

SUMMER AND FALL 2023 POLITICAL SCIENCE ADVISING NEWSLETTER

What are "holds" and why do they matter to me?

When's the earliest date that I can register?

**What courses are being offered?
Do they fit my schedule?**

Where are course descriptions for Capstones and Special Topics courses?

What are the eligibility requirements for "Capstone" and how do I register?

Answers to these and other important questions can be found inside!

REGISTRATION HOLDS

Advising holds will be effective as of March 28th. You will not be able to register for any classes until your advisor removes your hold.

The faculty are holding advising appointments between March 15th and April 5th.

ADVISING IS MANDATORY!
Schedule your appointment today.

The purpose of the registration hold is to ensure that you meet with your advisor to ask questions and receive input about your progress in the major.

Please contact your advisor for an appointment (see Degree Works if you are unsure who that is) or follow instructions received from your advisor via email. Come prepared with a list of classes you are considering, so that there will be ample time to discuss other topics important to you (i.e. minors, internships, study abroad, the mentorship program, graduate and/or law school, career plans, etc.)

ATTENTION RISING SENIORS!

Complete your advising appointment early so you don't miss the opportunity to get the courses you need to graduate!

REGISTRATION DATES

The order in which students can register is based on earned credits, not credits in progress.

Check Degree Works now to see how many credits you've earned, then use the link below to identify the date you'll be allowed to register.

Schedule a meeting with your political science advisor well in advance, so you'll have your plan in place when it's your turn to register!

Registration entry dates can be found at <https://registrar.cofc.edu/calendars/entrytimes.php>

Registration for Summer 2023 begins on March 16th.

Registration for Fall 2023 begins on March 28th.

Registration for Summer and Fall 2023 will take place in My Portal. Go to <https://myportal.cofc.edu/> and look for the tile "Registration Tools."

SUMMER 2023
All courses held online!

Maymester: May 15–May 31

POLI 101.01 American Government (Ragusa)

POLI 103.01 World Politics (Day)

POLI 405.01 Capstone (France)

Note: POLI 405.01 is held online but with scheduled class meetings Mondays through Fridays, from 8:30-12 noon (See course description, requirements and application link on page 4)

Summer I: June 5–June 30

POLI 101.02 American Government (Ragusa)

POLI 101.03 American Government (Kwak)

POLI 101.04 American Government (Ford)

POLI 104.01/GEOG 101.01 World Regional Geography (Rivet)

POLI 211.01 Intro to Public Policy (Nowlin)

POLI 294.01 Intro to Sustainability (Fisher)

POLI 321.02 Civil Liberties (McGinnis)

Extended Summer: May 15–June 28

POLI 205.01 Doing Research in Politics (Amira)

POLI 321.01 Civil Liberties (McGinnis)

Summer II: July 10–August 4

POLI 104.02/GEOG 101.02 World Regional Geography (Long)

POLI 370 Sustainable Development (Fisher)

POLI 402.01 Field Internship (France)

POLI 402 requires permission to enroll. Review requirements and follow instructions on page 12

Capstone Requirements

Registration for capstone seminars is not done through MyPortal! See requirements and application link below.

The capstone is a senior requirement for the major, designed to be completed within the last nine hours of POLI coursework. You must complete POLI 205 before taking a capstone course.

Capstones are filled on a first-come, first-served basis and enrollment is limited to 25 students to ensure a high-quality culminating experience.

It is your responsibility to complete the application for permission to enroll in a timely manner. You must have met with your advisor and have had your hold removed prior to submitting your application. Once we receive your application, if you are eligible, you will be enrolled in the course.

If you have not heard from us or been enrolled by April 15th, please contact Dr. Ragusa at ragusajm@cofc.edu.

Maymester Capstone

POLI 405 No Passport Required:

Globalization from a Community Perspective (France)
(Note: Class is held online, but with scheduled class meetings Mondays through Fridays, from 8:30-12 noon)

This capstone will explore the connections between local communities and global processes. The goal is to recognize, become informed, and critically evaluate how global processes shape and transform society and people's lives, and how communities respond to global processes.

In order to dispel the conventional notion that globalization is something happening "over there," five local, lowcountry case studies (shrimping and aquaculture, wind energy diversity and consumption, union and worker rights, migrant farm workers, and foreign guest workers in the hospitality industry) will be employed to demonstrate the presence of globalization "here."

Students will have opportunities to interact with key stakeholders via Zoom, and to explore the global-local nexus surrounding each case study.

The application for the MAYMESTER Capstone can be accessed here: <https://forms.gle/sVV6oU1leZuWcYQB9>

See pages 7-8 for the FALL capstone offerings & unique application link.

