



THE SCHOOL OF POLITICS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS, AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

University of Wyoming

Majors in Political Science
Advising & Registration Newsletter for Spring 2023
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Political Science Curriculum Offerings (Spring 2023)

Gateway & Core Courses

POLS 1000 – American and Wyoming Government
POLS 2310 – Introduction to International Relations
POLS 2460 – Introduction to Political Philosophy
POLS 4810 – Seminar: Governing Utopia
STAT 2070 – Introduction to Statistics for Social Science

American Politics and Public Administration

POLS 1000 – American and Wyoming Government
POLS 1100 – Wyoming Government
POLS 4435 – Presidential Elections
POLS 4530 – U.S. Congress
POLS 4710 – Topics: Non-Profit Management
POLS 4840 – Seminar: Legal Philosophy

Public Law

POLS 1101 – FYS: 1st Amendment Rights
POLS 3100 – Politics and Judicial Processes
POLS 4100 – Constitutional Law: Institutional Power
POLS 4710 – Topics: Constitutional Issues – Social Justice & Law

International Relations

POLS 2310 – Introduction to International Relations
POLS 4215 – European Union
POLS 4330 – American Foreign Relations
POLS 4360 – International Peace and Conflict Studies

POLS 4705 – Terrorism
POLS 4870 – Seminar: US and China

Comparative Politics & Government

POLS 3270 – Government and Politics of the Middle East
POLS 3300 – Model Arab League
POLS 3400 – Politics of Turkey
POLS 4255 – Politics of Developing Nations

Political Theory & Philosophy

POLS 2460 – Introduction to Political Philosophy
POLS 4630 – Gender & Politics
POLS 4710 – Eco-tastrophe in Film

Experiential Learning: Internships & Faculty-Led Study Abroad (FLSA)

POLS 4550 – Internship in Politics & Government
POLS 4560 – Washington Semester Program
HP 4152/4196 – FLSA: The Northern Ireland Conflict and Peace Process (Summer 2023)
HP 4152/4196 – FLSA: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict & Peace Process (Summer 2023)

Experiential Learning: Internships & Study Abroad

In addition to the courses above, all POLS majors are strongly encouraged to consider taking part in an experiential learning opportunity in the form of an internship and/or study abroad program which will count towards upper-division course credit towards your major & degree. Please contact your academic advisor if you are interested in taking part in one of these exciting experiential learning opportunities alongside your other academic studies!

For **internships**, with the guidance and approval of your advisor this can include paid or unpaid work with a local non-profit, law firm, the legislature in Cheyenne, a Wyoming Senator or other government agency in DC or a domestic or an internship with a domestic or international NGO. Tuition and fees for your internship are the same for any UW course and students may apply for a SPPAIS Internship Award to support the costs of their program.

For **study abroad**, this can either be a semester-long program or a shorter-term, faculty-led study abroad course (FLSA) taught by UW faculty (typically offered during the Summer and Winter breaks). The majority of study abroad courses taken with our foreign university partners will transfer back to UW towards your major. Further, in most programs students pay UW tuition and fees to study at foreign universities and are eligible to apply for SPPAIS Study Abroad awards as well as various other scholarships on campus to support their programs. For more information on international study abroad exchanges, faculty-led study abroad courses, please visit the UW Abroad Office at: <http://www.uwyo.edu/uwyoabroad/>

Upcoming Spring 2023 Classes to Consider:

POLS 3100 – Politics and Judicial Processes (Jeffery Williams)

Online Asynchronous

Analyzes courts and their personnel in the American political system, including examination of functions of courts, characteristics of judicial process, approaches to the study of judicial behavior and role of courses as policy makers.

Prerequisite: POLS 1000.

POLS 3270 – Government and Politics of the Middle East (Eric Nigh)

On Campus: Mon/Weds/Fri 9:00-9:50am.

Acquaints students with basic political, social and economic institutions of Middle Eastern countries. Emphasizes post-World War I developments, contemporary issues and problems. Special attention is given to politics of major nations in the Middle East such as Turkey, Iran, Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Syria. **Prerequisites:** POLS 1200, or POLS 1250.

POLS 3300 – Model Arab League/Model UN (Eric Nigh)

On Campus: TBA

Focuses on the United Nations (UN) system and multilateral diplomacy to prepare students to participate in a Model UN simulation. Students learn to evaluate the UN system, learn strategies to address international problems, and develop skills to effectively represent a country in a role-playing exercise.

POLS 4100 – Constitutional Law: Institutional Power (Prof. Jason McConnell)

On-Campus: M/W/F 1:10pm-2:00pm

Encompasses case-study analysis of judicial decisions and policies affecting constitutional interrelationships among the three branches of federal government, federal-state relations, as well as powers of the states and federal government in the area of social and economic regulatory laws.

