

**Department
of
Political Science**

Undergraduate Handbook

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This handbook presents the requirements and procedures established for candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, the Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science, as well as for minors in Political Science, Public Administration, and Comparative Government and International Relations. It is a supplement to policies, procedures and requirements found in the E.C.U. Undergraduate Catalog. Students should be familiar with both documents.

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GENERAL COMMENTS

A student who majors in political science acquires skills in writing, communications, and analysis that are critical to a liberal arts education. A liberal arts education prepares the student to think independently, with tolerance for others and concern for public affairs. Today, a student can reasonably expect to change jobs many times and even to have more than one career. An undergraduate education in the liberal arts and sciences is excellent preparation for employment flexibility.

The successful political science major will be qualified for many different careers in private and public sector organizations-careers in business; finance; the law; state, local, and federal government; journalism; international organizations; political campaigns; interest groups and associations; and pre-college and college teaching.

The Department of Political Science offers undergraduate instruction in two degree programs: The Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (B.A.) and the Bachelor of Science in Political Science (B.S.). The department also offers Minor programs in Political Science, Public Administration, and Comparative Government and International Relations.

This handbook describes the Department of Political Science, its programs, personnel, and policies. We make great efforts to keep this handbook up to date, but the information in it may change rapidly as departmental personnel and policies change.

POLITICAL SCIENCE ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

Chair.....	Dr. Brad E. Lockerbie BA-125
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POLITICAL SCIENCE FACULTY

The following is a listing of faculty in the department, including educational background and areas of teaching and research interests.

Jody Baumgartner (Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Miami University): **Teaching Areas:** American and Comparative Politics. **Research Interests:** Campaigns and Elections, Party Politics, Presidential Power.

David Conradt (Professor, Ph.D, Brown University): **Teaching Areas:** Comparative Politics - Western Europe, Political Behavior, Leadership. **Research Interests:** Comparative Politics - Western Europe (Germany)

Alethia Cook (Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Kent State University): **Teaching Areas:** International and domestic security, international relations, and understanding and responding to the threat of terrorism.

Thomas Eamon (Associate Professor, Ph.D., University of North Carolina): **Teaching Areas:** Southern Politics; Black and Minority Politics; Urban Politics; Political Parties. **Research Interests:** Southern Politics; Elections.

Rhonda Evans Case (Assistant Professor, Ph.D., The University of Texas at Austin, TX, J.D., University of Pittsburgh.): **Teaching Areas:** Public Law and Comparative Politics. **Research Interests:** Law and Society, Comparative Law and Courts, International Human Rights.

Peter Francia (Assistant Professor, Ph.D.): **Teaching Areas:** American National Government; American Legislature; American Executive; Social and Protest Movements. **Research Interests:** Presidential, Congressional, State, and Local Elections; Labor Unions and Political Organizations; Voting Technology

Brad Lockerbie (Professor and Chair, Ph.D., University of Iowa): **Teaching Areas:** American Government, Electoral Behavior, and Religion and American Politics.

William Mangun (Professor, Ph.D., Indiana University): **Teaching Areas:** Public Administration; Environmental Policy. **Research Interests:** Environmental Policy and Administration; State and Local Policy and Administration.

Bonnie Mani (Associate Professor, Ph.D., Virginia Commonwealth University): **Teaching Areas:** Public Administration; Human Resource Management; Women in Politics; Methodology. **Research Interests:** Total Quality Management; Federal Government Productivity; Gender Issues.

Jonathan Morris (Assistant Professor, Ph.D, Purdue University): **Teaching Areas:** American Government, Public Opinion, Political Communication, and Quantitative Methods. **Research Interests:** American Government, Public Opinion, Political Communication, and Quantitative Methods.

Marie Olson Lounsbery (Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Wayne State University): **Teaching Areas:** Research methods, international relations, security studies, conflict and war, international diplomacy and conflict resolution.

Anjali Sahay (Visiting Assistant Professor, Ph.D. Old Dominion University, VA): **Teaching Areas:** International Relations, International Studies, Model United Nations, Comparative Politics, IPE **Research Interests:** Globalization, Indo-US Relations, Proliferation Issues, International Organizations

Carmine Scavo (Associate Professor, Ph.D., University of Michigan): **Teaching Areas:** Domestic Public Policy; State and Local Government; Media and Politics; Voting Behavior and Public Opinion. **Research Interests:** Urban Politics; Local Government; Electoral Behavior.