FALL 2023 Course Offerings

Required CORE Courses:

Students can elect to take either POLI 103 OR POLI 104. ALL OTHER COURSES ARE REQUIRED

Legend:

ONLINE = NO SCHEDULED CLASS MEETINGS

ONLINE + = ONLINE PLUS SCHEDULED CLASS MEETINGS

~ Requires permission to enroll~ Follow instructions as noted

+Special Topics Courses+ See full descriptions on page 9

POLI 101 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

01-MWF, 1000-1050, Altick

02-MWF, 1100-1150, Altick

04-T/R, 1050-1205, Kwak

05-T/R, 0925-1040, Kwak

06-T/R, 1215-1330, Wofford

08-ONLINE, Ragusa

09-EXP II, M/W, 1600-1845, Howell

10-ONLINE, Daniels

EXPRESS I - 8/22-10/9, 2023

EXPRESS II - 10/10-12/11, 2023

POLI 103 WORLD POLITICS

01-T/R, 1050-1205, Thomas

02-T/R, 1215-1330, Day

03-MWF, 1300-1350, Brown

POLI 104/GEOG 101 WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY

01-ONLINE, Rivet

02-MWF, 1300-1350, Watson

POLI 150 INTRO TO POLITICAL THOUGHT

01-T/R, 1505-1620, Altick

04-MWF, 1200-1250, Curtis

POLI 205 DOING RESEARCH IN POLITICS

01-T/R, 0925-1040, Amira

02-T/R, 1050-1205, Amira

~POLI 405~ CAPSTONE

01-T/R, 0925-1040, Long

02-T/R, 1340-1455, Amira

PPLW concentration? Choose PPLW 400.02 as your CAPSTONE, with Dr. Nadelhoffer

Meets ONLINE with scheduled class meetings

MW, 1600-1715

Registration for Capstone is not done through MyPortal. See requirements, application, and course descriptions for Fall Capstones on pages 7-8.

FALL 2023

ELECTIVES:

A MINIMUM OF 3 CREDIT HOURS ARE
REQUIRED IN EACH OF THE THREE SUBFIELDS

SUBFIELD ONE: AMERICAN POLITICS AND PROCESS

POLI 210 Intro to Public Policy - ONLINE, Daniels
POLI 305 Urbanization and Urban Geography - MWF, 1000-1050, Rivet
POLI 320.01 Constitutional Law - T/R, 1050-1205, Wofford
POLI 320.03 Constitutional Law - MW, 1400-1515, Lanz
POLI 323 The Congress - M/W, 1400-1515, Ragusa
POLI 330 Southern Politics - T/R, 1215-1330, Knotts
POLI 332 Women and Politics - M/W, 1400-1515, Ford
+POLI 339+ Special Topics in American Politics: Trial Advocacy - Tuesdays,
1600-1845, Fisher

SUBFIELD TWO: GLOBAL POLITICS AND SPACES

~POLI 261~ Model UN - T/R, 1340-1455, Brown
*(Registration for POLI 261 is not through MyPortal; Course participation requires permission
of instructor; see page 10 for details)*

POLI 265 Int'l Political Economy - ONLINE, France
POLI 342 Politics of Africa - Tuesdays, 1730-2015, Day
POLI 347 Int'l Development: Theories & Practices - T/R, 1340-1455, Thomas
POLI 364 Int'l Environmental Politics - T/R, 1340-1455, Fisher
POLI 365 Int'l Relations of the Middle East - T/R, 1505-1620, Brown

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SUBFIELD THREE: POLITICS OF IDEAS

POLI 294 Intro to Sustainability - ONLINE, Fisher
POLI 295 Law and Society - T/R, 1600-1715, Dunaway
POLI 391 Utopia/Dystopia - M/W, 1525-1640, Curtis
+POLI 399.01+ Special Topics/Politics of Ideas: Politics and
Existentialism - T/R, 1340-1455, Altick
+POLI 399.02+ Special Topics/Politics of Ideas: Marxism - T/R,
1215-1330, Krasnoff

"Special topics+" course
descriptions can be found on
page 9

"OTHER" - the courses below (or any
from the subfields) can satisfy the 12
additional credit hours needed to
complete the major

POLI 203.01 Criminal Justice - T/R, 1050-1205, Aldridge
POLI 203.03 Criminal Justice - M/W, 1400-1515, Dunaway
POLI 203.04 Criminal Justice - M/W, 1525-1640, Dunaway
~POLI 402~ Field Internship - ONLINE, France
*POLI 402 requires permission to enroll. Review requirements and
follow instructions on page 12*

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The Fall 2023 capstone course descriptions can be found on page 8.

