GUIDE TO UNDERGRADUATE STUDY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Are you interested in American politics? International affairs? Critical issues such as health, the environment, civil rights? Theories concerning the ideal government and how power and resources are allocated in society? Do you want to study these subjects and pursue a career based on your interest? If so, you should consider studying political science.

According to the American Political Science Association (http://www.apsanet.org/content_9181.cfm),

Political science is the study of governments, public policies and political processes, systems, and political behavior. Political science subfields include political theory, political philosophy, political ideology, political economy, policy studies and analysis, comparative politics, international relations, and a host of related fields. Political scientists use both humanistic and scientific perspectives and tools and a variety of methodological approaches to examine the process, systems, and political dynamics of all countries and regions of the world.

The study of political science has value in several ways.

More than a minimum knowledge of the function of political systems ought to be acquired by those who expect to have jobs that will make them ‘representatives’ of the political system itself. Thus, anyone expecting to enter a career in business, teaching, civil service, the military, law enforcement, or law has some social responsibility to obtain an education in the nature of governmental processes.

Political science students gain a versatile set of skills that can be applied in a wide range of exciting careers in federal, state and local governments; law; business; international organizations; nonprofit associations and organizations; campaign management and polling; journalism; primary or secondary education; electoral politics; research and university and college teaching. Many political science majors acquire such specialized skills as polling, data analysis and political campaigning. More importantly, a political science degree provides general skills that employers in every field value: critical reading, information gathering and analysis, oral and written communication.

The knowledge and skills acquired through a degree in political science provide an excellent preparation for those who want to pursue further education. Because of the importance of policymaking and regulation in so many fields, political science complements advanced training in law, engineering, planning, journalism, science, public health and other professions. Many students, especially those interested in public service or work with non-governmental organizations, go on to graduate work at the Master of Arts level in political science. Ph.D. programs in political science train teacher-scholars in the field. Students learn to conduct research at the professional level. Ph.D. recipients work at universities and colleges as well as in governmental agencies, private research centers (“think tanks”) and the corporate sector.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

A. Fulfillment of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (CLAS) requirements. In this connection, for all undergraduate degrees, a student must complete four semesters of college level courses (or the equivalent) in a foreign language. All other CLAS General Education Program requirements must be equally satisfied.

B. A minimum of 33 semester hours of course work in political science must be completed for the major. The requirement includes the following:

30:001 (POLI:1100) Introduction to American Politics
Plus four of the following introductory courses:¹
30:020 (POLI:1001) Introduction to Politics
30:030 (POLI:1300) Introduction to Political Thought & Political Action
30:041 (POLI:1401) Introduction to the Politics of Russia & Eurasia
30:043 (POLI:1403) Introduction to Politics in the Muslim World
30:045 (POLI:1405) Introduction to Comparative Politics
30:050 (POLI:1200) Introduction to Political Behavior
30:060 (POLI:1500) Introduction to International Relations
30:061 (POLI:1501) Introduction to American Foreign Policy
30:070 (POLI:1600) Introduction to Political Communication
30:071 (POLI:1601) Introduction to Political Media

Plus, eighteen or more semester hours of work in political science courses numbered 100 or above. At least twelve of the required 18 hours must be taken in regularly scheduled classroom work. Students who transfer from another college or university to the University of Iowa must take at least 12 of the 33 semester hours in Political Science at the University of Iowa.

NOTE: Credit for courses 30:029 (POLI:1000) First-Year Seminar and 30:191 (POLI:4900) Government Internship may not be applied to the political science major or minor.

NOTE: Distance courses, whether offered via the web (EXW) or as Guided Independent Study (EXZ), are not open to regularly enrolled students without permission from the Department's Director of Undergraduate Studies.

C. A Bachelor of Science degree requires the following additional courses:

1) 30:100 (POLI:3000) Understanding Political Research, and

2) 30:193 (POLI:4701) Undergraduate Research Tutorial OR 30:185 (POLI:4600) Honors Research Project,

3) completion of one of the three sets of three semesters of mathematics or statistics courses noted below, with a grade point of 2.00. The following sets of mathematics or statistics courses are approved:

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Other sets of courses may be used with the written approval of the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

Course 30:194 (POLI:4702) Senior Research Project is recommended but not required for the Bachelor of Science.

You should declare your intent to pursue a B.S. degree as soon as possible so that this will be reflected on your progress reports.

¹Not all of these introductory courses may be offered each semester, but we expect that each of them will be offered at least once each academic year.
NOTE: Required courses 30:100 (POLI:3000), 30:193 (POLI:4701) and recommended course 30:194 (POLI:4702) will be counted toward the 18 s.h. 100-level course requirement.

D. A grade point average of at least 2.0 in all political science courses taken (including, in the case of transfer students, all political science courses taken at Iowa) and mathematics/statistics courses taken for the B.S. degree. Majors must take all courses in political science on a graded basis, and NOT on the basis of pass/non-pass grading.

E. Credits received while studying abroad through a University of Iowa Regents' Program are not considered transfer credits but in-residence credits.

F. The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences maximum hours rule permits students earning a B.A. or B.S. to apply no more than 50 s.h. from one department to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation, whether or not the course work is accepted toward major requirements. Students who earn more than 50 s.h. from one department may use the additional semester hours to satisfy major requirements (if the department accepts them), and the grades they earn become part of their grade-point average; however, they cannot apply the additional semester hours to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Students may use approved courses from their major department to satisfy the General Education Requirements. Courses approved by the College for General Education are listed on the College’s website: http://clas.uiowa.edu/students/general-education-program-requirements.

No More than Three Courses from One Department
Students may use no more than three approved courses from any one department to satisfy the General Education requirements. Courses taken to satisfy the Foreign Language Requirement are excluded from this rule.

HONORS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The department has a program leading to a B.A. or a B.S. degree with honors. Entry into the program is open to students with an overall University of Iowa grade-point average of 3.3 and a minimum 3.3 GPA in political science. To graduate with honors, however, a student must obtain a minimum 3.5 GPA in political science along with an overall University of Iowa GPA of 3.3. Students are encouraged to take honors sections of our introductory courses whenever available. Students also are encouraged to take upper-class Honors Seminars as often as possible, but the program requires only nine semester hours of upper-class honors coursework graded B or better.

Honors students must complete three courses:
1. 30:180 (POLI:4000) Honors Seminar on the Study of Politics, preferably taken as a sophomore.
2. At least one additional honors seminar:
   30:181 (POLI:4100) Honors Seminar on American Politics,
   30:182 (POLI:4300) Honors Seminar on Political Theory,
   30:183 (POLI:4400) Honors Seminar on Comparative Politics, or
   30:184 (POLI:4500) Honors Seminar on International Politics
   This requirement also may be met by taking a 300-level course, with the consent of the instructor.

