

Political Science Advising News & Notes

October 2017

Political Science Major Advising: October 23 – November 3

Spring Registration holds are in effect.

Sign up now to be advised!

You will not be able to 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 you have not heard from your advisor, email him or her. Come prepared with what classes you want to take in the spring so that there will be time to discuss other topics.

Spring 2018 Registration Schedule

(based on earned hours)

Date	Hrs.	Date	Hrs.
Oct. 27	106-122+	Nov. 13	30-39
Oct. 28	90-105	Nov. 14	20-29
Nov. 3	80-89	Nov. 15	11-19
Nov. 6	70-79	Nov. 16	1-10
Nov. 7	60-69	Nov. 17	0
Nov. 9	50-59		
Nov. 10	40-49		

College Calendar

Nov. 22 – 26	Thanksgiving break
December 4	Last day of classes
December 6	Final exams begin
December 13	Last day of final exams
December 16	Commencement
February 1	Spring 2018 Graduation Application due

Geography Minor

Spring 2018 courses: GEOG 301, POLI 104, POLI 245, POLI 305, POLI 340, POLI 350, POLI 359 and POLI 398 fulfill minor requirements.

Visit <http://geography-minor.cofc.edu/>, "Geography at CofC" on Facebook, or contact Dr. Mark Long at LongM@cofc.edu for more information about the minor.

Politics, Philosophy, and Law Concentration

Spring 2018 courses: PHIL 209, PHIL 270, POLI 150, POLI 295, POLI 321, POLI 360.

Public Policy Concentration

Spring 2018 courses: ECON 200, ECON 201, HEAL 230, HEAL 350, POLI 101, POLI 325, POLI 307, POLI 309, POLI 361, POLI 402, PBHL 495

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 a paid or 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 <http://polisci.cofc.edu/student-ops/local-internships.php> or CougarJobLink under the Student Services tab in MyCharleston.

Spring 2018 POLI Course Offerings

Core Courses

POLI 101.1 American Government MW 4:00pm Hinton *EXP I
 POLI 101.2 American Government MWF 8:00am Archie-Hudson
 POLI 101.3 American Government TR 1:40pm Wofford
 POLI 101.4/5 LC4: American Government MWF 10:00am Chaffin
 POLI 101.6 American Government TR 9:25am Matheny
 POLI 101.7 American Government TR 10:50am Matheny

POLI 103.1 World Politics MWF 12:00pm Creed
 POLI 103.2 World Politics TR 9:25am Liu
 POLI 103.3 World Politics TR 10:50am Liu

POLI 104.2/GEOG 101 World Regional Geog. TR 10:50am Long

POLI 150.1 Intro. to Political Thought TR 9:25am Curtis
 POLI 150.2 Intro. to Political Thought TR 2:00pm Hinton *EXP I
 POLI 150.3 Intro. to Political Thought TR 12:15pm Jos

POLI 205.1 Doing Research in Politics MWF 10:00am Amira
 POLI 205.2 Doing Research in Politics MWF 11:00am Amira
 POLI 205.3 Doing Research in Politics TR 1:40pm Nowlin

Capstone Seminars

+POLI 405.1 Capstone: MWF 1:00pm Amira
 +POLI 405.2 Capstone: TR 10:50am Day

Electives (Select a minimum of 3 credit hours in each of the three subfields)

American Politics and Process

POLI 305.1 Urbanization/Urban Geography MW 2:00pm Keenan
 POLI 307.1 Environmental Policy TR 12:15pm Nowlin
 POLI 309.1 Health Policy MWF 11:00am Archie-Hudson
 POLI 312.1 Social Welfare Policy/Sustain. MWF 11:00am Chaffin
 POLI 321.1 Civil Liberties TR 9:25am Wofford
 POLI 321.2 Civil Liberties TR 10:50am Wofford
 POLI 325.1 The Presidency MW 2:00pm Stewart
 POLI 326.1 American Politics/Mass Media MW 2:00pm Lee
 POLI 339.1 ST: Terrorism/Counter Terrorism MWF 9:00am Desjeans

Global Politics and Space

POLI 245.1 Cuban Revolution MWF 1:00 pm Friedman
 +POLI 266.1 Int. Diplomacy St. *Model AU* MW 5:30pm Day*EXP I
 +POLI 266.2 Int. Diplomacy St. *Model OAS* R 5:30pm Friedman
 POLI 350.1 Comparative Gender Politics TR 12:15pm France
 POLI 359.1 Eastern European Politics TR 12:15pm Kovalov
 POLI 361.1 Topics in Foreign Policy TR 1:40pm Liu
 POLI 363.1 Intl Law and Organization TR 4:05pm Fisher
 POLI 365.1 Intl Relations of the Mid East MWF 9:00am Creed

Politics of Ideas

POLI 295.1 Law and Society MW 4:00pm Sanders **EXP. II
 POLI 295.2 Law and Society TR 4:00pm Sanders **EXP. II
 POLI 390.1 Contemporary Liberalism TR 10:50am Curtis
 POLI 395.1 Global Political Thought TR 9:25am Day
 POLI 398.1 Political Geography TR 9:25am Long

