Old Dominion University

Featured Political Science Courses
Spring 2020

- POLS 100S Intro to International Politics
- POLS 101S Intro to American Politics
- POLS 102S Intro to Comparative Politics
- POLS 300 Introduction to Public Policy
- POLS 308 Research Design
- POLS 321W United Nations II
- POLS 323 International Political Economy
- POLS 326W American Foreign Policy
- POLS 327W National Security Policy
- POLS 350T Technology and War
- POLS 395 Espionage & Counterintelligence
- POLS 409 American Constitutional Law & Politics II
- POLS 418 Quantitative Methods
- POLS 437/537 International Relations of East Asia
- POLS 495 Sex, Drugs, and Alcohol: Politics and Policy of Sin
POLS 100S Intro to International Politics

Four sections in Spring 2020:

- Mark Checchia  MWF 9:00 - 09:50 AM  BAL 3068
- Mark Checchia  MWF 10:00 - 10:50 AM  BAL 3068
- TBA  TR  1.30 – 2.45 PM  BAL 3062
- TBA  M  4:20 - 7:00 PM  BAL 3068
POLS 101S Intro to American Politics

Three sections in Spring 2020:

• Joshua Zingher  TR  9.30 – 10.45  BAL 2068
• Mark Checchia  MW  3.00 – 4.15  BAL 3068
• Jesse Richman  MWF 11.00 – 11.50  BAL 1012
POLS 102S Intro to Comparative Politics

Two sections in Spring 2020:

- Matt Hall  
  MW 3.00 – 4.15  
  BAL 3070

- Matt Hall  
  MWF 1.00 – 1.50  
  BAL 2056
POLS 300 Introduction to Public Policy

Dr. Benjamin Melusky

• 2 sections available!
• In class (Tuesday and Thursdays – 11-12:15pm)
• Online

Government in the US has grown from a small, simple “night watchman state” providing defense, police protection, tax collection and some education into an immense network of organizations and institutions affecting the daily lives of all citizens in countless ways.

This course will:

1) Examine how the role of government has changed
2) The “life cycle” of a policy
3) Factors influencing policy development
4) Some of the most controversial and infamous policies adopted in the US
POLS 308 Research Design

Two sections in Spring 2019:

• Dr. Michael Clemons    TR    1.30 - 2.45
• Dr. Matthew DiLorenzo  WMF  11.00 - 11.50

• The course that teaches you *how to think*.
• How do political scientists separate truth from fiction, science from opinion?
• Your gateway to upper divisional study in Political Science.
• Also fulfils 308 Research Design requirements in Geography, Psychology and other majors.
POLS 321W United Nations II

With Amb. Christer Persson
Mondays at 4:20 - 7:00 PM BAL 2056
For more info; cpersson@odu.edu

• How the UN handles issues like climate, disarmament, gender and refugees.
• Examine specialized UN agencies like UNESCO and WHO.
• And regional organizations like the Organization of American States and Arab League.
• Pre-requisites: POLS-100, or POLS-102, or POLS-320, or instructor’s permission. POLS 320 is not required for POLS 321 United Nations II
• Ideal for students involved in MUN or other student organizations.
- Who governs the global economy?
- What determines how trade and finance are conducted?
- Why are some countries extremely poor, while others are very wealthy?
POLS 326W American Foreign Policy

Spring 2020 Tuesdays 4.20 -7.00
Instructor: Aaron Karp
W course; meets ODU writing requirements.

- Prepares you to fully participate in American foreign policy debates.
- Equip yourself with everything the media assumes you already know.
- Investigate key contributions and positions in the American foreign policy.
Do we have a policy of National Security? Who participates in its formulation? What factors do they consider? How often is it published? Where can I find it?

Great questions. This course explores all of this and more.

Challenges: The politics of national security is a nation’s business of survival, and how to get stronger to ensure a better future for the nation. All nations, including the United States of America, have four elements of power essential to its security: the skill of its diplomats, the information systems it uses, the strength of its military, and the economic power it has at its disposal. Each one of these has a political component that contributes to its success in employing these elements. Some of the actors who determine National Security have long years of experience; some have very little.
POLS 350T Technology and War

Spring 2020 Thursdays at 7.10 pm
Instructor: Aaron Karp

Course meets all ODU T requirements. Double counts for Political Science majors.

- From pre-history to AI.
- What do new technologies reveal about the future of war?
- What will war shape new technologies?
- How can we shape technological change?
The course explores two components of human intelligence (HUMINT): espionage and counterintelligence. What constitutes espionage; tradecraft; a review historical cases; laws on espionage; and espionage as a tool of intelligence and statecraft?

Concurrently we explore counterintelligence (CI); its role and impact in international relations; difference types of CI; foreign intelligence CI activities; the roles and missions of government CI organizations; and how CI functions for national security policymaking and execution.
POLS 409 American Constitutional Law & Politics II

• With Dr. Michelle M. Kundmueller
• Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30-10:45 am.
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• May be taken before or after American Constitutional Law I
• Study the Supreme Court opinions that define the powers of government as we experience them. This class focuses on the federalism, separation of powers, and the role of the United States Judiciary and Supreme Courts within the United States politics.
District Voting and Member Liberalism

POLS 418 Quantitative Methods

Master 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
• Tues 4.20 – 7.00 pm in MHALL 2114

Contact: Dr. Joshua Zingher
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• How do we understand “East Asia” as a region? What are its historical legacies and political culture?
• Who are the major powers in East Asia? How do they interact?
• How do we analyze territorial & maritime disputes in East Asia?
• What are the prospects of regional integration in East Asia?
• How can the regional order and security be managed in East Asia?
• What are the roles of growing civil society in regional dynamics?
Morality has nothing in common with politics.
Bob Dylan

Politics is an extension of one’s morality

• Why can you buy beer and wine in the grocery store but not hard alcohol?
• Why can 12-year-olds get married in the United States?
• Why do some states legalize marijuana and others not?
• Examine the foundations of Why and How we legislate morality in the United States.

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