Contact the department honors adviser for more information about honors in Political Science.

Oral Discussion of Honors Thesis: Those honors students choosing to write an honors thesis (30:186) are required to schedule an oral discussion of their completed honors thesis, mainly to enrich the intellectual experience of its author. The author discusses the thesis with a faculty committee including the thesis director and the department’s
honors director or a faculty member designated by that official. Together, the two may appoint more faculty. The committee may withhold approval of fundamentally inadequate theses, but directors are to schedule theses for discussion only when they are ready; and the discussion typically concentrates on exploring thesis ideas from several perspectives rather than whether to approve a thesis. The University Honors Program provides useful additional information regarding the writing of an honors thesis: http://honors.uiowa.edu/research/theses/index.shtml.

INDEPENDENT STUDY CONTRACT

Students can learn about politics outside their regularly scheduled classes—and receive academic credit for doing so. You just need to agree with a qualified member of the Political Science faculty on an appropriate project of study or research. The options and course numbers are explained below. The student and his or her faculty supervisor must complete and sign the form found at the link above before they can enroll. Completing this agreement ahead of time helps you get the most possible from the experience. Once this form has been signed, you must submit a copy to the Department (in person or by mail to 341 Schaeffer Hall).

Independent Study The student learns about a political topic or question in depth by studying it under a faculty member’s supervision but with substantial autonomy. You may have become interested in a topic during a regular course. By all means, contact the teacher of that course to discuss you doing an independent study project. The faculty member provides advice throughout the semester and assesses the finished product, typically a paper or other written report. The course numbered POLI 4700, Independent Study, is appropriate for this.

Involvement with Faculty Research Many students enjoy the opportunity to assist a faculty member on his or her research. This gives you a view of the political world based on testing rival theories or models with new information—the work that underlies the academic discipline of Political Science and for which Iowa’s faculty members are internationally renowned. Usually, you will have already taken one or more courses from the faculty member you would like to work with. The course numbered POLI 4701, Research Tutorial, provides credit. If you are pursuing the Political Science major with honors, you sign up instead for POLI 4600, Honors Research Project.

Senior Thesis/Project An excellent way to pull together the facets of what you have learned as a Political Science major is to complete a senior thesis. In addition to the learning you do, a senior thesis provides a valuable writing sample to share when applying for jobs or graduate school. A thesis should be deeper and more polished than papers completed for regular courses. Again, you may approach a faculty member with appropriate expertise, request his or her supervision, and explain: a) what question you would like to answer, b) how this relates to your prior coursework or experiences, and c) why you see the faculty member as able to help you. The relevant courses are POLI 4702, Senior Research Project, or POLI 4601, Senior Honors Thesis.

NOTE: Being involved in some practical aspect of politics—an internship—is another learning opportunity outside the classroom that the Department recommends. Contact the Pomerantz Career Center for information about internships available to UI students. Other internship opportunities are posted on the bulletin board outside of room 140 Schaeffer Hall. If you would like academic credit for work connected to an internship, you do not use the Independent Study Form. Instead, go to http://clas.uiowa.edu/polisci/undergraduate/opportunities#intern for more information.

EMPHASIS AREAS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Students may, if they wish, complete one or two emphasis areas while fulfilling the requirements for the B.A. or B.S. degree. Students who complete an emphasis area and request recognition from the Department of Political Science will have this noted on their transcript upon graduation. The notation will appear as follows on the transcript:

BACHELOR OF ARTS (or SCIENCE) DEGREE
CONFERRED (date)
MAJOR/ POLITICAL SCIENCE
(EMPHASIS IN--emphasis area is listed)

Emphasis areas are available in American Institutions, International Relations, Law and Politics, Identity Politics, Political Communication, Politics of Democratization, Politics of Developing Areas, Political Economy, Politics of
Industrial Democracies, Political Processes, American Political Practice, and Political Theory. An emphasis area consists of four political science courses chosen from the approved lists noted below. The exception is American Political Practice which requires four courses (12 hours) plus at least three semester hours of government or campaign internship work (see below). Though some courses appear on more than one list, students may not count a course toward more than one emphasis area. Courses approved as repeatable may be taken more than once for credit and may be applied to an emphasis area more than once. 30:185 (POLI:4600) Honors Research Project, 30:186 (POLI:4601) Honors Senior Thesis, and 30:190 (POLI:4700) Independent Study may be applied toward an emphasis area, with approval from the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

**Political Theory**
- 30:030 (POLI:1300) Introduction to Political Thought and Political Action
- 30:131 (POLI:3304) Global Justice
- 30:132 (POLI:2300) Modern Political Theory
- 30:133 (POLI:3300) Postmodern Political Theory
- 30:134 (POLI:2301) Problems of Democracy
- 30:139 (POLI:3303) Political Issues
- 30:182 (POLI:4300) Honors Seminar on Political Theory

**Politics of Developing Areas**
- 30:043 (POLI:1403) Introduction to Politics in the Muslim World
- 30:045 (POLI:1405) Introduction to Comparative Politics
- 30:143 (POLI:2402) Government and Politics of the Far East
- 30:144 (POLI:2403) Latin American Government
- 30:145 (POLI:3402) War in the Muslim World
- 30:149 (POLI:3450) Problems in Comparative Politics
- 30:156 (POLI:3406) Ethnic & Religious Conflict in the Muslim World
- 30:163 (POLI:3407) Chinese Foreign Policy
- 30:173 (POLI:3510) State Failure in the Developing World
- 30:176 (POLI:2407) Governance in the Middle East
- 30:183 (POLI:4400) Honors Seminar on Comparative Politics
- 30:198 (POLI:3514) Regional Peace & Security

**American Institutions**
- 30:109 (POLI:3109) Election Reform
- 30:111 (POLI:2100) Local Politics
- 30:113 (POLI:3100) American State Politics
- 30:115 (POLI:2101) The Presidency
- 30:118 (POLI:3108) American Political Development
- 30:119 (POLI:3150) Problems in American Politics
- 30:120 (POLI:2102) Public Administration and Bureaucratic Politics
- 30:125 (POLI:2103) Interest Groups
- 30:127 (POLI:3201) Political Campaigning
- 30:129 (POLI:3119) Policy Matters
- 30:128 (POLI:3112) Direct Legislation
- 30:152 (POLI:3102) The U.S Congress
- 30:181 (POLI:4100) Honors Seminar on American Politics

