol. Issues MWF 4-5:15 pm Chorlton
POLS 103.01 World Politics MWF 11-11:50 am Creed
POLS 103.02 World Politics TR 12:15-1:30 pm Delfeld
POLS 103.03 World Politics TR 10:50 am -12:05 pm Liu
POLS 103.04 World Politics MWF 9-9:50 am Creed
POLS 103.05 World Politics MWF 4-4:45 pm (Exp II)**Altick
POLS 104.01 World Regional Geog. TR 12:15-1:30 pm Watson
POLS 104.02 World Regional Geog. MWF 10-10:50 am Keenan
POLS 104.03 World Regional Geog. T 4-4:45 pm Grabbatin
GEOG 219.01 Reading Lowcountry Landsc. M 4-4:45 pm Long
POLS 250.02 Politics & Pol. Inquiry TR 9:25-10:40 Gorden
POLS 250.03 Politics & Pol. Inquiry TR 8-9:15 am Hinton
POLS 250.04 Politics & Pol. Inquiry TR 9:25-10:40am Hinton
POLS 251.01 Politics & Pol. Inquiry MWF 12:15-12:50 pm Ragusa
POLS 251.02 Politics & Pol. Inquiry MWF 1:15-2:00 pm Ragusa
POLS 402.01 Field Internship W 5:30-6:45 pm Curtis
POLS 405.01 Capstone Seminar MW 2-3:15 pm Long “Food”
POLS 405.02 Capstone Seminar TR 9:25 – 10:40 am McAdams
   “Red, State, Blue State: Polarization in American Politics”
POLS 405.03 Capstone TR 12:15-1:30 pm Liu
   “The Politics of Transnational States”

PA/Public Policy
POLS 200.01 Intro to Public Admin. MWF 12:12-12:50 pm Felts
POLS 305.01 Urban Geog. MWF 2:35-3:15 pm Keenan
POLS 309.01 Health Policy TR 1:45-2:55 pm Archibald Hudson
POLS 310.01 Environmental Geography TR 1:40-2:55 pm Watson
POLS 319.01 ST: Adv. SustainabilityTR10:50 am -12:05 pm Fisher

Comparative
POLS 330.01 Comparative Gender Politics TR 1:40-2:55 pm Simes
POLS 333.01 Politics of Contemp. Brazil MWF 1:15-2:00 pm Friedman
POLS 334.01 Geog. & Politics of the E.U. MWF 11-11:50 am Long

Political Thought/Public Law
POLS 220.01 Criminal Justice TR 1:40-2:55 pm Mace
POLS 220.02 Criminal Justice TR 8-9:15 am Aylor
POLS 221.01 Law & Society MW 4-4:45 pm (Exp II)**Sanders
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POLS 342.01 Civil Liberties MWF 1-1:50 pm Wofford
POLS 352.01 Sexual Harassment MWF 12-12:50 pm Curtis
POLS 353.01 Beginning Mock Trial R 4-6:45 pm Gremillion

International Politics
POLS 366.01 Intl Diplomacy Studies MW 5-7:45 pm (Exp I)**Gorden
POLS 366.02 Intl Diplomacy Studies TR 5:30-8:15 pm Friedman
POLS 379.01 ST, Int. Rel/Middle East MWF 12-12:50 pm Creed
POLS 379.02 ST: Int. Dev. Theory/Practice TR 10:50 a-12:05 p Gorden
POLS 379.03 ST: Terrorism/Counterterrorism MWF 12-12:50 pm Depons

American Politics
POLS 380.01 State Politics MWF 2:3-3:15 pm Felts
POLS 383.01 The Judiciary MWF 11:15-1:00 pm Wofford
POLS 389.01 Public Op. in Am. Politics MWF 2:3-3:15 pm McAdams
POLS 392.01 Women and Politics TR 8-9:15 am Ford
POLS 397.01 LGBT Politics TR 12:15-1:30 pm Chorlton
POLS 399.02 ST: Am. Political Development MWF 9-9:50 Ragusa

*Express I classes: January 9 - February 25
** Express II classes: February 29 – May 2
Summer 2012 Study Abroad programs

Study Abroad in China – June 1 – June 18; contact Dr. Guoli Liu at liguoli@cofc.edu for more information.

Study Abroad in Morocco – June 10 – July 2; contact Dr. Jack Parson at parsonj@cofc.edu for more information.

Study Abroad in Cambodia and Thailand - June 4- June 28; contact Dr. Helen Delfeld at delfeldH@cofc.edu for more information.

Fall 2012 Study Abroad in Trujillo, Spain – September 6 – December 12; contact Dr. Mark Long at longM@cofc.edu for more information.

Upcoming Events

Diversity Week Event: Native American Politics of Resistance: Wounded Knee; Tuesday, October 25, 6 – 8 pm in the Old Science Center #121. Film screening and discussion about indigenous political activism in the U.S. led by Professor Watson.

