

POLI SCI - COMPARATIVE (POLC)

POLC 1290 Semester Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)

POLC 2300 Comparative Politics (3 Credit Hours)

This course introduces students to the fundamental theories and concepts of the subfield of comparative politics. Comparative politics is a method of analysis that evaluates similarities and differences among political systems in order to develop general conclusions about political phenomena. The study of politics beyond U.S. borders helps place our own political system into perspective by highlighting alternatives to our own system and challenging the assumption that there is only one right way to organize political life.

POLC 3003 Women Leading Change (3 Credit Hours)

This course engages students in considering the real world dilemmas of women working in organizations and bringing about social change in those and other organizations. The course analyzes different theories and explanations of why so few leaders are women and how women can become leaders and lead as well. Case studies are used to examine the intricacies of organizations, the roles of women in various organizations, as well as the impact of organizations on policy (public, social, scientific, educational), government, and leadership in a global world. The course outcomes are an enhanced critical understanding of the dilemmas that are encountered by women leading change; the ability to evaluate and compose case studies at the intersection of leadership and gender; and the demonstration of critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Prerequisite: INTU 1000

POLC 3010 Special Projects (1-6 Credit Hours)

POLC 3011 Special Projects (1-6 Credit Hours)

POLC 3012 Special Projects (1-6 Credit Hours)

POLC 3013 Special Projects (1-6 Credit Hours)

POLC 3030 Special Topics (3 Credit Hours)

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POLC 3200 African Politics (3 Credit Hours)

This course offers an introduction to Sub-Saharan African politics from the precolonial period to the contemporary era. We will examine colonialism and independence movements, new state creation, democratic breakdown and dictatorship, protest movements, civil wars and genocide, economic collapse and ethnicity politics. This course offers students an understanding of political theories and these theories' applicability to African politics.

POLC 3300 European Governments (3 Credit Hours)

This course is an introduction to the Post-World War II evolution of Western Europe. It examines four main dimensions: (i) the position of countries in the international political economy, (ii) the role of the state in the management of the economy as well as of the welfare system, (iii) the formal structure of the system of governance and policymaking, and (iv) the form of political participation and representation.

POLC 3310 Politics of Central America (3 Credit Hours)

This course will focus on the current state of Central American politics and society by analyzing the social and political forces at play in the region, the challenges of its economic development, and its external interaction with the United States and other world regions. Although regional in its scope the course will rely on individual countries to exemplify particular issues confronting the region.

POLC 3340 Middle East Comp Politics (3 Credit Hours)

Overview of domestic politics in the countries of the Middle East, focusing on different types of regime and recent political developments.

POLC 3350 Politics of Latin America (3 Credit Hours)

This course will focus on the current state of Latin American politics and society by analyzing the social and political forces at play in the region, the challenges of its economic development, and its external interaction with the United States and other world regions. Although regional in its scope the course will rely on individual countries from South America as well as Mexico to exemplify particular issues confronting the region.

POLC 3380 Asian Governments (3 Credit Hours)

This course focuses on the origins and dynamics of change in the newer nations of Asia, with a special emphasis on South Asia.

POLC 3410 Politics & Nationalism (3 Credit Hours)

A study of nationalism and ethnic conflict in the contemporary world. Both approaches to the study of nationalist conflict and case studies of conflict are included.

POLC 3881 Writing Intensive: POLC 3003 (1 Credit Hour)**POLC 3890 Service Learning: POLC 3003 (0-1 Credit Hours)****POLC 4010 Special Projects (3 Credit Hours)**

For majors only. Non-major juniors and seniors may enroll in courses at the 4000-level or above only with the consent of the instructor.

Prerequisite(s): POLC 2300, POLS 2010 and POLA 2100.

POLC 4011 Special Projects (3 Credit Hours)

Prerequisite(s): POLC 2300, POLA 2100 and POLS 2010.

POLC 4012 Special Projects (3 Credit Hours)

Prerequisite(s): POLC 2300, POLA 2100 and POLS 2010.

POLC 4030 Comp Poli Econ Welfare State (3 Credit Hours)

This course analyzes the historical development of, and contemporary change in, the welfare states of the advanced industrial countries. It focuses in particular on the political, economic, and institutional sources of outcomes in the post-war era and the post-1970 period. It investigates how and why welfare states have developed historically, how they vary cross-nationally, and how pressures on inherited arrangements are generating reforms in a variety of institutional and political contexts.

Prerequisite(s): POLC 2300 and POLS 2010.

POLC 4200 The Politics of Rape (3,4 Credit Hours)

Prerequisite(s): (POLS 2010 or 2010) and (POLC 2300, 2300, 2300 or 2300).

POLC 4300 Polt/Econ Devlp W Europe (3 Credit Hours)

This course focuses on the historical antecedents of contemporary West Europe politics, with an emphasis on the social and economics bases of 20th-Century regime outcomes. It explores the political development of four major European countries - Great Britain, France, Germany, and Italy-with particular attention to contrasting responses to economic, social, and political challenges since the middle ages, including the commercialization of agriculture, the consolidation and dissolution of political regimes, democratization, and industrialization.

Prerequisite(s): POLC 2300, POLS 2010 and POLA 2100.

POLC 4310 Mexican Politics Govt (3 Credit Hours)

An exploration of the Mexican political process and the historical developments leading up to its present structure. For majors only. Non-major juniors and seniors may enroll in courses at the 4000-level or above only with the consent of the instructor.

Prerequisite(s): POLC 2300, POLA 2100 and POLS 2010.