**International Relations**
- 30:060 (POLI:1500) Introduction to International Relations
- 30:061 (POLI:1501) Introduction to American Foreign Policy
- 30:130 (POLI:3506) Consequences of War
- 30:146 (POLI:3410) Russian Foreign Policy
- 30:155 (POLI:3509) International Courts: The Intersection of Law & Politics
- 30:160 (POLI:3507) Women & Politics in Global Perspective
30:161 (POLI:2500) International Organization & World Order
30:162 (POLI:3500) American Foreign Policies
30:163 (POLI:3407) Chinese Foreign Policy
30:165 (POLI:2501) International Conflict
30:167 (POLI:3502) Politics & the Multinational Enterprise
30:168 (POLI:3503) Politics of Terrorism
30:169 (POLI:3550) Problems of International Politics
30:173 (POLI:3510) State Failure in the Developing World
30:177 (POLI:3504) Globalization
30:178 (POLI:3505) Causes, Consequences, Management Civil War
30:184 (POLI:4500) Honors Seminar on International Politics
30:195 (POLI:3511) International Law
30:197 (POLI:3513) Politics of International Human Rights Law
30:198 (POLI:3514) Regional Peace and Security

Law and Politics
30:021 (POLI:1002) Lawyers in the American Political System
30:106 (POLI:3113) Research in Judicial Politics
30:116 (POLI:3101) American Constitutional Law and Politics
30:152 (POLI:3102) The Legislative Process
30:153 (POLI:2104) The Judicial Process
30:155 (POLI:3509) International Courts: The Intersection of Law & Politics
30:158 (POLI:2105) The Criminal Justice System
30:195 (POLI:3511) International Law
30:197 (POLI:3513) Politics of International Human Rights Law

Identity Politics
30:107 (POLI:3114) Women & Politics in the United States
30:108 (POLI:3104) Immigration Politics
30:112 (POLI:3105) Minority Representation in American Politics
30:114 (POLI:3106) Racism & Politics in the U.S.
30:156 (POLI:3406) Ethnic & Religious Conflict in the Muslim World
30:160 (POLI:3507) Women and Politics in Global Perspective
30:164 (POLI:3508) Race in World Politics

Political Communication
30:070 (POLI:1600) Introduction to Political Communication
30:071 (POLI:1601) Introduction to Political Media
30:154 (POLI:3203) Political Psychology
30:166 (POLI:2502) Global Communication & Politics
30:171 (POLI:2201) Public Opinion
30:174 (POLI:3600) Multimedia Politics
30:175 (POLI:3601) Politics of Film
30:199 (POLI:3602) New Media & Politics

Political Processes
30:050 (POLI:1200) Introduction to Political Behavior
30:107 (POLI:3114) Women & Politics in the United States
30:108 (POLI:3104) Immigration Politics
30:109 (POLI:3109) Election Reform
30:112 (POLI:3105) Minority Representation in American Politics
30:114 (POLI:3106) Racism & Politics in the U.S.
30:117 (POLI:3200) Political Decision Making
30:126 (POLI:3111) American Public Policy
30:150 (POLI:3404) Implementing Policies in Democratic Societies
30:151 (POLI:2406) Political Leadership
30:152 (POLI:3102) The U.S. Congress
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30:153 (POLI:2104) The Judicial Process
30:154 (POLI:3202) Political Psychology
30:156 (POLI:3406) Ethnic & Religious Conflict in the Muslim World
30:157 (POLI:2200) Voting Behavior and Elections
30:171 (POLI:2201) Public Opinion
30:176 (POLI:2407) Governance in the Middle East
30:181 (POLI:4100) Honors Seminar on American Politics

Political Economy
30:121 (POLI:2106) Public Choice
30:136 (POLI:3301) Strategy in Politics
30:137 (POLI:3400) Introduction to Political Economy
30:177 (POLI:3504) Globalization

Politics of Industrial Democracies
30:045 (POLI:1405) Introduction to Comparative Politics
30:140 (POLI:2400) Government and Politics of Europe
30:142 (POLI:3401) European Integration
30:147 (POLI:3403) Parties & Elections Around the World
30:149 (POLI:3450) Problems in Comparative Politics
30:150 (POLI:3404) Implementing Policies in Democratic Societies
30:152 (POLI:3102) The Legislative Process
30:172 (POLI:3416) France in the 21st Century
30:183 (POLI:4400) Honors Seminar on Comparative Politics

Politics of Democratization
30:041 (POLI:1401) Introduction to the Politics of Russia & Eurasia
30:043 (POLI:1403) Introduction to Politics of the Muslim World
30:045 (POLI:1405) Introduction to Comparative Politics
30:141 (POLI:3413) Russian/Post-Soviet Politics
30:144 (POLI:2403) Latin American Politics
30:145 (POLI:3402) War in the Muslim World
30:149 (POLI:3450) Problems in Comparative Politics
30:150 (POLI:3404) Public Policy Around the World
30:156 (POLI:3406) Ethnic & Religious Conflict in the Muslim World
30:159 (POLI:3405) Politics Under Authoritarian Rule
30:183 (POLI:4400) Honors Seminar on Comparative Politics

American Political Practice
30:070 (POLI:1600) Introduction to Political Communication
30:100 (POLI:3000) Understanding Political Research
30:101 (POLI:3001) Hawkeye Poll
30:111 (POLI:3100) Local Politics
30:120 (POLI:3117) Public Administration and Bureaucratic Politics
30:121 (POLI:3122) Public Choice
30:125 (POLI:3118) Interest Groups
30:127 (POLI:3201) Political Campaigning
30:151 (POLI:3417) Political Leadership
30:171 (POLI:3204) Public Opinion
30:174 (POLI:3600) Multimedia Politics
30:199 (POLI:3602) New Media & Politics

For the emphasis area in American Political Practice, students also must complete at least three semester hours of government or campaign internship work. These hours must be taken from 30:191 (POLI:4900) Government Internship or other appropriate course numbers (e.g., 30:185, 30:190 or 30:193). Note: Credits taken under 30:191 are graded on a S/F basis and do not count toward the credits for the political science major requirements, but do count in the 50 hour major maximum of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences.
THE MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

To receive a minor in political science, you must complete 15 semester hours in political science courses. Twelve of the 15 must be at the 100-level. A grade point average of 2.00 is required. Twelve of the fifteen hours must be taken at the University of Iowa. Credit by examination is not accepted. No courses taken pass/non-pass will be accepted toward the minor. Credit in courses 30:029 (POLI:1000) First-Year Seminar and 30:191 (POLI:4900) Government Internship cannot be applied to the minor. Credit by examination is not accepted. No courses taken pass/non-pass will be accepted toward the minor. Credit in courses 30:029 (POLI:1000) First-Year Seminar and 30:191 (POLI:4900) Government Internship cannot be applied to the minor. Credits received while studying abroad through a University of Iowa Regents’ Program are not considered transfer credits but in-residence credits. Students may complete an emphasis area in the minor (see the preceding section on “Emphasis Areas in Political Science”). If you choose to do this, you must request a letter from the department noting that you have completed an emphasis area (an emphasis area is only noted on your transcript for the major).