Maurice Simon (Professor, Ph.D., Stanford University): **Teaching Areas:** Comparative Politics, Eastern Europe; International Relations. **Research Interests:** Democratization in Eastern Europe.

Nancy Spalding (Associate Professor, Ph.D., SUNY Binghamton): **Teaching Areas:** African Political Systems; Political Development; War and Peace; International Relations. **Research Interests:** Political Development; African Politics and Political Culture.

Robert Thompson (Associate Professor, Ph.D., University of Oklahoma): **Teaching Areas:** Political Leadership, Politics and Policy of Higher Education, and East Asian Politics.

Wen Wang (Instructor, ABD, The Maxwell School): **Teaching Areas:** Public budgeting, research methods **Research Interests:** Public budgeting and finance, financial management, education finance

John Williams (Assistant Professor, Ph.D., University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill): **Teaching Areas:** International Relations; International Studies; Comparative Politics; American National Government. **Research Interests:** Decision Making; Comparative Foreign Policy; Civil-Military Relations; European Union.

DECLARING POLITICAL SCIENCE AS AN UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR

Students wishing to major in political science must first be eligible as determined by the Office of Undergraduate Studies. Upon admission to ECU, students are assigned to Undergraduate Studies and are expected to register for courses designed to fulfill the General Education requirements for graduation. Students can transfer from Undergraduate Studies into political science when the following conditions are met:

1. The student will not have more than 10 semester hours of general education requirements remaining at the end of the semester in which the transfer is requested;

2. The student is not on academic probation.

For more information on admission to political science as a major, consult the Undergraduate Catalog or your General College advisor, or contact Ms. Ellis, (252) 328-6189.

The Department of Political Science offers two undergraduate major programs: the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and the Bachelor of Science in Political Science. The Bachelor of Arts degree is a broad liberal arts program while the Bachelor of Science program allows the student to specialize in political science. The graduate requirements for graduation for the two degree programs are somewhat different and are described below. Students should be thoroughly familiar with the differences in degree requirements for the two programs and should decide early in their college careers which of the two they want to enter.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Bachelor of Arts (BA, Liberal Arts)

General Education Requirements:

- 42 semester hours (s.h.) consisting of:
ENGL 1100 and 1200 (6 s.h.)
Natural Sciences (8 s.h.)
Social Sciences (12 s.h.)
Humanities and Fine Arts (10 s.h.)
Math 1065 (3 s.h.)
Health, Exercise, and Sport Science (3 s.h.)

Foreign Language:

- French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish, or other approved language offerings through level 1004 (12 s.h.)

Requirements in Political Science:

- 36 semester hours to include a minimum of 24 semester hours selected from courses numbered above 2999. Required course to be distributed as follows:
POLS 1010 (3 s.h.)
POLS 2010 (3 s.h.)
POLS 2020 (3 s.h.)
At least one course in Political Theory and Methodology (selected from
POLS 2070, 3031, 3050, 3370, 4371, 4373).

Bachelor of Science (BS)

General Education Requirements:

- 42 semester hours (s.h.) consisting of:
ENGL 1100 and 1200 (6 s.h.)

Natural Sciences (8 s.h.)
Social Sciences (12 s.h.)
Humanities and Fine Arts (10 s.h.)
Mathematics (3 s.h.)
Health, Exercise, and Sport Science (3 s.h.)

Requirements in Political Science:

- 48 semester hours to include a minimum of 27 semester hours selected from courses numbered above 2999. Courses to be distributed as follows:
POLS 1010 (3 s.h.)
POLS 2000 (3 s.h.)
POLS 2010 (3 s.h.)
POLS 2020 (3 s.h.)
POLS 3031 (3 s.h.)
POLS 3240 (3 s.h.)
POLS 3252 (3 s.h.)
POLS 3255 (3 s.h.)

American Government and Politics Courses (3 s.h.)
Public Administration and Public Policy (3 s.h.)
Political Theory, Methods and Skills (3 s.h.)
Comparative Government and International Politics (3 s.h.)
POLS Elective from any field (12 s.h.)

