

# POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLI)

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**POLI 101 Freshman Seminar 2 Credit Hours (2,0)**

The focus of this course will be on academic skills, orientation to Lake Superior State University and Sault Ste Marie, and introduction to the field of Political Science.

**POLI 110 Intro American Govt/Politics 4 Credit Hours (4,0)**

An introductory survey of American national government and politics.

**POLI 120 Introduction Legal Processes 3 Credit Hours (3,0)**

An introduction to the nature and characteristics of law as it operates in the United States: structure and function of the judiciary, process of litigation, influences on law, and impact and enforcement of judicial decisions.

**POLI 130 Intro State/Local Government 4 Credit Hours (4,0)**

A study of the politics and organization of state and local governments, with an emphasis on specific policy issues such as education, criminal justice and economic development.

**POLI 160 Intro Canadian Govt Politics 3 Credit Hours (3,0)**

An introductory survey of Canadian government and politics.

**POLI 201 Intro to Public Administration 3 Credit Hours (3,0)**

This course provides an overview of the field of public administration. It examines the types of organizations, the relation of administration to politics and public management.

**POLI 202 Soph Sem Political Res & Stats 3 Credit Hours (3,0)**

An introduction to research methods and statistical applications in political science and public administration. Among other research methods, the course examines survey research, content analysis, experimental design and analysis of existing data. Introduces students to the basics of descriptive and inferential statistics.

**Prerequisite(s):** MATH088 or equivalent/satisfactory score on ACT, SAT, or placement exam

**POLI 222 Intro to the Legal Profession 3 Credit Hours (3,0)**

Students will become familiar with how the law functions, how the legal profession has evolved, how to prepare for and apply to law school, how law schools differ from college (including development of various methods and techniques to study the law). In addition, students will become aware of the legal profession and its demands, opportunities, options and trends. Also listed as LAWS222.

**Prerequisite(s):** POLI110, sophomore standing and/or permission of instructor

**POLI 234 Women & Politics Around World 4 Credit Hours (4,0)**

This course will examine a broad range of issues involving gender and politics: the political participation of women, the history of women's movements, voting differences, political divisions among women, and the present political status of women in the United States and globally.

**POLI 241 Intro International Relations 4 Credit Hours (4,0)**

An introductory study of the factors that influence the conduct of international relations and of the various methods by which those relations are conducted. This material will then be applied to an examination of some appropriate current international controversies.

**POLI 245 United Nations/World Politics 3 Credit Hours (3,0)**

This course provides a general overview of the United Nations and how world politics both influences, and is influenced by, the actions of the United Nations.

**Prerequisite(s):** POLI241 or permission of the instructor

**POLI 246 Model United Nations 1 Credit Hour (0,2)**

This course is the experiential learning component of POLI245 United Nations and World Politics and requires participation in the Model United Nations program, in which students represent specific countries and become familiar with their background and politics. This course may be repeated for credit for a maximum of 3 credits without retaking POLI245.

**Prerequisite(s):** Permission of instructor

**Corequisite(s):** POLI245, the first time

**POLI 290 Res Topics Political Science 1-4 Credit Hours (1-4,0)**

This may take the form of either a research project or a program of directed reading on a specific topic. One to four credits over a period of one or two semesters may be granted according to the nature of the student's project.

**Prerequisite(s):** Permission of instructor

**POLI 301 Policy Analysis and Evaluation 3 Credit Hours (3,0)**

Examines how public issues and problems are analyzed to assist in the development of public policies. Considers the process of evaluating public programs to determine whether they are to be expanded, cut back or continued at the current level.

**Prerequisite(s):** Permission of instructor

**POLI 303 Junior Seminar 4 Credit Hours (4,0)**

A junior seminar required for all political science majors. The course examines the history of political science, careers in political science, and reviews contemporary approaches and recent research. Students prepare a research proposal to be carried out in POLI404 and POLI405.

**Prerequisite(s):** Political science major and junior standing

**POLI 325 Politics and Media 3 Credit Hours (3,0)**

Examines the impact of electronic and print media on contemporary American politics. Evaluates proposals for changing the method and role of media coverage of government and politics.

**Prerequisite(s):** POLI110 and junior standing

**POLI 331 Comparative Politics of Europe 3 Credit Hours (3,0)**

An examination of institutions and politics in major European states, such as Great Britain, France, Germany and Russia, and the European Union.