Prerequisite: POLS 1000.

POLS 4215/5215 – The European Union (Prof. Stephanie Anderson)

On Campus: Tues/Thurs 2:45-4:00pm.

Examines the European Union's history, institutional structures, and policy areas and explores the positive and negative effects of European integration.

Prerequisite: POLS 1200, POLS 1250 or POLS 2310.

POLS 4255/5255 – Politics of Developing Nations (Prof. Tom Seitz)

On Campus: 11:00am – 12:15pm

An analysis of the processes of political, economic & social change in the non-Western world.

Prerequisites: POLS 1200, or POLS 1250, or POLS 2310 or permission of instructor.

POLS 4360/5360 – International Peace and Conflict Studies (Prof. Nevin Aiken)

On Campus: Monday 3:10-5:00pm.

Examines the driving forces behind conflict carried out between state actors (interstate) and conflict within the state (intrastate) as well as strategies for conflict resolution, peacebuilding and reconciliation. Students will have the chance to engage with these issues both through an engagement with the core theoretical literature of international peace and conflict studies and through an in-depth analysis of contemporary global cases studies.

Prerequisite: POLS/INST 2310.

POLS 4420/5420 – Seminar: Governing Utopia (Prof. Gregg Cawley)

On Campus: Thurs 6:10-9:00pm & Online Synchronous

This course explores three questions. First, what role does this “dream of the world” play in political life? Second, where do people get their dreams of the world? Third, why does dream of the world/utopia have such a negative reputation in political thinking? By exploring these questions, students will have the opportunity to engage in some speculations about the kinds of political situations/problems that might populate our future political life.

Prerequisites: POLS 1000 and consent of instructor.

POLS 4330/5330 – American Foreign Relations (Prof. Jean Garrison)

In Campus: Tues/Thurs 8.00am-9.15am

Analyzes American foreign policy decision-making process and selected contemporary foreign policy problems. Stresses political and institutional factors, along with analysis of policy options.

Prerequisite: POLS 2310 strongly recommended.

POLS 4435/5435 – Presidential Elections (Kennedy Penn O’Toole)

On Campus: Mon/Wed/Fri 12:10-1:00pm.

Examines the process of electing the U.S. president. Topics include the roles of presidential primaries, caucuses, and conventions; campaign strategies; media coverage; citizen participation; the electoral college; and reforms.

Prerequisite: POLS 1000.

Study Abroad Opportunities:

Faculty-Led Study Abroad: The Northern Ireland Conflict and Peace Process (Prof. Nevin Aiken) Summer 2023 -- HP 4152/4196 (6 Credit Hours)

Dates: July 2nd – July 14th, 2023

Participants from UW will join other students from universities across the US and UK to receive direct exposure to the people, politics and realities of the Northern Ireland conflict and its evolving peace process as they transit between the difficult and contested geographies of Northern Ireland as well as the Republic of Ireland. As a unique part of their experiential learning program, students will actively engage with politicians, community leaders, non-governmental organizations, faith leaders, academic experts and victims/survivors from all sides impacted by the conflict to hear a comprehensive view of the divergent perspectives, narratives and human stories of people dealing with legacies of past violence in Northern Ireland.

Faculty-Led Study Abroad: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (Eric Nigh) Summer 2023 – HP 4152/4196 (6 Credit Hours Towards POLS Major)

Dates: July 27 – August 13, 2023

Participants from UW will join other students from universities across the US and UK to travel to the Middle East to receive on-the-ground exposure to the people, politics and realities of the Israeli- Palestinian conflict as they transit between the difficult and contested geographies of Jordan, Israel and the West Bank. As a unique part of their experiential learning program, students will actively engage with politicians, community leaders, non-governmental organizations, faith leaders, academic experts and victims/survivors from all sides impacted by the conflict to hear a comprehensive view of the divergent perspectives, narratives and human stories of people living in the region.

Internship Opportunities:

POLS 4550. Internship in Government. 1-6 (Max. 6). Integrates practical political experience with academic knowledge. Students are expected to participate in specifically assigned duties and observe broader activities of the sponsoring organization; then, reflect upon this participation and observation in the form of written assignments. This can include paid or unpaid work with a local non-profit, law firm, the Wyoming State legislative internship, internships with other government agencies, or an internship with a domestic or international NGO. **Offered for S/U only. Prerequisite: 9 hours of political science.**

POLS 4560. Washington Semester Program. 15 credits

Provides students with paid internships in Washington, D.C., in either congressional offices or federal agencies (including the State Department). Selection into the program is very competitive and is made the semester prior to service. Offered for S/U only. Prerequisites: POLS 1000 and 6 additional hours of political science courses.