THE ADVISING SYSTEM

All first-year students, including those who have declared a major, are advised at the Academic Advising Center, located in the Pomerantz Center. For the second year, or once you declare Political Science as a major, you are assigned a member of the department’s faculty as your advisor. You will be asked to indicate if you have a preference for the advisor, although your choice may not be available. In addition, a professional staff advisor is available to Political Science majors. The professional staff advisor is Martha Greer; her office is located in W519 Seashore Hall, email martha-greer@uiowa.edu or call to schedule an appointment at 319-384-1328. You may contact Martha Greer’s office for help with registration or progress toward your degree, to get an advisor signature, to approve study abroad courses for major credit and other functions. Your faculty advisor can assist with these matters as well as the field of politics, careers for political science majors, graduate studies and other topics. The Department encourages all majors to meet with their faculty advisors or the professional advisor before registering for classes. It requires all majors with GPAs below 2.30 to do so. This enables advisors to help students improve their efforts. If you are unsure who your advisor is or want a new one, please contact the Department (319-335-2358).

In addition to the formal advisor-advisee relationship, you will find that every member of the Political Science faculty is more than happy to discuss aspects of individual courses with you, during office hours, or at any other time if he or she is not busy. We encourage students to take advantage of the Department’s advising resources.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, instructors must make reasonable accommodations for students with physical, mental or learning disabilities. The following policies apply to all instructors and students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Students with disabilities which may require some modification of seating, testing, or other class requirements are to inform the instructor (after class or during the instructor’s office hours) so that appropriate arrangements may be made.

It is the student’s responsibility to contact Student Disability Services, 133 Burge Hall (335-1462) and obtain a Student Academic Accommodation Request form (SAAR). The form will specify what course accommodations are judged reasonable for that student. An instructor who cannot provide the accommodations specified, or has concerns about the accommodations, must contact the Student Disability Services counselor who signed the request form within 48 hours of receiving the form from the student.

DEPARTMENTAL/COLLEGIATE COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

A student who has a complaint against any member of the college’s teaching staff is responsible for following the procedures described below. Complaints may concern inappropriate faculty conduct (including inappropriate course materials), incompetence in oral communication, inequities in assignments, scheduling of examinations at other than authorized and published times, failure to provide disability accommodations, or grading grievances. In
complaints involving the assignment of grades, it is college policy that grades cannot be changed without the permission of the department concerned.

The student should ordinarily try to resolve the matter with the instructor first.

If the complaint is not resolved to the student’s satisfaction, the student should discuss the matter further with the course supervisor (if the instructor is a teaching assistant), or the departmental executive officer (an appointment may be scheduled in the Political Science departmental office in 341 Schaeffer Hall, 335-2358).

If the matter remains unresolved, the student may submit a written complaint to the Associate Dean for Academic Programs, Liberal Arts Academic Programs Office, 120 Schaeffer Hall (335-2633). The associate dean for academic programs will attempt to resolve the complaint and, if necessary, may convene a special committee to recommend appropriate action. He will respond to the student in writing regarding the disposition of the complaint.

If the complaint cannot be resolved through the mechanisms described above, the student may file a formal complaint, which will be handled under the procedures established for dealing with alleged violations of the statement on professional ethics and academic responsibility—a description of these procedures may be obtained in the Office of Academic Programs, 120 Schaeffer Hall (335-2633). If a complaint at the departmental or college level involving reasonable academic accommodations for students with disabilities cannot be resolved through the mechanisms described above, students may consult the Office of Affirmative Action.

**PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING**

An instructor who suspects a student of plagiarism or cheating must inform the student (preferably in writing) as soon as possible after the incident has been observed or discovered. Instructors who detect cheating or plagiarism may decide, in consultation with the departmental executive officer, to reduce the student’s grade on the assignment or in the course, even to assign an F. The instructor writes an account of the chronology of the plagiarism or cheating incident for the departmental executive officer who sends an endorsement of the written report of the case to the Office of the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs and Curriculum. A copy of the report must be sent to the student.

The Associate Dean may uphold, as the offense warrants, the following or other penalties: 1) First offense: disciplinary probation until graduation. 2) Second offense: recommendation to the Dean of the College that the student be suspended from the college for a semester or longer. 3) Third offense: recommendation to the president of the University that the student be expelled from the University. If a student believes that the finding of plagiarism or cheating is in error or the penalty unjust, the student will be encouraged to arrange a meeting with the instructor and the departmental administration to present a response. If the student is dissatisfied with the result of this meeting, he or she may request a hearing by writing to the associate dean for undergraduate programs and curriculum, who may refer the matter to the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Academic Conduct for review. If the student is not satisfied with the results of the hearing, he or she may request a review by the Dean of the College.

**UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OFFERINGS**

*Introductory Undergraduate Courses*

30:001 (POLI:1100) Introduction to American Politics 3 s.h.
Introduction to the structure and processes of American politics and political institutions, including Congress, the Presidency, the Supreme Court, parties, interest groups, and the bureaucracy; discussion of the framing and significance of the U.S. Constitution. Fulfills Iowa teacher certification requirement. GE: social sciences.

30:020 (POLI:1001) Introduction to Politics 3 s.h.
Introduction to selected processes, institutions or behaviors central to the study of politics. May be taken two times with consent of instructor.
30:021 (POLI:1002) Lawyers in the American Political System 3 s.h.
Training and careers of lawyers; various roles they play in the American political system. Requirements: no prior enrollment in 030:119 with the subtitle Lawyers in the American Political System.

30:030 (POLI:1300) Introduction to Political Thought & Political Action 3 s.h.
Illustrates problems, literature and analytic techniques common in the study. GE: social sciences OR humanities.

30:041 (POLI:1401) Introduction to The Politics of Russia & Eurasia 3 s.h.
Political change in Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia: historical factors, institutional change, current problems. GE: social sciences.