The application for the Fall 2023 capstone course can be accessed here: <https://forms.gle/Lt8p5sHyxMCqunLv7>

**DO NOT USE THE ABOVE LINK FOR SUMMER CAPSTONES!
SEE DETAILS FOR SUMMER ON PAGE 4!**

Capstone Course Descriptions – Fall 2023

POLI 405.01 Political Geographies of Eating – T/R, 0925–1040, Long

Eating may well be our most banal political act, something we engage in several times a day, often mindlessly. Yet, as British journalist Dan Saladino, whose *Eating to Extinction* we will be reading, puts it “Food shows us where real power lies; it can explain conflicts and wars; showcase human creativity and invention; account for the rise and fall of empires; and expose the causes and consequences of disasters. Food stories are perhaps the most essential stories of all” (2022:3). This capstone is designed around two things: diving deeply into that politics to (re)discover what food means to us, how it is produced, and its ecological implications; and students undertaking independent research on a food related topic of their choosing. It will entail intensive reading, research and writing. Come ready to rethink some of your assumptions about the politics of the everyday and to push yourself to showcase the skills you have developed over your time as a political science major.

Registration for capstone seminars is not done through MyPortal! See requirements and application information on page 7 for Fall and page 4 for Summer

POLI 405.02 Social Media and Politics – T/R, 1340–1455, Amira

In the span of 20 years, social media has gone from teenagers posting superficial away messages on AIM to politicians stating that dealing with Facebook is akin to negotiating with a foreign power. This capstone course examines the role of social media in American political life. We will cover how these sites and networks affect public opinion, political behavior, campaigns/elections and institutions such as the Presidency, Congress and the news media. The course will also cover the scholarly methods used to study these topics. All students will complete their own research projects on social media’s role in politics in some way, shape or form.

Students with a PPLW concentration must choose PPLW 400.02 to fulfill their capstone requirement.

Others will be allowed in this section only if space permits.

PPLW 400.02 Insanity in Psychiatry, Law, and Ethics Meets ONLINE with scheduled class meetings on MW, 1600–1715, Nadelhoffer

The goal of this course is to take a close look at the history and moral foundations of the legal concept of insanity. We will start with a brief overview of how criminal law is structured and the role that excuses play more generally. We will then discuss several of the different standards that have been developed to define legal insanity in the common law tradition. Along the way we will discuss several landmark court cases from both here and abroad that have helped set the stage for the role insanity presently plays in courtrooms around the world. Having taken a close look at the history and moral and legal foundations of the insanity defense, we will take a look at several famous criminals who used insanity as a defense for their crime and discuss whether or not you think they should have been found guilty (and why or why not). Finally, we will take a look at the nature of psychopathy and the question of whether psychopaths should qualify for the insanity defense. In most jurisdictions, they do not. The question we will explore is whether this is the morally and socially appropriate legal response to psychopathic criminality.

SPECIAL TOPICS COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

POLI 339 Trial Advocacy - Tuesdays, 1600-1845, Fisher

This course examines the fundamentals of trial practice. The course will focus on the U.S. trial system, legal reasoning and persuasive argumentation through simulated aspects of courtroom trials. The final part of the course will be participation in a full mock trial. To this end, there will be an emphasis upon the methods of preparation and development of facts into evidence, along with tactical and ethical aspects of problems confronting the trial lawyer. This is an undergraduate course designed to engage students in critical and creative thinking with an emphasis on high impact learning, rather than an emphasis on imparting professional lawyering skills (as one would do in law school).

POLI 399.01 Politics and Existentialism - T/R, 1340-1455, Altick

Existentialism is a broad philosophical and cultural perspective or world-view, encompassing an eclectic and multifaceted range of philosophical, cultural, and literary influences. It is largely born out of a tumultuous and traumatic 20th century, with roots in the secularization of modernity in the 19th century. We will engage a range of influential existentialist thinkers and writers beginning with two of the most influential 19th century Western thinkers: Soren Kierkegaard, the Danish theologian & philosopher, considered the "father of existentialism," and the influential & controversial German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche. We will examine pressing contemporary political themes and topics from these existentialist perspectives, such as energy production, global warming, food production, economic development, identity politics and multiculturalism in democracy in the 21st century.

POLI 399.02 Marxism - T/R, 1215-1330, Krasnoff

A study of the Marxist intellectual tradition, starting with its antecedents, proceeding on to Marx's own writings, and finishing with the work of his successors. Our main task will be to identify the essential theoretical features of Marx's analysis of capitalism, so that we can fairly evaluate its practical value both in its time and in ours.

REMINDER!

**~SPECIAL PERMISSION REQUIRED~
THE FOLLOWING COURSES REQUIRE SPECIAL
PERMISSION TO ENROLL
FOLLOW DIRECTIONS AS NOTED.**

REMINDER!

~POLI 261~ Model UN

Participation in this course requires permission from instructor.

Complete application form (see link below) and await further instructions.

<https://forms.gle/2qTcy857oBLtvuJL6>

~POLI 402~ Field Internship

Are you considering a fall internship? If so, you may qualify to enroll in POLI 402 and receive course credit.

