Political Science Advising News & Notes

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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! You should have received an email from your advisor letting you know how to sign up for an advising appointment. If not, email your advisor, to find out how. Come prepared with what classes you want to take in the spring so that there will be time to discuss other topics.

Spring 2016 Registration Schedule (based on earned hours)

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College Calendar
November 25 – 29 Thanksgiving break
December 7 Last day of classes
December 8 Reading day (Storm day for Friday)
December 9 Final exams begin
December 16 Last day of final exams
December 19 Commencement
February 1 Spring 2016 Graduation Application due

Interested in a Spring or Summer Internship? Internships need to be arranged the semester before you intend to complete one. Set up an appointment with Kristin Wichmann at wichmannkm@cofc.edu to discuss ideas and options. Both Spring and Summer POLI 402 internships include an unpaid internship experience and a class component. While the Spring class will meet in a classroom on campus, the summer course will be online allowing students to intern outside of Charleston. To participate, a student must be a junior or senior and have completed at least 18 semester hours in political science coursework (including POLI 205 with a passing grade). Normally, a 2.8 GPA in the POLI major and a 2.5 GPA overall is required. For internship ideas, visit our webpage http://polisci.cofc.edu/student-ops/local-internships.php or CougarJobLink under the Student Services tab in MyCharleston.

Geography Minor Spring 2016 courses: GEOG 219, POLI 104, POLI 331, POLI 351, and POLI 359 fulfill minor requirements. GEOG 219 will be offered on Mondays from 4-7:00 pm and will be taught by Dr. Watson. Visit http://geography-minor.cofc.edu/ “Geography at CoC” on Facebook, or contact Dr. Annette Watson at WatsonAM@cofc.edu for more information about the minor.


William V. Moore Student Research Conference This student research conference will be held in April. All students are invited to attend the sessions but students considering a bachelor’s essay in the next year are especially encouraged to attend. For more information please contact Chris Day at DayC@cofc.edu or Philip H. Jos at JosP@cofc.edu.

Spring 2016 POLI Course Offerings General and Required Core Courses
- POLI 101.1 American Government MW 3:25pm Hinton
- POLI 102.1 American Government TR 1:40pm Wofford
- POLI 103.1 American Government MWF 8:00am Archie-Hudson
- POLI 14.1C American Government MWF 9:00am Ragusa
- POLI 101.5 American Government MWF 1:00pm Ragusa
- POLI 103.1 World Politics MWF 10:00am Creed
- POLI 102.3 World Politics TR 9:25am Liu
- POLI 103.3 World Politics TR 10:50am Liu
- POLI 104.2 GEG 101 World Regional Geog. MW 2:00pm Van Sant
- POLI 150.1 Intro. to Political Thought MWF 11:00am Curtis
- POLI 150.2 Intro. to Political Thought MWF 10:00am Felts
- POLI 150.3 Intro. to Political Thought MWF 12:00pm Felts
- POLI 150.4 Intro. to Political Thought TR 12:15pm Jos
- POLI 205.1 Doing Research in Politics TR 9:25am Knotts
- POLI 205.2 Doing Research in Politics MWF 10:00am Amira
- POLI 205.3 Doing Research in Politics MWF 11:00am Amira

Capstone Seminars
- POLI 405.1 Capstone: Civil War and Rebellion TR 10:50am Day
- POLI 405.2 Capstone: Statecraft TR 1:40pm Liu
- POLI 405.3 Capstone: Analyzing Am. Politics TR 9:25am Ragusa

American Politics and Process
- POLI 210.1 Intro. to Public Administration MWF 11:00am Chaffin
- POLI 307.1 Environmental Policy MWF 12:00pm Nowlin
- POLI 308.1 Education Policy MWF 10:00am Archie-Hudson
- POLI 308.1 Health Policy MWF 12:00pm Archie-Hudson
- POLI 319.1 ST: Applied Sustainability TR 12:15pm Fisher
- POLI 321.1 Civil Liberties TR 9:25am Wofford
- POLI 321.2 Civil Liberties TR 10:50am Wofford
- POLI 321.3 Political Parties MWF 1:00pm Amira
- POLI 331.1 Geog. of Native Lands/Indian Law TR 1:40pm Watson
- POLI 339.1 ST: Terrorism & Counter Terrorism MWF 9:00 Desjeans

