Featured Political Science Courses
Summer 2020

- POLS 100S Intro to International Politics, Session II
- POLS 101S Intro to American Politics, Session I
- POLS 300 Introduction to Public Policy, Session II
- POLS 300 Introduction to Public Policy, Session II
- POLS 308 Research Design, Session II
- POLS 332W Europe in World Affairs, Session I
- POLS 368 Internship in Political Science, Sessions I & II
- POLS 412 Politics of the Civil Rights Movement, Session I
- POLS 414 Politics of Education, Session I
- POLS 418 Quantitative Methods, Session I
- POLS 458T Weapons of Mass Destruction, Session I
POLS 100S Intro to International Politics

- 2020 Summer Session II, 29 June – 8 August
- 12 - 3.30 pm Tues/Thurs in BAL 3068 with Dr. Francis Adams
POLS 101S Intro to American Politics

• 2020 Summer Session I, 18 May - 27 June
• On-line with Dr. Jesse Richman
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.

1) Examine how the role of government changes,
2) The “life cycle” of a policy,
3) The various factors influencing policy development,
4) The most controversial and infamous policies,
5) How the US creates policy in crisis situations like COVID-19
POLS 308 Research Design

- 2020 Summer Session II, 29 June - 8 August
- 11.45 - 2.15 MWF in BAL 1003 with Dr. Joshua Zingher

- How do political scientists separate truth from fiction, science from opinion? Its easier than you think.
- Your gateway to upper divisional study in Political Science.
- Fulfils 308 requirements in Geography, Psychology and several other majors.
POLS 332W Europe in World Affairs

- 2020 Summer Session I, 18 May - 27 June
- 5.10 - 9 pm in BAL 3068, with Amb. Christer Persson

EUROPE, ‘The Old World’ is a diverse geographical, political, ethnic, linguistic and fascinating concept. WHERE does it start, and WHERE does it end? Which are the political and other similarities, and differences of the continent. WHAT is the European Union? What role does Europe have now, and what role will it have in the future? What role will it have in a world of growing populism and nationalism, which challenges the post-1945 liberal and democratic values?
POLS / GEOG 368
Internships in Political Science and Geography

For more information contact Jesse Richman, internship coordinator.
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Or visit: https://sites.wp.odu.edu/gpinternships/ and
https://www.odu.edu/pols-geog/political/internships
POLS 412 – Politics of the Civil Rights Movement

Online, Summer and Fall Semesters 2020
Instructor: Dr. Michael Clemons

Social movements worldwide have had an important affect on the nature and dynamics of social behavior, especially in the realm of politics. This course examines the rise of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States and its results and impact on the political and economic well-being of African Americans and the nation in general. Both the content and the structure of the movement is examined to assess how they helped transform the nature of American politics. Principal actors, organizations, and institutions are of special interest to our assessment of the politics of this unparalleled era in the nation’s history. Special attention is given to the strategies and tactics of the movement, and the mutually complementary nature of the major civil rights organizations. There is also an opportunity to explore the connection of contemporary movements (e.g., Black Lives Matter) to the historic Civil Rights Movement. Upon successful completion of the course, students will have a fundamental understanding of social movement theory and ability to apply the extant theory to gain insight and knowledge about the Civil Rights Movement in the United States.
The goals of American public education are determined politically, guiding what is taught and how it is taught. While both the Republican and Democrat parties generally agree that the fundamental role of American education is to prepare students for the global economy, they diverge on approaches to achieve this goal.

This online seminar investigates and critiques the politics of American education. Attention is given to issues surrounding the political and social goals of education. The process of political socialization is examined and multiculturalism is considered as an alternative paradigm for American education. The development and impact of educational policy at the federal level is examined in light of state and local politics. Upon successful completion of the course, students will have the intellectual and analytic tools to assess the relationship between the nation’s educational system and its social and political development.

Politics of Education (POLS 414) emphasizes critical, analytic, and writing skills through mastery of theory and the required reading and written assignments. Students participate in all asynchronous online discussions. The basic strategies of online instruction include utilization of assigned readings, various online resources, and PowerPoint and audio lectures.
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

2020 Summer Session I
May 18 - June 27
11.45 – 2.15 MWF in BAL 3068
With Dr. Joshua Zingher
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POLS 458T Weapons of Mass Destruction in World Politics

- How likely is nuclear war?
- What is most likely to cause it?
- What can be done to prevent it?
- The course meets the ODU technology requirement.

2020 Summer Session I, 18 May - 27 June
Tues/Thurs, 4.30 - 7 pm in BAL 3068
With Prof. Aaron Karp
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