REVIEW THE REQUIREMENTS ON PAGE 12.

~POLI 405~ CAPSTONE SEMINARS

Registration for capstones is not done through MyPortal! See requirements and application information as follows:

**SEE PAGE 4 FOR MAYMESTER CAPSTONE
SEE PAGE 7-8 FOR FALL CAPSTONES**

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The list below contains courses being offered in Fall 2023 that may satisfy minor or concentration requirements. It is not meant to be an exhaustive list, nor a substitute for understanding your requirements as listed in the catalog.

POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY, AND LAW CONCENTRATION (PPLW)

PHIL 206 Topics in Law and Morality:
Criminal Minds? Intro to Forensic Science
POLI 150 Intro to Political Thought
POLI 261 Model UN
POLI 295 Law and Society
POLI 320 Constitutional Law
POLI 339 Special Topics: Trial Advocacy
POLI 399 Special Topics: Politics and Existentialism
PPLW 400 Capstone Seminar: Insanity in Psychiatry, Law, and Ethics
POLI 402 Field Internship

PUBLIC POLICY CONCENTRATION (PLCY)

ECON 200 Principles of Microeconomics
ECON 201 Principles of Macroeconomics
HEAL 230 Global Health
HEAL 350 Epidemiology
POLI 101 American Government
POLI 210 Intro to Public Administration
POLI 261 Model UN
POLI 265 International Political Economy
POLI 294 Intro to Sustainability
POLI 323 The Congress
POLI 339 Special Topics in American Politics: Trial Advocacy
POLI 347 Int'l Development: Theories and Practice
POLI 399 Special Topics: Politics and Existentialism
POLI 402 Field Internship
POLI 405 Capstone Seminar

GEOGRAPHY MINOR

GEOG 101/POLI 104 World Regional Geography
GEOG 219 Reading the Lowcountry
POLI 265 International Political Economy
POLI 305 Urbanization and Urban Geography
POLI 330 Southern Politics
POLI 342 Politics of Africa
POLI 344 Politics of the Middle East

POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR

GEOG 101/POLI 104 World Regional Geography
POLI 101 American Government
POLI 103 World Politics
POLI 150 Intro to Political Thought
POLI 261 Model UN
POLI 339 Special Topics in American Politics: Trial Advocacy
POLI 399.01 Special Topics: Politics and Existentialism
POLI 399.02 Special Topics: Marxism
POLI 402 Field Internship

The list below contains NEW electives which will now satisfy the requirements of the Geography Minor. They may or may not be offered in Fall 2023. Check the schedule for more info.

NEW ELECTIVES FOR THE GEOG MINOR INCLUDE:

CLAS 322 Mediterranean Landscapes (3)
ENGL 233 Survey of Non-Western Twentieth Century Literature (3)
ENGL 234 Survey of Third-World Masterpieces (3)
GEOG 103 Environmental Geology (3)
GEOG 402 Geospatial Science (4)
GEOG 449 Geographical Information Systems (4)
GEOG 469 Advanced GIS - Environmental and Hazards Modeling (4)
HIST 291 Disease, Medicine, and History (3)
INEU 101 Introduction to Europe (3)
LACS 101 Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Studies (3)
PHYS 105 Introduction to Meteorology (3)
PHYS 106L Exercises in Weather and Climate (2)
PHYS 225 Climate (3)
POLI 265 International Political Economy (3)
POLI 350 Global Gender Politics (3)
POLI 370 Sustainable Development (3)
POLI 443 Governance of Social-Ecological Systems (3)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS* FOR CREDIT-BASED INTERNSHIPS

Eligibility Requirements*

Completion of 18 semester hours in political science coursework including POLI 205 with a passing grade, plus a minimum GPA of 2.8 in political science coursework and a GPA of 2.5 overall.

***Requirements may be waived under certain circumstances.**

Contact

**Dr. Jordan Ragusa
(ragusajm@cofc.edu) if you lack the necessary requirements to discuss.**

The department can assist in recommending potential internships, but students are ultimately responsible for arranging their placements.

Course Expectations

Actively participate in the online class by completing all coursework in a timely manner.

Intern 10–15 hours/week virtually or at your internship site (140 hours total for semester). Internships can be paid or unpaid.

Required Forms

Internship Learning Agreement

Students who have secured an internship and wish to receive credit must complete the internship learning agreement form (<https://polisci.cofc.edu/student-ops/credit-internships.php>) and schedule an appointment with Dr. Jordan Ragusa (ragusajm@cofc.edu).

Site Supervisor Evaluation Form

Interns will be evaluated by their site supervisors and the evaluation counts as a percentage of their final course grade. These forms will be distributed to students and employers at the beginning of the semester.

Students are encouraged to seek virtual internships during the pandemic. If you choose to do an in-person internship, an experiential learning waiver must be submitted prior to the start of your internship experience.