Global Politics and Space
- POLI 266.1 Int. Diplomacy St. Model AU MWF 5:30 pm Day **EXP I
- POLI 266.2 Int. Diplomacy St. Model OAS R 3:30 pm Friedman
- POLI 350.1 Comparative Gender Politics TR 10:50pm France
- POLI 351.1 Politics of Contemp. Brazil MWF 2:00pm Friedman
- POLI 359.1 ST: Eastern European Politics TR 12:15pm Kovalov
- POLI 365.1 Int’l Relations in the Middle East MWF 12:00pm Creed

Politics of Ideas
- POLI 293.1 Ethics and Politics TR 1-40pm Jos
- POLI 303.1 Social and Political MWF 4:00 pm Sanders **EXP. II
- POLI 295.2 Law and Society TR 4:00 pm Sanders **EXP. II
- POLI 380.1 Jurisprudence MWF 9:00am Altick
- POLI 390.1 Contemporary Liberalism MWF 2:00pm Curtis
- POLI 399.1 ST: Technology and Politics MWF 2:00pm Felts

Other Electives
- POLI 102.1 ICS: Contemporary Political Issues TR 9:25am Day
- POLI 203.1 Criminal Gender TR 8:00am Aylor
- POLI 203.2 Criminal Justice MWF 7:00pm Dunaway
- POLI 203.3 Criminal Justice TR 7:30pm Aylor
- POLI 402.1 Field Internship W 5:30 – 6:45pm Jos

*Express I classes: January 7 – February 24
** Express II classes: February 29- April 21

+Reminder: You are not able to enroll in the following courses directly through MyCharleston: POLI 266 International Diplomacy Studies, POLI 402 Field Internship, POLI 405 Capstone Seminar. If interested in POLI 266 (Model AU), contact Dr. Chris Day at DayC@cofc.edu or contact Professor Doug Friedman at FriedmanD@cofc.edu regarding your interest in POLI 266.02 (Model OAS). Contact Kristin Wichmann at WichmannKM@cofc.edu regarding your interest in POLI 402 Field Internship. Complete the application capstone class. The link can be found here: http://tinyurl.com/pfi25fph

Spring Special Topics Course Descriptions
- POLI 319 - Social Sustainability

Sustainability is broadly about the capacity of our systems to perpetually endure. The three main areas of these systems are economic development, environmental protection, and social and cultural resilience. This course will focus on social and cultural resilience within a holistic frame of sustainability. It represents the most understudied aspects of sustainability, and
therefore it offers students a rare opportunity to explore a subject that is continuing to develop. Specifically, we will examine personal sustainability, cultural sustainability, justice/equity aspects of sustainability and community sustainability all in building greater interpersonal and social capital. The overarching theme of the course is to explore the ways in which social sustainability represents or can represent a vehicle for greater societal change.

POLI 339 - Terrorism & Counter Terrorism
This course examines terrorism and counterterrorism in the context of democratic society, focusing on the United States, the United Kingdom, Israel, France, and Russia. It will trace the history of terrorism, but focus substantially on developments since World War II when terrorist campaigns became a common tactic of asymmetric conflict for non-governmental individuals and groups. We will analyze the three post-WWII phases of terrorism, that is anti-colonial, ethno-nationalist and ideological, and religiously-motivated.

POLI 359 – Eastern European Politics
The course examines the developments of contemporary politics across the former Soviet and Central European countries. These states have undergone a dramatic transformation since World War II – politically, economically, and socially. In order to understand these developments, this course looks at how East Central European states came under the dominance of the Soviet Union, how the rebellious societies contested and resisted the communist regimes, and finally, how those regimes collapsed in the late 1980s. We will also examine the most recent transformations – the integration with the western world through memberships in NATO and the European Union, the “color revolutions” of the early 21st century, and recent tensions in relations between Russia and the West.

POLI 399 - Technology & Politics
This course broadly examines the connections between technology and government ranging from their use in the public sector (e.g., the use of surveillance tools for national security) to support for weapons development and scientific research. It also focuses on the broader impacts of technology on socio-economic systems as they present political issues, (e.g., civilian use of drone technology and issues of privacy) and the ideological issues raised by belief in a system based on ‘technological progress.’