30:043 (POLI:1403) Introduction to Politics in the Muslim World 3 s.h.
The selection of countries to be studied will vary from semester to semester, but will include Iran, Iraq, Egypt, Indonesia, Afghanistan or Uzbekistan. Topics to be studied include regime types and the process of categorization in political science, political culture and historical legacies, the link between political and economic development, ideologies, political participation (individual and group [parties and interest groups]), and public policy and the policy process (including domestic and foreign). GE: social sciences.

30:045 (POLI:1405) Introduction to Comparative Politics 3 s.h.
This course will introduce students to politics around the world covering all regions and levels of development. The course covers a wide range of themes including, democratization, sustainability, the role of interest groups, authoritarian regimes, electoral systems and parties. Prerequisite: closed to students who have taken 30:040 or 30:042. GE: social sciences.

30:050 (POLI:1200) Introduction to Political Behavior 3 s.h.
Studies the patterns and basis of political behavior, conventional and otherwise. Emphasis is on common elements in that behavior across social, organizational, and institutional settings. GE: social sciences.

30:060 (POLI:1500) Introduction to International Relations 3 s.h.
Theoretical introduction to contemporary international relations; emphasis on security and military affairs, international political economy, politics of global environmental problems. GE: social sciences.

30:061 (POLI:1501) Introduction to American Foreign Policy 3 s.h.
The course will focus on the foreign policies of the United States. Areas of concern: U.S. foreign policy goals; basic themes and general patterns in U.S. foreign policy; problems encountered by U.S. foreign policy-makers; the means which are employed by the U.S. in dealing with other nations and international organizations; the processes by which policies are formulated; and the factors which structure and influence U.S. foreign policies. GE: social sciences.

30:070 (POLI:1600) Introduction to Political Communication 3 s.h.
Explores institutions, dynamics, and issues of political communities considered as networks of communication. Possible topics include political actors, ads, films, media, myths, news, publics, regulations, rhetorics, and symbols. GE: social sciences.

30:071 (POLI:1601) Introduction to Political Media 3 s.h.
Politics in news, culture, commerce, campaigns, and government with attention to such current media as cinema, internet, print, and television.

30:029 (POLI:1000) First-Year Seminar 1.2 s.h.
Introduces first-year students to the intellectual life of Political Science; offers opportunity to participate in their learning by working closely with a member of the faculty on a subject with which the instructor is involved. The course does not apply to the major or minor. Prerequisite: freshman standing. Second grade option is not available for this course.
Advanced Undergraduate Courses

30:100 (POLI:3000) Understanding Political Research 3 s.h.
Goal is to create knowledgeable evaluators of current research in political science. Interpretation of different quantitative techniques is considered, using examples from current political science research. Not a statistics course; stresses intuitive, rather than mathematical, understanding.

030:101 (POLI:3001) Hawkeye Poll 3 s.h.
Covers basics of survey design, sampling, question wording, interpreting responses, and writing press releases. Students work together to help design questions as part of the Hawkeye Poll, a collaborative teaching and research enterprise in the Department of Political Science. Course may be taken 2 times.

30:106 (POLI:3113) Research in Judicial Politics 3 s.h.
Applied research training in courts and judicial politics. Prerequisite: 30:116 or 30:153 or 30:158

The class examines the involvement of women in the US political system. We will examine topics such as political theories about women’s involvement in politics and government, women and constitutional law, public policies that affect women, and women’s participation in politics at the mass and elite levels.

30:108 (POLI:3104) Immigration Politics 3 s.h.
United States immigration policy and the political consequences of Latino population growth; contrast of political experiences of Latinos with groups and the ideals of democratic political systems. The course will examine analyses of past immigration policies, as well as studies of public opinion, voter turnout, and campaign tactics.

30:109 (POLI:3109) Election Reform 3 s.h.
Election reform: what’s wrong & what can be done to fix it. Overview of challenges facing American democracy in 21st century: low voter turnout & civic engagement, polarized political parties to growing inequality. Explores ways of addressing challenges, including movement towards participatory democracy (direct democracy), election reform & new government institutions for the 21st century, and politics and society online, e-government. Organized around promising reforms (some in place, some in experimental form, some far reaching) of legislatures, presidential elections, voting & voter registration.

30:111 (POLI:3110) Local Politics 3 s.h.
Models of city government, relations to state and federal governments; rights and liabilities of municipalities; city elections, campaigns and issues; the role of pressure groups.

30:112 (POLI:3105) Minority Representation in American Politics 3 s.h.
The effects of voting rights legislation, election laws, interest groups, and institutional constraints on minority representation in American politics are explored.

30:113 (POLI:3100) American State Politics 3 s.h.
Approaches to analysis of political behavior in American state governments, with emphasis on cultures, parties, actors, processes, issues.

30:114 (POLI:3106) Racism & Politics in the U.S. 3 s.h.
This course discusses the evolution of white racial attitudes over time. It contrasts the political experiences of African-Americans with other groups and the ideals of democratic political systems. Attention will be paid to the effect of race on political participation, partisan affiliation, vote choice, and policy preferences.

30:115 (POLI:3116) The Presidency 3 s.h.
Traces development and current status of the office, powers, and functions of American presidency; recruitment and multiple roles of chief executive; and party, congressional, administrative, judicial relationships.

30:116 (POLI:3101) American Constitutional Law & Politics 3 s.h.
Role of U.S. Supreme Court in American political system; emphasis on analyzing Supreme Court cases.
30:117 (POLI:3200) Political Decision Making 3 s.h.
Political decision making processes, including executive, legislative, judicial, mass publics; decision theories from economics, psychology, political science, organizational behavior; normative and descriptive approaches to decisions made by political actors.

30:118 (POLI:3108) American Political Development 3 s.h.
Survey of the transformations in American political behavior and institutions over time.

30:119 (POLI:3150) Problems in American Politics 3 s.h.
Selected problems in studying the American political system, including structures, functions, and behavior. May be repeated with consent of the instructor.

30:120 (POLI:3117) Public Administration & Bureaucratic Politics 3 s.h.
Administrative and organizational theory and behavior; techniques of management; relations between administration and other branches in federal and state governments; administrative politics.

30:121 (POLI:3122) Public Choice 3 s.h.
This class will introduce you to some of the most important topics in public choice. How do we explain what the public “wants”? Can we determine group preferences and group choices even if individual incentives run contrary to society’s needs? Public choice theory asks these types of questions to study problems in political science—how we determine society’s preference among candidates, public policies, or even types of government.

