Political Science
Featured Courses Autumn 2018

- POLS 100S Introduction to International Politics
- POLS 101S Intro to American Politics
- POLS 102S Intro to Comparative Government and Politics
- POLS 308 Research Design
- POLS 316 Politics of Africa
- POLS 320 United Nations I
- POLS 331 State and Local Politics
- POLS 337W Latin American Politics
- POLS 338W Politics of East Asia
- POLS 408 American Constitutional Law and Politics I
- POLS 418 Quantitative Methods
- POLS 480W Senior Seminar in International Studies
POLS 100S Intro to International Politics

- 1 - 1:50 pm MWF in New ED 1103 with Mark Checchia
- 1:30 - 2:45 pm Tues/Thurs in BAL 1012 with Aaron Karp
- 11 - 11:50 am MWF in CON 1009 with TBA
POLS 101S Intro to American Politics

- 4:20 - 7:00 pm Tues in BAL 3068 with Glen Sussman
- 1:00 pm - 1:50 pm MWF in BAL 3070 with Glen Sussman
- 11:00 am - 11:50 am MWF in BAL 1012 with Shenita Brazelton
- On line with Jesse Richman
POLS 102S Intro to Comparative Government and Politics

- 2 - 2:50 pm MW in BAL 3070 with Matthew Hall
- 10 - 10:50 am MWF in CON 1009 with TBA
• How do political scientists separate truth from fiction, science from opinion? It's easier than you think.
• Your gateway to upper divisional study in Political Science.
• Fulfills 308 requirements in Geography, Psychology and several other majors.
With Ambassador (Ret.) Bismarck Myrick,

- Former U.S. Ambassador to Republic of Liberia and Kingdom of Lesotho
- Former U.S. Consul General, South Africa
- Retired U.S. Army (Infantry/Foreign Area) Officer

Meets Tues/Thurs 11-12:15 in BAL 2056
The United Nations is the ultimate instrument for and reflection of World Politics.

This course builds your understanding of what the UN is, why it exists, and how it works.

Explain its successes and failures and the reasons for these.

With Amb. Christer Persson, 4:20 - 7:00 in BAL 3068.
Come answer these questions and many more as we examine the uniqueness and oddity of American states!
Latin America is a politically diverse and fascinating continent! To enhance and understand the politics of this part of the “New World” the course takes you from colonial times and liberation struggles through the age of the “caudillos,” to authoritarian and totalitarian times and revolutions, to today’s “flawed” and real democracies. In addition the role and impact of “Uncle Sam“ during different political epochs will be highlighted. What is, and what will be, the future role of Latin America in today’s changing world politics? Is this multi-linguistic and multi-racial continent the one of the future?

With Amb. Christer Persson, 1:30 - 2:45 Tues/Thurs in BAL 3068
POLS 338W Politics of East Asia

Monday/Wednesday 3:00-4:15 pm
Contact: Dr. Cathy Wu (xwu@odu.edu)

• What are the historical legacies and political culture of East Asia?
• How do we compare different political systems in East Asia?
• How do we analyze the success and challenges of economies?
• How do we understand the variation of state-society relations?
• What are the roles of history, culture, government and non-government actors in regional dynamics?
• Did President Trump violate the Establishment Clause when issuing his “travel bans”?
• What are the protections for speech for students?
• What are the implications of Ohio’s bill seeking to ban all abortions?

If you would like to consider these questions, register for POLS 408!
POLS 418 Quantitative Methods

Learn the Most Marketable Job Skills Political Science Has to Offer:

--Data Science
--Statistical Inference
--Statistical Software
--Spreadsheet Management
--Hypothesis Testing

Required for BS students in Political Science

Contact: Dr. Joshua Zingher
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POLS 480W
Senior Seminar in International Studies

The tide of Globalization is turning, and International Organizations are helping to turn it!

We live in an era of globalization. As the twenty-first century matures, the prevailing world order continues to be fundamentally redefined and restructured. The role of globalization, and its positive or negative effect in global governance, is a subject of debate. Traditional notions of national sovereignty, economic independence, and cultural distinctiveness have affected transnational systems, institutions, and practices. This seminar examines political convergence in the world today, as well as backlash by nationalist movements.

Challenges now facing the global community: reducing military conflict, defending universal human rights, promoting economic development, enhancing ethnic and gender equity, and preserving natural environments. Many more!