Other

POLI 203.1 Criminal Justice MW 6:15pm Dunaway**EXP. II
 POLI 203.2 Criminal Justice TR 6:30pm Ginsburg
 +POLI 402.1 Field Internship T 4:00pm Wichmann

*Express I classes: January 8- February 23

** Express II classes: February 28- April 23

+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 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: <https://tinyurl.com/y8bes2yf>

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

Spring Special Topics Course Descriptions

POLI 339 - Terrorism & Counter Terrorism (Desjeans)

This course examines international terrorism and counterterrorism efforts, focusing on the western democracies and on US counterterrorism in particular. It will concentrate substantially on the three post World War II phases of terrorism when the tactic of terror became a common aspect of asymmetric conflict by non-governmental individuals and groups. There will be special focus on the current phase of terrorism--religiously motivated terror--looking at its roots, potency, and sustainability. Students will also examine and discuss the range of western counterterrorism tactics, including controversial US practices in the aftermath of the 911 attack.

POLI 359 – Eastern European Politics (Kovalov)

The course examines the developments of contemporary politics across Eastern 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 and Central European states came under the dominance of the Soviet Union; how their 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.

GEOG 301 – Comparative Indigenous Water Rights and Governance (Watson)

Water has sustained not only Indigenous peoples' traditional economies, but is often a key element for Native spiritual lives; therefore, struggles over the control of water have been central to Indigenous strategies of economic development, activism, and decolonization. In this course we will compare case studies around the world where Native communities have or are engaged in conflict over water governance: the recent protests in the US over the Dakota Access Pipeline by the Standing Rock tribe is just one of many struggles Indigenous peoples wage over water rights. Students will examine the Indigenous Knowledge systems that have evolved around water, and review contemporary attempts to “co-manage” water in a variety of national contexts.

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 <https://tinyurl.com/y8bes2yf>. Capstones are filled on a first come first served basis; however, **preference in enrollment will be given to students graduating in May 2018 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: 2016 Election in Hindsight (Amira)

The 2016 Presidential Election will be discussed and analyzed for many years. Now that this event is behind us, scholars are trying to understand the forces that governed this unique and historic moment. This capstone will delve into scholarly and non-scholarly work that explain the institutions, public sentiment, political movements and social movements that shaped 2016. This mix of perspectives coming from a variety of sources (data driven research articles, books, journalism, etc.) will teach students about the complexities of the American experience in the contemporary United States and how these experiences manifest themselves into a mass political behavior: voting. Students will also develop their own specific question about the election and select a research method to answer that question in a comprehensive term paper.

POLI 405.2 Capstone: Civil War and Rebellion (Day)

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.

Fall Capstone Descriptions

For planning purposes, the department anticipates offering the following two capstones for Fall 2018:

POLI 405.1 Capstone: War (Creed)

The primary purpose of this seminar is to use and build on the backgrounds, skills and insights you have gained in Political Science up to now to explore how and why the United States and other international actors engage in war, how war has affected societies and how war may be changing with the continued evolution of the international system. In the process, you will be exposed to elements of America's conflict in Vietnam and confront multiple perspectives on the nature of contemporary war while conducting independent research throughout the semester on an aspect of war that particularly interests you.

POLI 405.2/PPLW 405.1: Reproduction and the Law (Curtis)

First preference will be given to PPLW students. When thinking about the law and reproduction we tend to think only of abortion and the many Supreme Court decisions surrounding the question of abortion rights. But reproductive rights goes beyond abortion to thinking about the ethical and legal understanding of having children, NOT having children and parenting children.

Summer 2018 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 101 American Government (Online)	Chaffin
POLI 104/GEOG 101 World Reg. Geog. (Online)	Watson
POLI 211 Intro to Public Policy (Online)	Nowlin
POLI 405 Capstone	France

Summer 2018 Study Abroad Programs

Additional information on all programs and classes can be found at <http://international.cofc.edu/study-abroad/cofcsummer.php>.

Cambodia & Vietnam mid-May to mid-June; contact Dr. Chris Day at DayC@cofc.edu for more information. (POLI 379.1-Emerging from Violence & POLI 379.2-The Politics of International Intervention)

Great Britain and Scotland May 16-June 15; contact Dr. Mark Long at LongM@cofc.edu for more information. (POLI 359-Remapping a Europe in Crisis)

Morocco and Spain June 10-July 2; contact Dr. Jack Parson at ParsonJ@cofc.edu for more information.

Upcoming Events

Fall Geography Lecture

Tuesday, October 24 • 7:00 pm • Sottile Theater
Artist and filmmaker Chris Jordan gives us a window onto the Anthropocene. In this lecture, he will describe his voyages to the Midway Atoll, a remote island in the Pacific Ocean where he has documented the plight of native albatrosses that are affected by ocean plastic.

College of Charleston Model UN • November 3-4

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.

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 Mark Long at LongM@cofc.edu.