30:125 (POLI:3118) Interest Groups 3 s.h.
Course explores organization and structure of interest groups; their role in American politics. Discusses theory of groups, how interest groups influence Congress, executive branch, courts, and role of interest groups in elections.

30:126 (POLI:3111) American Public Policy 3 s.h.
Functions and policies of national government; emphasis on domestic policy making, impact of public policy. Prerequisite: 30:001.

30:127 (POLI:3201) Political Campaigning 3 s.h.
Examines the current state of political campaigning at all levels of government. Topics include the history of campaigning, the role of money and campaign finance reform, the use of television and negative advertising, and the rise of internet campaigning.

30:128 (POLI:3112) Direct Legislation 3 s.h.
This course will introduce and explore the institution of direct democracy, which allows citizens to propose and pass new laws without legislative action. Topics to be addressed include: origins and historical perspectives, differences in usage across polities, differences in regulations, positive perspectives on the consequences of direct democracy and normative concerns about equality of access and the possibility of tyranny by the majority. While the focus will be on the United States, other countries with direct democracy also will be studied.

30:129 (POLI:3119) Policy Matters: Perspective on Contemporary Problems 3 s.h.
This course is a survey of public policy issues in scholarly perspective. Each week, UI experts will provide a background introduction to each week’s issue. This will be followed by a presentation (overview of new policy initiatives, roundtable on policy options, panel representing local, state, and national options and experience) involving policy practitioners, legislators, and advocates. Course resources will be housed on a public website hosted by the UI Public Policy Center. Weekly sessions are open to the public. Registered students will be assessed on the basis of attendance and short assignments based on weekly topics. Cross-listed with History (016:115/HIST3115)

30:130 (POLI:3506) Consequences of War 3 s.h.
This class will focus on war’s enduring effects on individuals, states, and the international system. To accomplish this goal, the class will be composed of three sections. The first section will focus on the impact of wars on individuals, including its effects on both combatants and non-combatants. The second section will look at the impact of war on states, including the role war plays in the development of states as well as its economic, political and social effects. The final section will highlight the effects of war on the international system.
030:131 (POLI:3304) Global Justice 3 s.h.
Introduce students to normative issues in international politics. Discussion topics include: Under what conditions are wars just? When is intervention justified? Do wealthier nations owe anything to those elsewhere who are in need? To address these issues, we will read theoretical works on global justice by Rawls, Kant, Pogge, Walzer, and others. These normative theories will be discussed & critically analyzed against the background of empirical examples, such as recent humanitarian interventions, contemporary wars, the current trade regime, & global environmental problems.

30:132 (POLI:3305) Modern Political Theory 3 s.h.
Major writers and intellectual trends in political thought, from the Renaissance and the Reformation to the nineteenth century.

30:133 (POLI:3300) Postmodern Political Theory 3 s.h.
Major writers and intellectual trends in political thought from the nineteenth century to World War II.

30:134 (POLI:3306) Problems of Democracy 3 s.h.
The theory and practice of democracy. Democratic ideals and the institutions and practices necessary for those ideals to work in everyday politics: power, equality, majority rule, participation, trust, representation.

30:136 (POLI:3301) Strategy in Politics 3 s.h.
Learn to isolate the most important elements in strategic political behavior, build models to understand them, recognize common scenarios, and devise institutional resolutions to the Prisoners' Dilemma and coordination problems.

30:137 (POLI:3400) Introduction to Political Economy 3 s.h.
Application of economic reasoning to a variety of political issues: evolution of institutions, voting, leadership, interest groups, bargaining tactics, federalism, bureaucracy, fairness and compensation for wrongs, legitimacy of democracy, and electoral cycles in economic policy.

30:138 (POLI:3302) Current Political Theory 3 s.h.
Selected thinkers or schools of thought in political theory, from World War II to the present; topics vary. May be repeated with consent of instructor.

30:139 (POLI:3303) Political Issues 3 s.h.
Selected issues in political thought, including democracy, revolution, justice, obligation, technology, and authority; topics vary. May be repeated with consent of instructor.

30:140 (POLI:3412) Government & Politics of Europe 3 s.h.
Political institutions and processes of selected European countries. Prerequisite: 30:040.

30:141 (POLI:3413) Russian Politics 3 s.h.
Development and functioning of the Soviet political system, 1917-1985; the transformations leading to the break-up of the USSR in 1991; emerging forms of government and politics in the former Soviet republics. Prerequisite: 30:041 or consent of instructor. GE: foreign civilization and culture.

30:142 (POLI:3401) European Integration 3 s.h.
The course examines politics of the European Union. It begins by focusing on the European Union’s institutional characteristics, and builds on the institutional discussion with an examination of major political issues in the European Union, including popular and national responses to European integration.

30:143 (POLI:3414) Government & Politics of the Far East 3 s.h.
Functions and institutions of government in countries of the Far East, special attention given to social, economic and historical environments. Same as 39:178. GE: foreign civilization and culture.

30:144 (30:3415) Latin American Politics 3 s.h.
Governmental institutions and major interest groups in Latin America; general focus upon area as a whole.
30:145 (POLI:3419) War in the Muslim World 3 s.h.
Foundations, evolutions, and outcomes of recent wars in the Middle East; primary focus on insurgencies in Iraq and Afghanistan, together with Arab-Israeli conflict; post-World War I mandate system; Saddam Hussein era; Sunni-Shiite and Arab-Kurd cleavages; military activities of coalition forces; Soviet occupation; rise of the Taliban; AQa’ida alliance; Operation Enduring Freedom; collapse of law and order; shadow governments; safe havens in Pakistan; Zionism and colonization of Palestine; Palestine Mandate; institutions of governance; strategies and ideologies of Hezbollah and Hamas. Requirements: no prior enrollment in 030:140 with subtitle “War in the Muslim World.”

30:146 (POLI:3410) Russian Foreign Policy 3 s.h.
Russia’s external postures, policies and behaviors and what lies behind them (incl. Russians’ perceptions of the world and of their national interest, internal political dynamics, and relative military, economic, diplomatic and other capabilities); critically assessing rival views of Russian foreign policy.

30:147 (POLI:3403) Parties & Elections Around the World 3 s.h.
The study of political parties and elections is one of the most exciting fields in political science. In this course, we’ll take a comparative approach and explore political parties and elections around the world. We’ll look at party formation and development, party identification and voter behavior, party competition and strategies, election outcomes, and electoral systems and their consequences. It is strongly recommended that students take 30:045 before enrolling in this course.