College of Charleston Model U.N. November 4–5, 2011 The Model United Nations simulates a meeting of the U.N. where students represent member states on the issues of the day. This year we will be debating land tenure for indigenous people, the ongoing economic crisis, and the Arab Spring. Open to all interested students. Contact Dr. Helen Delfeld at DelfeldH@cofc.edu for more information.

Political Science Convocation of Majors Tuesday, February 21, 7 pm Physician’s Auditorium Speaker: Lisa Gilinger is a lawyer in Santa Barbara, California who focuses on Social Security Disability. She is a guest lecturer at Gender and Human Experience, covering the implication of and the interplay between sex, identity, society and culture. She is noted as a speaker with Pacific Pride Foundation and as a Family Ally for Trans Youth Family Allies (TYFA). She has addressed groups across the nation on issues of youth and transgender.

Special Topics Course Descriptions

POLS 319.01: ST: Advanced Sustainability In this course, we will explore pragmatic applications of sustainability in a local context. The course will largely revolve around group sustainability projects. For each project, we will examine all aspects of project development, including project design, implementation, testing, measuring, and analyzing the results. (Fisher)

POLS 379.01: ST: International Relations of the Middle East This course is designed to help you gain an understanding of the places the Middle East has occupied in international relations and seeks to advance competing explanations for why the region has occupied those spaces and roles in world politics. It will use the insights offered by realist, liberal and constructivist theoretical traditions to examine the evolution of the region’s place in the international system, with a particular focus on the region’s 20th century international relations, the dynamics of contemporary Middle Eastern international relations that emerge with the end of the Cold War and the onset of the “Great West Asian Crisis.” We will explore the new phase of this crisis brought on by dynamics of ongoing regional political change and explore the significant challenges these events pose to the region’s place in the international system. (Creed)

POLS 379.02: ST: Int. Development Theory and Practice This course seeks to critically examine the theories and practices of international development that have historically characterized efforts to address problems of poverty and global inequality. In addition, we will engage with current debates, endeavoring to recast the discourse of development and expose the factors that contribute to the maintenance and exacerbation of global poverty and inequality. (Gorden)

POLS 379.03: ST: Terrorism and Counter Terrorism This course investigates the nature and impact of international terrorism challenges to Western democracies, including the United States, United Kingdom, Israel, and Russia, and the counter-terrorism policies such states adapt to contain or eliminate the threat. Besides current terrorist groups, including Al Qaeda, its affiliates in North Africa and the Arabian Peninsula, and Hezbollah, the course will examine instances of previous international terrorist threats, how states have countered them, and their demise or reorientation. (Desjeans)

POLS 399.02: ST: American Political Development American Political Development (APD) surveys the landmark events and eras in U.S. political history. There is a particular focus on the design of political institutions—Congress, the president and the courts—and how those institutions have evolved over time. The institution is the dependent variable in this class, in other words. This is in contrast to “traditional” American politics courses where the focus is on how modern institutional arrangements affect political outcomes. There is also an emphasis in APD on landmark changes in U.S. politics and policy—from the evolving policies of slavery, reconstruction and civil rights to the evolution of modern liberalism and conservatism. Given the historical nature of APD, students are expected to keep up with a heavy reading load including many primary source documents. (Ragusa)

Spring Capstone Descriptions

POLS 405.01 Food (MV 2-3:15 pm; Dr. Long) One of our most mundane practices, consuming food, is increasingly politicized; people in the US and other developed countries experience food anxiety and face ethical dilemmas on a daily basis as they feed themselves: what to eat and where – McDonald or Whole Foods? and from where - South Carolina shrimp or Southeast Asian, factory-farmed eggs or “organic” (whatever that means)? Our relationship to food has changed radically over recent centuries and continues to do so today. A central facet of change has been the application of scientific reasoning to the production, harvesting, regulation, and consumption of food, what we might term technologization. This capstone seminar focuses on this technologization to explore the paradox of food anxiety at different scales, from the body to the global.

POLS 405.02 Red State, Blue State: Polarization in American Politics (TR 9:25-10:40 am; Dr. McAdams) This senior capstone course will examine the extent and sources of partisan polarization in the United States at both the elite and mass levels, with particular emphasis on the role of media in accentuating this divide. The course will also examine the empirical and normative consequences of partisan polarization in American democracy.

POLS 405.03 The Politics of Transitional States (TR 12:15 – 1:30 pm; Dr. Liu) This capstone seminar examines states in transition and the way that domestic political change influences a country’s foreign policy and role in the global system. A comparative analysis of China, Russia, and several others will help explore multiple theoretical perspectives on states, revolution, democratization, and power transition. We will also examine the implications of domestic transition on foreign relations with a focus on U.S.- China relations. In this seminar, we emphasize intensive reading and writing, independent research, and application of theories and key concepts to new problems and cases.

Capstone and Study abroad/transfer credit inquiries Contact Dr. Guoli Liu, Associate Chair of the Political Science Department with inquiries related to the Capstone, study abroad and transfer credits at liguoli@cofc.edu.

Political Science Club The club is active this year. Get involved! Please contact Sara Hutchinson for more information at sara.e.hutchinson@gmail.com