Additional Cognates:

- 6 semester hours chosen from the following:
ENGL 3880 or 3810 or 3820 or 3860
MATH 2283 or 2228

At least a 2.00 grade point average in Political Science courses is required for students to graduate from either the BA or BS program.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA AND BS DEGREES:

- The BA degree requires completion of a foreign language through level 1004 while the BS degree has no such requirement; The BS requires additional writing and statistics classes
- The BA degree allows MATH 1065 (College Algebra) to be replaced with PHIL 1500 (Introduction to Logic); the BS degree *requires* MATH 1065. Students are strongly cautioned that several BA minors *require* MATH 1065 or 1066. Students choosing these minors *must* complete MATH 1065 or 1066;
- Both degrees require a minor.
The BA degree requires 36 hours of POLS, only 12 of which are specified. The BS requires 48 hours of POLS, 24 hours of which are specified; the remaining hours are distributed

between the fields.

- The BS degree requires POLS 2000 (Computer Applications for Political Science). POLS 2000 is recommended, but not required, for the BA degree. Taking it might increase the number of required hours, since 24 hours must be above 2999.

MINORS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

A minor is required for both the BA and BS degree. The minor for the BA can be taken either within the department (in Public Administration or in Comparative Government and International Relations) or outside of the department in the fields listed below. The BS minor must be taken from the fields outside of the department.

Political Science Minor (only available for non-POLS majors)

- 24 semester hours to include:
POLS 1010 (3 s.h.)
POLS 2010 (3 s.h.)
POLS 2020 (3 s.h.)
At least one course in political theory and methodology (select from POLS 2070, 3031, 3050, 3370, 4371, 4373)
Electives in POLS to total a minimum of 24 semester hours, with a minimum of 12 semester hours from course numbered above 2999.

Public Administration Minor (available for BA POLS majors)

- 24 semester hours to include:
POLS 2000
POLS 3252
Either MATH 2228 or ENGL 3880
(15 s.h.) Electives from the following: GEOG 3410, 3430, POLS 3031, 3041, 3240, 3241, 3242, 3253, 3254, 3255, 3256, 3257, 4310, 4991, 4992, PLAN 3000, 3032, 3051, PSYC 3241

Note: Courses used toward this minor cannot be used toward the requirements for a major in political science.

Comparative Government and International Relations Minor (available for POLS BA majors)

- 24 semester hours to include:
POLS 2010
POLS 2020
(18 s.h.) Electives from the following: POLS 3013, 3144, 3155, 3232, 3234, 3235, 3235, 3236, 3257, 3260, 3265, 3270, 3290, 3293, 3295, 3297, 4107, 4360, 4380, 4382, 4383

Note: Courses used toward this minor cannot be used toward the requirements for a major in political science.

Security Studies Minor (available for

- 24 semester hours to include:
POLS 3155
POLS 4382

EHST 2110

PLAN 4015

(9 s.h.) Electives from the following: EHST 2110, GEOG 3003, 3410, HIST 3260, ICTN 2900, 2901, JUST 1000, MANF 3800, PLAN 1900, 3051, 4015, POLS 3144, 3155, 3290, 3293, 4380, 4382, 4383, SOCI 3235

For further details regarding the requirement for the various degree programs, consult the current *East Carolina University Undergraduate Bulletin* or contact the Department of Political Science.

MINORS AVAILABLE TO POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS

The following minors are approved for students pursuing the BA & BS degrees in Political Science. (Unless otherwise indicated, all are 24 s.h. minors.)

Gerontology	Business Administration (27 s.h.)
International Studies	Education (4 options)
Coastal and Marine Studies	Science (26 s.h.)
Ethnic Studies	Human Environment (4 options)
Medieval and Renaissance Studies	Industrial Technology (27 s.h.)
Religious Studies	Military Science (28 s.h.)
Women's Studies	Music
Classical Studies (in catalog supplement	Social Welfare (24-26 s.h.)
Aerospace Studies	Leisure Studies (25 s.h.)
Biology	Psychology
Chemistry (28 s.h.)	Sociology
Communication	Anthropology
Economics	Theater Arts
English	Dance
French (26 s.h.)	Environmental Health History
German	Mathematics (25 s.h.)
Spanish	Computer Science
Geography	Statistics (26 s.h.)
Urban and Regional Planning	Public Administration
Geology	Comparative Government and International Relations
Health and Physical Education (25 s.h.)	Philosophy (5 options)
Speech-Language and Auditory Pathology	Physics
Interpreter for the Deaf (27 s.h.)	
Alcohol and Drug Studies	
Art (30 s.h.)	