Political development of China. The following topics will be discussed: rise to power of Mao’s Communist Party, and its attempts to transform Chinese society; the Cultural Revolution; the tensions and achievements of the reform era; and discussion of whether partnership or conflict will define China’s relationship with America in the coming decades.

30:149 (POLI:3450) Problems in Comparative Politics 3 s.h.
Selected problems in comparative study of political systems, including comparison of structures, functions and behaviors of different political systems. For specific current topic, consult the current Schedule of Courses. May be repeated with the consent of the instructor.

30:150 (POLI:3404) Public Policy Around the World 3 s.h.
Much of political science is concerned with studying how bills become laws. However, laws do not influence our lives until they are implemented. The goal of this course is to examine the institutions, practices and issues surrounding policy implementation in democracies. The course is explicitly comparative examining the administrative politics of a wide variety of advanced democracies.

30:151 (POLI:3417) Political Leadership 3 s.h.
Studies the foundations and effects of leadership in different kinds of political systems.

30:152 (POLI:3102) The U.S. Congress 3 s.h.
In this class, we’ll uncover the history of Congress, how congressional elections shape what legislators do, how laws are made in Congress, the rules and maneuvers that shape these laws, and the future of Congress as one of the major institutions of American government. Our goal will be to understand Congress and explain why Americans continue to be both confused and fascinated by this complicated branch and its politics.

30:153 (POLI:3121) The Judicial Process 3 s.h.
Role of courts, lawyers, judges, interest groups in American political system.

30:154 (POLI:3202) Political Psychology 3 s.h.
The study of political phenomena from a psychological perspective; individual level political behaviors examined include decision making by elites and masses, evaluations of political candidates, mass mobilization, and response to the mass media; psychological concepts examined include stereotyping, social cognition, attitude, and group identification.
30:155 (POLI:3509) International Courts: The Intersection of Law & Politics 3 s.h.
Introduces students to several important international courts including the (Permanent) International Court of Justice, the European Court of Justice, the International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia, the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, & the International Criminal Court. The course seeks to explain the formation, design, & expansion of international courts from both political & legal perspectives. On the political side, the course focuses on factors such as states’ capabilities, regime type, & war; on the legal side, the course examines the intersection of domestic & international law, emphasizing the major legal systems in the world (civil law, common law, Islamic law).

30:156 (POLI:3406) Ethnic & Religious Conflict in the Muslim World 3 s.h.
In this course students study ethnic and religious conflict in the Muslim world. Issues of language rights, cultural preservation, and religious nationalism are examined through case studies of ethnic and religious groups in Muslim countries. Case studies include, but are not limited to, Afghanistan and Iraq. Conditions under which conflict becomes violent, protracted and regionalized are discussed. Consideration is also given to the strategies available to both states and minority groups for resolving or managing these conflicts.

30:157 (POLI:3203) Voting Behavior and Elections 3 s.h.
Determinants of voting behavior, correlates of political participation and political apathy; political socialization processes and nature and functions of elections.

30:158 (POLI:3120) The Criminal Justice System 3 s.h.
Role of actors, institutions that constitute and participate in the American criminal justice system.

30:159 (POLI:3405) Authoritarian Politics 3 s.h.
Political dynamics in countries with authoritarian governing regimes including how those dynamics differ from their counterparts in democracies. Topics include: how decisions are reached and get enforced; the forms political struggles take; how interest groups pursue influence; ways individuals deal with the government; the tension between regime control and societal progress.

30:160 (POLI:3507) Women and Politics in Global Perspective 3 s.h.
This is a survey course about women and politics in Europe and the global South. Topics include women’s participation in political parties and social movements, women in the bureaucracy, women and the politics of intersectionality, feminism and the state and the emergence of female gender identities.

30:161 (POLI:3501) International Organization & World Order 3 s.h.
This course examines how and why states have developed regularized patterns of interaction in the spheres of economics and security through international organizations and international regimes. Regional integration processes and multilateralism are also treated.

30:162 (POLI:3500) American Foreign Policies 3 s.h.
Ends pursued, problems encountered and means employed by the United States in relations with other states and with international organizations. Prerequisite: 30:061, or consent of instructor.

30:163 (POLI:3407) Chinese Foreign Policy 3 s.h.
This course introduces major topics in the foreign policy of the People’s Republic of China from its founding in 1949 to the present, with two goals in mind. First, students will explore a number of important events, including China’s entry into the Korean War in 1950, the Sino-Soviet split in the 1960s, rapprochement between China and the United States in the 1970s, tensions with Taiwan in the 1990s, and China’s recent entry into the World Trade Organization. Second, by considering competing explanations for these important turning points, students will become familiar with theoretical approaches to the study of international relations.

30:164 (POLI:3508) Race in World Politics 3 s.h.
This course is designed to answer fundamental questions about racial and ethnic politics. It will cover the bases of racial and ethnic identities, as well as their intersection with a number of other major social cleavages such as class, nationality, sexuality, religion, and gender. It begins with an overview of the concepts and usage of race and ethnicity from different theoretical perspectives and continues with attention to contemporary events throughout the globe.
30:165 (POLI:3512) International Conflict 3 s.h.
Focuses on international conflict, the primary ingredient of international politics. Topics to be discussed: sources, causes and effects of conflict, alliance structures, power distribution, geography, arms races, and deterrence.

30:166 (POLI:2502) Global Communication & Politics 3 s.h.
In 2000 distance went away in communication; you could communicate from anywhere to anywhere nearly instantly. In 2010 the language barrier wall came down; you could translate from any language to any other language nearly instantly. How did that happen? What does the politics and the world become when there are no barriers to communication?

30:167 (POLI:3502) Politics & the Multinational Enterprise 3 s.h.
Political factors affecting a firm’s decision to go multinational; effects on home/host countries; political risk management; bargaining between states/corporations; regulation of multinationals by nation states and international organizations; political implications of global mergers.

30:168 (POLI:3503) Politics of Terrorism 3 s.h.
This class will examine the motivations of terrorists, specifically the political motivations. It will also examine possible responses to and politics behind preventing and preparing for terrorism. Finally, this class will examine contemporary terrorist organizations and international responses to these groups.

30:169 (POLI:3550) Problems of International Politics 3 s.h.
Selected problems in analysis of international politics (for specific subject, consult current Schedule of Courses). May be repeated with consent of instructor.

Introduction to the political and historical dimensions of the international economy. Political aspects of trade, monetary systems, foreign investment, aid, dependency, and global interdependence.

30:171 (POLI:3204) Public Opinion 3 s.h.
Role of public opinion in making public policy; formation and change of political attitudes and opinions; political ideology; measurement of public opinion; understanding how opinion polls are conducted; experience with interviewing and conducting public opinion research. Same as 34:153.