Spring Capstone Enrollment
Registration for Capstone courses is not available through My Charleston. You must receive permission to enroll in the course from the department. Complete the online application at http://tinyurl.com/p2JSq. Capstones are filled on a first come first served basis; however, preference in enrollment will be given to students graduating in May 2016 who complete the application by November 1. 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 POLI coursework. You must complete POLI 205 before taking a capstone seminar. There are generally 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 to complete an application in a timely manner. Enrollment for each capstone is limited to 25 students to ensure a high-quality culminating experience.

Spring Capstone Descriptions

POLI 405.1 Capstone: Civil War and Rebellion
Civil wars are the most common form of contemporary warfare. Correspondingly, the study of civil war and rebellion has experienced a recent surge within the social sciences. Civil war is armed combat within the boundaries of a state between parties subject to a common authority. Rebellion is when armed actors revolt against state authority. We care about civil war and rebellion because of the death and destruction they cause directly through violence, and indirectly through population displacement, epidemics, famine, state breakdown, economic collapse, and regional instability. Using case studies from around the world, this capstone will focus on different theoretical, empirical, and methodological approaches to studying civil wars and their main actors. Students will conduct independent research on specific topics such as the onset, duration, and termination of civil wars, the organization and behavior of rebels and militias, regime counterinsurgency strategies, and the success or failure of international peace operations.

POLI 405.2 Capstone: Statecraft
Statecraft is the art of conducting government and diplomacy. Two central issues standout in contemporary statecraft: political order and great power relations. This capstone seminar focuses on the changing political order in China and the United States, and the dynamic relationship between the two great powers. We are going to explore contending perspectives of political development and political decay, and key reform policies. China and the United States cooperate extensively, but there is also rising competition in their complex relationship. We will examine contending theoretical approaches to great power relations. Our critical theoretical inquiry will be combined with empirical analysis of U.S.-China relations in the historical, bilateral, regional, and global context. Through such multi-dimensional analysis, we will gain a better understanding of the dynamics of great power relations in the era of globalization.

POLI 405.3 Capstone: Analyzing American Politics
Who will win the 2016 presidential election? Why is Congress gridlocked? Just how polarized is the American public? Can money buy election results? Why do Americans vote the way they do? We will explore these questions (and more) in this course. Unlike most classes, however, you will be responsible for coming up with the answers. In particular, this course will show you how to solve empirical puzzles by compiling, coding, and analyzing large-n datasets. Analyzing American Politics is a hybrid class designed to increase your understanding of key issues in American politics as well as develop your analytical skills. Over the course of the semester you will use a variety of computer programs, work with popular political science datasets, and learn how to test hypotheses and formulate sound empirical arguments. In addition to increasing your knowledge of American politics and research methodology, the skills learned in this class may be valuable to you in your career. As with any capstone class, the major assignment of the semester will be an advanced research paper on a topic of interest to you.

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

Summer 2016 POLI Courses
The Political Science Department is planning to offer the following summer courses: (Updates on additional classes, days, and times will be forthcoming.)

- POLI 210 Intro to Public Administration (Online) Knotts
- POLI 294 Sustainability (Online) Fisher
- POLI 402 Internship (Online) TBD
- POLI 405 Capstone France

Summer 2016 Study Abroad Programs
Study Abroad in Morocco May 10 – June 2; contact Dr. Jack Parson at ParsonsJ@cofc.edu for more information.

Study Abroad in Western Europe May 20 – June 2; Countries include Germany, France, and Belgium. Course offerings include POLI 352 and HIST 241. Contact Dr. Mark Long at LongM@cofc.edu for more information.

Upcoming Events
College of Charleston Model UN - November 6-7
The Model United Nations simulates a meeting of the U.N. where students represent member states on the issues of the day. Open to all interested students. Contact Dr. Max Kovalov at KovalovM@cofc.edu for more information.

Pies for Poli Sci: Friday, November 13 • 9-3 • Cougar Mall
Help the Political Science Club fundraise!

Political Science Convocation of Majors: Voting Rights and Race in American Politics
Monday, November 2 • 4pm • Sottile Theater
This year’s speaker is Lecia Brooks. Lecia Brooks leads the Southern Poverty Law Center’s outreach efforts on important social justice issues.