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course descriptions for all courses currently taught in the Department are listed below, along with the professor(s) who typically teach the respective course. For the most part, these descriptions are in more detail than those that appear in the Undergraduate Catalog

A. American Government and Politics

POLS 1010: American National Government

A freshman-level survey of American National Government with emphasis on basic concepts, structures, powers, procedures, and problems. While specific course material, instructional techniques, and textbooks will vary from one instructor to another, some generalizations can be made regarding the content of POLS 1010. The course covers the American Constitution; the political process (voters, interest groups, political parties, elections); major institutions (Congress, the presidency and executive branch, federal courts); and civil rights and liberties.

Professor will vary from semester to semester but usually include Baumgartner, Eamon, Mangun, Mani, Morris, Omoruyi, Spalding, Thompson, Williams

POLS 3033: Voting Behavior and Public Opinion

This course examines the basic building block of the electoral process in the United States-why people vote or do not vote; the influences on the individual voting decisions; the content and structure of public opinion, etc. Several text books are used. Student evaluations are based on two exams (midterm and final); a major empirical term paper involving computer analysis of survey data from recent US elections; and class participation.

Baumgartner

POLS 3035: American Political Parties and Politics

A strong emphasis will be placed on current American politics. More broadly, the course deals with the evolution of the American party system. It stresses the changes which have taken place over the years. Emphasis is placed on economic and cultural developments as well as political factors. The class will examine issues which help to define the party system. Consideration is given to political strategies which have been used over the years. Attention is given to the change in the nature of US political parties and interest groups.

Eamon

POLS 3037: Campaigns and Elections

POLS 3039: Black Politics in America

Race has been the tormenting long-term problem in American politics. Africa, Europe, and America have blended to form a unique political culture. Major emphasis in this course is placed on the

changes of the 1950's, 1960's, 1970's, and 1980's. The class will attempt to anticipate further developments of the 1990's as well as review recent events such as the Los Angeles riots. At the conclusion of the course, students should have an understanding about how a combination of economics, historical, and sociological forces combined to create the kind of politics which characterizes the US today.

Eamon

POLS 3040: Women in Politics

Students in this course will assess the status and influence of women in American politics and government, and women's impact on political processes and policies. In addition, the students will examine the effects of political, social, and cultural environments on women's participation and the accomplishments of female national leaders. Some specific issues to be discussed are the Women's Rights Movement, employment and educational rights, familial and reproductive rights, the influence of women on legislation and the legislature, and case studies of successful women as national leaders.

Mani

POLS 3144: American Foreign Policy

An analytical study of US policy from the beginning of the Cold War (1945) to the present. Focus will be on specific policies, programs, and events; not on the policy formulation process (meaning the roles of Congress, President, State Department, media, etc.) Reading comprehension, analytical reasoning, and essay composition accented in evaluation. Three preliminary tests plus final examination.

Kilroy

POLS 3202: The American Legislature

This course focuses on the policy making process in the United States Congress, that is, the nitty-gritty of passing legislation. Students will actively learn about the process through the intensive study of health policy and the budget making process. Two-thirds of the course will be conducted following a lecture/discussion format; one-third of the course will emphasize "active learning through group exercises. Course requirements include two examinations and a policy-oriented paper or papers. Class attendance will figure prominently in the students' final grades.

Dr. Francia

POLS 3203: The American Executive

This course focuses on change in the institution of the presidency within the broader context of change in American politics and political institutions. Students will survey contemporary approaches to the study of the presidency. However, the conceptual core of the course revolves around the tension between the demands that are made on a modern president, and the ability of the president to respond to those demands. Emphasis will be put on this tension by examining the relationship between the president and Congress, and the role of the president in the post-Cold War world.

Dr. Francia

POLS 3204: The American Judiciary

A survey of the organization, powers, processes, procedures, and personnel of the American judiciary. Topics examined will include conceptions of the judge's function; the selection, tenure, and removal of judges; judicial power and organization; rules governing access to judicial power; instruments of judicial power; limits to judicial authority; civil and criminal procedure; and influences on judicial decision-making. Lecture/discussion format. Two mid-term tests and final examination, and a major research project.

Evans Case

POLS 3223: Constitutional Powers

A survey of Supreme Court interpretations of the powers granted the national and state governments by the United States Constitution. Topics examined include judicial review; federalism; congressional powers over commerce, taxing and spending, and civil rights; executive powers; and conflicts among the branches of the national government. Student grade is based on two mid-term examinations, a comprehensive final examination, a research paper, and class discussion of assigned cases and related reading.