30:172 (POLI:3416) France in the 21st Century 3 s.h.
Course will provide students with a thorough understanding of French politics at the end of the 20th and beginning of the 21st century. Some topics to be discussed: brief history of France’s Fifth Republic; institutional development; key events that have influenced politics in France over the last fifty years; major issues that shape France today, including: citizenship, immigration, identity, France’s role in the European Union, electoral and institutional reform, the rise of the extreme right, the role of women in French society, and how protest still affects French politics.

30:173 (POLI:3510) State Failure in the Developing World 3 s.h.
Examination of state failure in the developing world, including notable cases like Somalia and Zimbabwe. The causes of state failure will be identified; and potential policy interventions designed to address the consequences of state failure will be explored.

30:174 (POLI:3600) Multimedia Politics 3 s.h.
Politicians and citizens are no longer constrained by institutions of communication from the past. Everyone can speak to the world in living color. What happens to campaigning as candidates and citizens can blog, microblog and video their political commitments? What happens to political advocacy when we can all do it?

30:175 (POLI:3601) Politics of Film 3 s.h.
Explores issues in the popular politics of aesthetics, communication, culture, and myth through analyzing films. May be repeated with consent of instructor.
30:176 (POLI:3418) Governance in the Middle East 3 s.h.
Focuses on political behavior in the Middle East--institutions and social systems that shape & are shaped by that behavior. Evaluates ways in which Islam, oil production, & international forces shape the evolution of politics in the region. Through comparative political inquiry the operation of government institutions in the context of specific historical legacies, economic structures, and population characteristics will be evaluated. Countries to be studied includes Iran, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey, & Saudi Arabia.

30:177 (POLI:3504) Globalization 3 s.h.
This course introduces students to the multidisciplinary literature on the political economy and culture of globalization. The course is organized around questions that are currently major topics of debate in the extant literature on globalization.

30:178 (POLI:3505) Causes, Consequences, and Management of Civil War 3 s.h.
This course concentrates on the causes, duration, management, and consequences of civil wars. The class identifies a variety of factors that create more frequent and longer civil wars (e.g. greed, grievance, ethnic conflict, state capacity), and also discusses conflict management strategies for ending civil wars and minimizing their long term negative consequences.

30:180 (POLI:4000) Honors Seminar on the Study of Politics 3 s.h.
Critical exploration of the history, scope, and method of political science. Examines diverse issues, theories, and techniques in the systematic study of politics. Required for graduation with honors in political science. Aimed at sophomore honors students in political science, but open also to junior and senior honors students in political science, and to others with consent of instructor.

30:181 (POLI:4100) Honors Seminar on American Politics 3 s.h.
Intensive study of ideas, issues, and methods in an area of American politics. Open to junior and senior honors students in political science and to others with consent of instructor. May be repeated with consent of instructor.

30:182 (POLI:4300) Honors Seminar on Political Theory 3 s.h.
Intensive study of ideas, issues, and methods in an area of political theory. Open to junior and senior honors students in political science and to others with consent of instructor.

30:183 (POLI:4400) Honors Seminar on Comparative Politics 3 s.h.
Intensive study of ideas, issues, and methods in an area of comparative politics. Open to junior and senior honors students in political science and to others with consent of instructor. May be repeated with consent of instructor.

30:184 (POLI:4500) Honors Seminar on International Politics 3 s.h.
Intensive study of ideas, issues, and methods in an area of international politics. Open to junior and senior honors students in political science and to others with consent of instructor. May be repeated with consent of instructor.

30:185 (POLI:4600) Honors Research Project 3 s.h.
Special research assistance to faculty in political science. Open to junior and senior honors students in political science. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

30:186 (POLI:4601) Honors Senior Thesis 3 s.h.
Supervised research and writing. Open only to honors students in political science who are not in their last semester of coursework before graduation. Enrollment requires consent from the supervising instructor. Thesis must be submitted to the Director of Honors in Political Science by the deadline for submitting work for removing incompletes from the previous semester. Thesis must be defended orally to a faculty committee including the supervisor, the Director of Honors, and a third member appointed by the Director of Honors.

Individually supervised special projects. Prerequisite: consent of the instructor.
30:191 (POLI:4900) Government Internship 1,2,3 s.h.
Undergraduate internships in state or national legislative office, executive agency, or election campaign official. Offered S/F only. Consent of instructor required. Does not count toward major or minor in political science. However, the course will be counted in the 50 semester hours of credit from one academic department maximum that the University of Iowa accepts toward the 120 semester hours needed for a B.A., B.S., or B.L.S. degree.

30:192 (POLI:4703) Special Topics in Politics 1-2 s.h.
Presentations by distinguished lecturers on topics in the study of politics not covered in other courses. One or two weeks.

30:193 (POLI:4701) Undergraduate Research Tutorial 3 s.h.
Individual training in applied research. Consent of supervising faculty member required.

30:194 (POLI:4702) Senior Research Project/Paper 3 s.h.
Supervised research and writing. Open only to political science students who are not in their last semester of course work before graduation. Consent of instructor required.

30:195 (POLI:3511) International Law 3 s.h.
Introduce undergraduate students to field of international law from a political & legal perspective. Discussion topics include: the history and contemporary status of international law in several areas: human rights, humanitarian (law of war), environmental law, and trade; and structure & different areas of international law. From a political science perspective the class will ask if international law is or can be an effective tool of international cooperation. From a legal perspective, students will learn the structure of the basic documents of international law & organizations as well as learn about key cases in the field.

30:197 (POLI:3513) Politics of International Human Rights Law 3 s.h.
Course centers on interaction between politics & international human rights law. Discussion topics will include: international law & organizations, human rights, ratification of human rights treaties. Theories of international law and cooperation, exposure to tools of international relations--diplomacy, trade, aid, shaming, & sanctions, and the role that international & domestic civil society groups play in advocating for states to commit to human rights laws also will be discussed.

30:198 (POLI:3514) Regional Peace & Security 3 s.h.
Analysis of the causes of relative peace and conflict between countries in various regions of the world, including theories of zones of peace, security communities, and regional security complexes.

30:199 (POLI:3602) New Media & Politics 3 s.h.
Blogging, microblogging, and video production as tools of new media (anyone can twitter and reach a large audience); how these technologies work, how they are being used in current politics, what they portend for the future, and what tools are next. Prerequisite: no prior enrollment in 030:139 with the subtitle New Media and Politics.
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