

Political Science (POL)

Courses

POL-111. American Government. 3 Credits.

LECT 45 hrs

A study of the myths and realities of the American political system. The course focuses on the constitutional development of the American system of government, the political, policymaking and implementing structures of American government, and the problem of representative government in the United States. Consideration is given to contemporary domestic and foreign policy issues.

POL-222. Constitutional Law. 3 Credits.

LECT 45 hrs

This is a survey course which examines the constitutional development of the U.S., the growth of American constitutional doctrine and law, and the judicial process within which judicial decisions are formulated and given the force of law. The constitutional basis for the government's powers and the liberties of the individual are examined within this framework. Emphasis is given to landmark U.S. Supreme Court decisions.

POL-231. State and Local Government. 3 Credits.

LECT 45 hrs

A survey of the governing structures, politics and policies of local and state governments, with special emphasis on New Jersey. Students become acquainted with many of the major challenges and state issues facing local government today.

POL-240. International Politics. 3 Credits.

LECT 45 hrs

An introduction to the nature and problems of international politics. Analysis and consideration is given to the development and contemporary status of nation-states, their relationships and the elements of power politics. Emphasis is given to problems of war and peace, the nature of conflict and the various approaches to world peace.

POL-245. Comparative Government. 3 Credits.

LECT 45 hrs

An examination of the variety of governmental systems, both western and non-western, whose importance is reflected in the increasing interdependent nature of the world community. The political systems of the traditional European powers (Great Britain, Germany and Russia) and strategically important non-western nation-states (Japan, China, India and Mexico) are reviewed. Trends in government in the developing countries are studied as well.

POL-270. Civil Liberties-Basic Rights and Freedom. 3 Credits.

LECT 45 hrs

An analysis and examination of individual rights within a democratic society. Focus is on such major issues as freedom of expression and religion, political and racial equality, privacy rights, and the Bill of Rights and its applicability to the states. The role of the judiciary, particularly the U.S. Supreme Court, is analyzed.

POL-291. Special Topics in Political Science. 3 Credits.

LECT 45 hrs

An examination of selected topics or issues in political science. Topics may differ each time the course is offered. Students should consult the department chair for further information.

Prerequisites: An introductory course in Political Science.

POL-292. Special Topics in Political Science. 3 Credits.

LECT 45 hrs

An examination of selected topics or issues in political science. Topics may differ each time the course is offered. Students should consult the department chair for further information.

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