Evans Case

POLS 3224: Civil Liberties

A survey of civil liberties guaranteed to an individual under the United States Constitution, their interpretation and enforcement by the courts and other political institutions. Particular attention will be given to First Amendment freedoms, the procedural rights of criminal suspects and defendants, equal protection, and the varieties of privacy rights held to be implicit in the Constitution. Lecture-discussion format. Two preliminary tests, a research paper, and a comprehensive final examination.

Evans Case

POLS 3240: State and Local Government

The course will familiarize students with several topics in state and local government. Tests, papers, and final, as well as participation, are usual methods of determining grades. Text required.

Scavo, Prince

POLS 3241: Urban Political Systems

Emphasis is placed on political forces shaping American towns and cities. There is extensive consideration of how power is exercised in the urban political setting. Conflicts relating to such matters as social class and environment are examined. The course offers speculation on the question of how urban areas will fit into the America of the future. Special attention will be given to the latest trends as measured by the 1990 census and other reports.

Eamon

POLS 3242: Municipal Policy and Administration

A prominent overseas observer of the American Political scene once described American city government as "the one conspicuous failure of the United States." Others have defended local government as grassroots democracy at its finest. This course looks at the successes as well as the perils and pitfalls of American local government administration. Early in the semester, attention is

given to the organization and administration of city and town governments with special emphasis on city manager systems. Much of the class deals with contemporary policy issues ranging from the transportation crisis to the rapid urbanization of coastal areas and crimes.

Scavo

POLS 3244: North Carolina Politics

Forces that shaped North Carolina politics and public policy. Survey of North Carolina government.

Eamon

POLS 3252: Public Administration

This is an introductory course to the theory and practice of public administration in the US. This course relies on case studies involving managerial and organizational problems in the public sector. Active student participation in discussion is expected. This is a required course for those who want to minor in public administration.

Professor will vary from semester to semester

POLS 3253: Government Fiscal Administration

Course deals with government budgeting, fiscal policy, monetary policy, tax policy debt problems, and intergovernmental fiscal relations. The main objective is to offer an opportunity for students to study political, administrative, and fiscal problems in budgeting and finance. Students concentrating in economics and/or public administration should find this course highly relevant. Prior completion of POLS 1010 and ECON 2113 recommended but not required.

Wang, Davis

POLS 3254: Government Personnel Administration

This is an introduction to public personnel administration, with emphasis on modern personnel procedures in federal, state and local jurisdictions. Approximately 50 percent of the course will relate to core issues in public personnel administration, such as human resources management; position analysis, classification, and evaluation; benefits and pay administration; affirmative action, recruitment, selection, and promotion; employee training and development; performance appraisals; and collective bargaining. Approximately 50 percent of the course will address the implications of gender in governmental personnel administration. The course will expose students to these issues on both the cognitive level, through readings and case studies, and the affective levels, through experiential learning activities such as debated and role plays. Some gender issues that will be discussed in this portion of the course are: hiring and career advancement; affirmative action; comparable worth; disproportionate representation of women in lower level positions; differences in leadership styles; prominent women in politics and public administration; and the effects of diversity in the workplace.

Mani

POLS 3255: Domestic Public Policy

Course will examine processes of decision-making in public policy in the U.S. Major points to be covered include stage-oriented approaches to policy making, convoluted approaches, agenda-setting, and rational decision-making. Course grade will be based on two tests, a group presentation, an

individual paper and a final exam. Several paperback books will comprise the required reading.
Wang

POLS 3256: Politics of Energy and Environment

A study of the conflicts between societal and environmental values in the development and implementation of environmental and energy policies. Emphasis will be given to: citizen participation in the development of environmental and energy regulations; and roles of federal, state, and local governments in the implementation of environmental laws.

Mangun

POLS 4310: Public Policy and the Media

This course will examine the effects the media have/do not have on public policy in the United States. Topics include the media agenda setting, problem definition, structuring of public opinion, coverage of crises and disasters, etc. Several text books are required. Grading is based on a midterm, final, and major research paper. Class participation is stressed.

