Featured Courses

- POLS 100S Intro to International Politics
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POLS 100S Intro to International Politics

• Monday-Wednesday-Friday 2:00 – 2:50 pm with Mark Checchia
• And on-line asynchronous with Aaron Karp
POLS 101S Intro to American Politics

- Tuesday-Thursday 9:30 am - 10:45 am with Dr. Joshua Zingher
- Tuesday-Thursday 11:00 am -12:15 pm with Dr. Athena King.
POLS 101S Intro to American Politics

- Fall 2022 Semester (8/27-12/9)
- Batten Arts and Letters Building, Room 2056, 11am – 12:15pm TR
- Dr. Athena M. King, Instructor
POLS 102S Intro to Comparative Government

- Monday/Wednesday 3.00 - 4.15, and on-line with Dr. Eteri Tsintsadze-Maass
- Mon/Wed/Fri 1.00-1.50 with Dr. Khadijeh Salimi
POLS 314
European Politics

- With Dr. Georg Menz, Tues 7.10 – 9.50
- Who governs in Europe?
- Why is Europe’s single currency in permanent crisis?
- What are the powers of the European Union and why is it so contested?
- How is Europe addressing the challenge of sustainable energy?
POLS 320 United Nations

With Aaron Karp
Tuesdays 4.20 - 7.00 pm

• What does the world’s dominant international organization do best?
• What does it do poorly?
• Why is it so controversial in the United States?
• Can the UN be made more effective for the world 75 years after its creation?
POLS 331 State and Local Politics

Dr. Benjamin Melusky
MWF: 12:00-12:50

• How will the recent state driven redistricting impact elections for the next decade?
• How will the influx of female legislators impact the operation of our government?
• What will marijuana legalization in Virginia look like?
• Who is more important in creating policy which impacts your daily life – the Federal government or the American state governments?

Come answer these questions and many more as we examine the uniqueness and oddity of the American states!
POLS 338W Politics of East Asia

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

- What are the historical legacies and 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?
POLS 395 Russian Foreign Policy

- Thurs 4.20 – 7.00 in CON 1005
- With Ambassador Christer Persson
Course topics include:

• Definition of intelligence, the intelligence process, collection disciplines, and the structure of the U.S. Intelligence Community.

• The purpose, capabilities, and limitations of analysis and the types of analytic approaches and techniques.

• Human intelligence, espionage, counterintelligence and foreign intelligence services.

• The intelligence producer – consumer relationship, how intelligence supports policy, how it is and is not integrated into foreign policy development.

• Intelligence reform commissions and intelligence oversight.
POLS 409 American Constitutional Law
Powers of Government

- May be taken before or after other constitutional law classes
- Three credits, Wednesday, 4:20-7:00 pm.
- Dr. Michelle M. Kundmueller, Esq.
- 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 Judiciary and Supreme Court in US politics.
POLS 421: International Law

Dr. Richard Maass
Tuesdays 4:20-7:00

Treaties
Customary Law
Laws of War
Jurisdiction
Law of the Sea
Environment
Human Rights
International Court Cases
…and much more!
POLS 426 Cyber War

Online & Asynchronous
Dr. Saltuk Karahan

- Explore the national security dimension of cybersecurity and examine cyber war in international relations
- Cyberspace as a military domain
- Cyber deterrence
- International institutions in Cybersecurity
- State level actors in Cyber Warfare
The tide of Globalization is turning, and International Organizations are helping to turn it!

We live in an era of globalization. Is it progress, or not? 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 (think Russia-Ukraine) defending human rights, promoting economic development, and preserving natural environments (windfarms vs coal fields).