POLC 4340 Chinese Politcs Revo to Reform (3 Credit Hours)

In this course we will analyze Chinese politics, paying particular attention to how the Chinese Communist Party came to power in 1949; how it ruled during the Mao era; and why it initiated economic reforms in 1978. We will also analyze enduring features of the Chinese polity that were instituted shortly after 1949 and persist to the current day, like the single-party system, campaigns, and ideology.

Prerequisite(s): POLC 2300 and POLS 2010.

POLC 4350 Chinese Politics (3 Credit Hours)

This course will examine the political and economic reforms that China has undertaken since 1978.

Prerequisite(s): POLC 2300.

POLC 4360 Russian Politics (3 Credit Hours)

An examination of both formal and informal factors affecting the nature of the Russian political system. For majors only. Non-major juniors and seniors may enroll in courses at the 4000-level or above only with the consent of the instructor.

Prerequisite(s): POLC 2300.

POLC 4390 Poverty & Development (3 Credit Hours)

For majors only. Non-major juniors and seniors may enroll in courses at the 4000-level or above only with the consent of the instructor.

Prerequisite(s): POLC 2300.

POLC 4392 Controversies-Global Pub Hlth (3 Credit Hours)

This class explores the politics of global public health, both in the sense of how politics affects global health governance and the ways in which global health issues fit into the discipline of political science.

Prerequisite(s): (POLC 2300 or POLI 2500) and POLS 2010.

POLC 4420 State Society Devlp Coun (3 Credit Hours)

The course examines the global context of political development in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, the pursuit of economic development and democracy in these regions, and efforts at grass-roots reform.

Prerequisite(s): POLC 2300.

POLC 4470 Politics & Literature (3 Credit Hours)

Study of the literature of political dissent, with particular focus on writers in communist and other authoritarian states.

Prerequisite(s): POLC 2300.

POLC 4510 Politics of the European Union (3,4 Credit Hours)

The nation-states of the old Europe are becoming the member-states of a European Union. While founded to avoid a repetition of the horrors of the past, the New Europe is increasingly being viewed as a model for the future. This course provides an overview of the political institutions and the political economy of the European Union. Four main areas are examined: (i) formal institutions and institutional relations of the European Union (ii) critical junctures in the evolution of the European Union, (iii) issues of democratic deficits, and (iv) external relations and eastward enlargement.

Prerequisite(s): (POLC 2300, 2300, 2300 or 2300) and (POLS 2010 or 2010).

POLC 4520 Comparative State Building (3 Credit Hours)

This course will explore the nature of state authority and the processes by which different types of states emerged at different moments in world history and in different regions of the world, as well as how the nature of states has evolved over time.

Prerequisite(s): POLC 2300.

POLC 4550 People's Politics of Latin Am (3 Credit Hours)

Prerequisite(s): POLC 2300.

POLC 4890 Service Learning: POLC 4011 (0-1 Credit Hours)**POLC 5190 Study Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)****POLC 5380 Junior Year Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)****POLC 5390 Junior Year Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)****POLC 6010 Approaches to Global Dilemmas (3 Credit Hours)**

This course employs an interdisciplinary approach to explore the tensions and debates surrounding global capitalism in various world regions. Open to senior Altman Scholars only.

POLC 6100 Politics & Health (3 Credit Hours)

This course approaches health care as a policy area, one in which a variety of actors attempt to influence the design and delivery of health services. We begin with an overview of the U.S. system, compare it to peer nations, and then analyze health policy issues in other world regions.

Prerequisite(s): (POLS 2010 or 2010) and (POLC 2300, 2300, 2300 or 2300).

POLC 6110 Comparatv Political Econ (3 Credit Hours)**POLC 6120 Comparative Social Policy (3 Credit Hours)**

This course focuses on welfare states and social policy across world regions including advanced industrialized countries, post-communist states, and developing nations. It examines explanations for variation in social policy provision across countries and regions and asks why welfare state reforms are more successful in some places than others. The course includes detailed study of key policy areas (pensions, healthcare, and education).

POLC 6410 Approaches L A Politics (3 Credit Hours)

Major approaches to the study of Latin American politics such as developmentalism, institutionalism, corporativism, bureaucratism, authoritarianism, and dependency theory.

POLC 6881 Writing Intensive: POLC 6410 (1 Credit Hour)**POLC 6882 Writing Intensive: POLC 6950 (1 Credit Hour)****POLC 6910 Authoritarianism (3 Credit Hours)**

Despite the impressive gains that democracy has made over the past four decades, more than half of the countries in the world remain autocratic. What are the roots of this authoritarian resilience? We will first approach this question theoretically and by cases studies of countries in Europe and Eurasia (the Soviet Union; pre-1989 Eastern Europe; post Soviet Russia and Central Asia), Asia (China, North Korea, Taiwan), Latin America (Mexico, Cuba), and the Middle East (Iraq, Syria, Iran).

POLC 6930 Regime Change in Asia (3,4 Credit Hours)

In this course we will analyze the reasons for democratization in some Asian countries and will evaluate the prospects for regime change in countries that remain authoritarian. The first module of the course will focus on theories of authoritarian rule and of democratization. The second will examine several successful cases of democratization. The third module will focus on China, which represents a crucial case of regime durability. The fourth module of the course will assess the prospects for regime change in North Korea and several Southeast Asian autocracies.

Prerequisite(s): POLS 2010 and POLC 2300.

POLC 6950 Special Topics (3,4 Credit Hours)

Prerequisite(s): POLS 2010 and POLC 2300.

POLC 6951 Special Topics (3 Credit Hours)**POLC 7315 Sem in Comparative Politics (3 Credit Hours)**