Morris

POLS 4321: Contemporary Southern Politics

An attempt to unravel the political mysteries of the modern South. The course examines the most paradoxical region of the United States, a region which may not always be what it seems to be at first glance. The transition from a one-party system to a status that cannot quite be called a genuine two-party system is examined. The course explores the manner in which cultural, economic, and social factors combine to give the region its unique political flavor in state as well as national politics.

Eamon

POLS 5000: American Government and Politics

Introductory survey of readings in American National Government and Politics for students interested in graduate work, but who have no undergraduate background in political science or public administration. (Special permission)

Scavo

B. Political Theory and Methodology

POLS 2070: Introduction to Political Theory

This course provides students with a basic introduction to some of the major political philosophers throughout history. The course will cover three major periods of Western political thought: Ancient, Medieval and Modern. Several major political philosophers will be investigated in detail, and some treatment will also be afforded to other philosophers who contributed to transitions between periods of thought.

Spalding

POLS 3031: Introduction to Behavioral Methodology

This course will provide students with an overview of perennial issues related to the nature of knowledge and of the relationship between the empirical method and other forms of interpretation.

Students in the course will become acquainted with three perspectives used to explain political behavior; the rational choice, the cognitive psychological, and the social psychological perspectives. The course will review the use of empirical methods for three topics in political science: racial group competition, relative deprivation, and voter mobilization. Students will develop the skills needed to judge efforts at applying empirical methods. Further, students will enjoy many opportunities to use what they have learned. Finally, students will be evaluated on the basis on two exams and one research design paper. Some knowledge of rudimentary statistical practices will be helpful.

Prince

POLS 3050: Theory and Politics of Social and Protest Movements in the United States

C. International Relations

POLS 2020: Introduction to International Relations

This is an introductory course in the study of international relations and world politics. As we approach the 21st century, the nature and substance of international relations is rapidly changing. There are two related goals of this course. First, as it is for policy makers, world leaders, world citizens, students, and teachers, our task is to be able to critically examine and effectively analyze these changes. Second, we must be able to continue to structure world politics in the post-Cold War era. The purpose of this course, then, is to introduce students to various issues, concepts, arguments, and theories that will aid them in understanding the workings of the complex and exciting world in which we live. (Formerly POLS 2106)

Williams, Simon, Sahay

POLS 3155: National Security Policy

Overview of processes, forces, and influences which determine contemporary national security policy in United States. Examine contemporary issues, including transnational threats, multinational and coalition defense strategies, force modernization, recruitment and retention, and homeland security.

POLS 3290: Conflict and Peace in the Post-Cold War Era

Political, economic, socio-cultural, and ecological issues in post-Cold War international system that structure nature of conflict and prospects for future cooperation and peace.

Simon, Williams, Spalding

POLS 3293: International Organizations

This course examines the United Nations and other international organizations, both political and economic. Their theory, history, and functions will be examined. We emphasize UN peacekeeping missions, and use UN simulations in the class. Class requirements include a mid-term and final exam, term paper, and participation in the simulation exercise.

Spalding

POLS 3295: International Law

This course provides an introduction to the subjects, sources and development of law, usually based on treaty, regulating relations among nations. Areas studies include territory, law of the sea, jurisdiction, peaceful settlement of disputes, and laws regulating conduct of armed conflicts. Exams and cases.

Spalding

POLS 4380: Topics in International Politics

May be repeated for maximum of 6 s.h. with change of topic. P:POLS 2020 or consent of instructor. Selected topics and issues in contemporary international politics.

POLS 4381: International Environmental Policy and Administration

A study of the structures and processes utilized in international environmental policy, law, and cooperation. Focuses on governmental institutions involved in bilateral and multilateral agreements on environmental policy issues as well as non-governmental agencies that facilitate cooperation among nations.

Mangun

POLS 4382: Politics of Terrorism

Explores phenomenon of terrorism throughout world with particular focus on characteristics of terrorism, reasons why groups choose terrorist action, and issues in counter terrorism.

POLS 4383: War in the Modern Age

Study of the history and politics of modern war, including causes of war, the role of weaponry and technical advances, nuclear issues, arms control, and the scenarios for war in the post-cold war era. Class presentations and an extensive research paper required.