**Prerequisite(s):** POLI110 or POLI160

**POLI 334 Middle East Politics 3 Credit Hours (3,0)**

An examination of government and politics in the Middle East, with special emphasis on the influences of Islam and nationalism on both international and domestic politics of the area.

**Prerequisite(s):** Junior or senior standing

**POLI 342 Internatl Environmental Policy 3 Credit Hours (3,0)**

This course is intended to familiarize students with the efforts of the international community to establish policy guidelines designed to begin the regulation of the global environment. The course covers basic concepts to international relations necessary to understand the general workings of the nation-state system. It then begins an exploration of significant historical international environmental issues and the ways in which these have been dealt with by the international community. The course further challenges students by investigating various alternative solutions for solving the myriad of global environment problems faced by all of humankind in the new century.

**POLI 351 Political Philosophy 3 Credit Hours (3,0)**

An examination of the seminal authors and theories of political philosophy. Major philosophers include Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, Augustine, Aquinas, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Burke, Mill, Hegel, Marx, Wollstonecraft, Arendt, and Rawls. Major ideologies include conservatism, Liberalism, socialism, communism, anarchism, fascism, and feminism.

**Prerequisite(s):** POLI110 and junior or senior standing; or permission of instructor

**POLI 367 Congress and the Presidency 4 Credit Hours (4,0)**

Examines the legislative and executive branches of government as parts of the policy-making process.

**Prerequisite(s):** POLI110

**POLI 401 Princ of Public Administration 3 Credit Hours (3,0)**

Examines major issues and methods in public administration. Analysis of specific public policy issues.

**Prerequisite(s):** Advanced standing

**POLI 404 Senior Seminar I 2 Credit Hours (2,0)**

Implementation of project proposal begun in POLI303. Student will make weekly reports on progress of methodology and data collection to faculty and class.

**Prerequisite(s):** POLI303

**POLI 405 Senior Seminar II 2 Credit Hours (2,0)**

Completion of the project begun in POLI404. Student will make oral presentations of their project results at the end of the course to other students, faculty and invited guests.

**Prerequisite(s):** POLI404

**POLI 411 US Foreign Policy 3 Credit Hours (3,0)**

A study of the formation and conduct of American foreign policy. Analysis of relevant factors, institutions which influence the formulation and conduct of policy; and an examination of selected foreign policies.

**Prerequisite(s):** POLI110

**POLI 413 The International Legal Order 4 Credit Hours (4,0)**

The primary objective of this course is to explore the reasons for the emergence of the international legal order as a crucial constraint on the freedom of action of national governments; that is, to understand the impact of the international legal order on contemporary international relations. It also seeks to introduce the substance of international law in selected issue-areas, and to provide an overview of the nature of international legal reasoning. Throughout the course, we shall emphasize the interaction of law and politics, and of national and transnational legal processes.

**Prerequisite(s):** POLI110

**POLI 420 Politics of the World Economy 4 Credit Hours (4,0)**

Power conflict at the international economic level and its impact on the politics of various nations, states, regions and interests.

**Prerequisite(s):** POLI110 or POLI160, and junior standing, as well as either ECON201 or ECON202; POLI241 recommended but not required

**POLI 463 Seminar in Political Science 1-3 Credit Hours (1-3,0)**

A reading and discussion seminar dealing with selected topics in political science. Course may be repeated with permission of instructor.

**Prerequisite(s):** Junior or senior standing

**POLI 467 Constitutional Law/Civil Lib 4 Credit Hours (4,0)**

Principles of the American Constitution: separation of powers, federalism, the powers of the national and state governments, and limitations on the exercise of these powers as well as principles of the American Constitution respecting civil rights and liberties, The Bill of Rights, equal protection of the laws, citizenship and suffrage, and limitations on the exercise of those rights.

**Prerequisite(s):** POLI120 or its equivalent

**POLI 490 Ind Study Political Science 1-3 Credit Hours**

Independent research or directed study under the supervision of a faculty member. May be repeated for a total of nine credits. (1-3) 1-3

**Prerequisite(s):** Permission of instructor

**POLI 499 Pol Sci/Pub Admin Internship 3-9 Credit Hours**

Students arrange, with the assistance and approval of the instructor, a supervised work experience in a governmental, community or nonprofit organization. Students perform professional tasks under the supervision of agency personnel. The students' review and evaluation of the work experience is under the direction of the instructor. Permission of the instructor required by the seventh week of the preceding semester. Course may be repeated to a maximum of 9 credits. (1,9-27) 3-9