Williams

POLS 4384: Inter-American Politics

D. Comparative Government and Politics

POLS 2010: Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics

Viewing the world scene, we see diverse and complex governments and politics. Moreover, the challenges facing contemporary political systems are often imposing. In this introductory course (which assumes no prior political science background) we shall comparatively analyze several industrial democracies, communist systems, and developing "Third World" states. The objective will be to gain a better understanding of the concepts, trends, and issues that constitute governance and politics. In doing so, we will focus on historical trends, political forces and pressures, institutions, social and economic factors, stability/instability, and global influences that confront modern nation-states. There will be several examinations and a variety of writing assignments in this course. The format will be lecture/discussion. The course is writing intensive.

Conradt, Evans Case, Simon

POLS 3232: The European Union

Major theoretical issues and political problems surrounding evolution of major institutions of European Union.

Conradt

POLS 3234: West-European Political Systems

This course is designed to provide the student with a deeper knowledge and understanding of the varieties of political structures and behavior in the political systems of Western Europe. The emphasis in this course will be on the comparative, behavioral and policy dimensions of political systems. A general knowledge of the major political systems of Western Europe is assumed. Students who feel they are deficient in this area should consult an introductory comparative politics text such as Almond's Comparative Politics Today or Hancock & Conradt's West European Politics.

Conradt

POLS 3235: East European Political Systems

Momentous changes are taking place in what was communist Eastern Europe. The East European states are struggling to privatize and democratize under threatening economic and political conditions. What factors will determine the futures of these political systems? Or will chaos prevail? The course will focus on the communist legacy, the 1989-1990 revolutions and the current transitions. There will be at least one essay examination and an analytical paper. Format will be lecture/discussion.

Simon

POLS 3236: Soviet Successor States

The breakup of the Soviet Union and the emergence of new "successor states" (the former fifteen republics of the USSR) are fascinating and significant events. This course will focus on political development in the former USSR and post-communist successor states (with a special emphasis on Russia). Key contemporary topics will include dilemma of democratization, economic transformations, nationalities conflicts, and social change. The course presupposes no prior background in Soviet/Russian affairs. At least two examinations and one analytical paper. The format will be lecture/discussion.

Simon

POLS 3260: Middle Eastern Political Systems

The comparative study of government and politics in selected countries of the Middle East.

Roshandel

POLS 3265: African Political Systems

Africa is a continent of paradoxes. When most Americans think of Africa, they picture beautiful wildlife, civil war, and famine; natural beauty and human savagery. Yet these views combined with headlines describing the latest crisis in Africa offer only a confusing glimpse of the issues at stake across the continent. To understand life in African countries, we will go beyond crises and drama to explore some of the underlying social, political, and economic features affecting specific African countries and their politics. This course explores these features, and provides students with the tools to evaluate future events. Grades will be based on two essay exams and a paper.

Spalding

POLS 3270: Latin-American Political Systems

Selected Latin-American governments. Emphasis on internal processes and systems.

POLS 4000: Political Leadership

P: 12 s.h. in POLS or consent of instructor. Theoretical analysis of leadership as defined, developed, and practiced in diverse political settings.

POLS 4107: Topics in Comparative Politics

A study of such selected topics and issues in comparative political analysis as executive-legislative relations, ethnicity and nationalism, revolutions, etc. Specific topics will vary by semester. Typical course requirements will be two research papers, a mid-term exam, and a final exam.

Professor will vary from semester to semester

POLS 4360: Politics of Developing Areas

This course will explore the varied aspects of the politics of developing areas using theoretical models of development. We will begin by building a historical context, especially of colonialism, to analyze current economic, political, and social problems. We will study specific countries and cases as appropriate, and issues may include democracy, environment, population, economic development, and ethnic and religious divisions. Course requirements will use include a midterm, a final, and a research paper.

Spalding

E. General

POLS 2000: Computer Applications for Political Science

The course is designed to provide basic computing skills for political science majors and public administration minors. It will employ microcomputer and mainframe applications appropriate for political and governmental data. The objectives of the course are to enhance student's computer literacy and better prepare them to use computer resources in their course work, papers, and projects in the discipline. (Only open to political science majors and public administration minors; others by permission.)

Baumgartner

POLS 4000: Political Leadership

This course will examine the phenomenon of political leadership within a comparative context. By studying leaders and the forms of leadership in a variety of cultural, social, economic and political settings, we hope to provide the student with a deeper knowledge and understanding of the role of leadership in the functioning of a political system. After a general introduction to the major theories and methods employed in leadership studies, we shall focus on contemporary leaders and leadership forms in modern and developing political systems.

Conradt, Thompson

POLS 4501, 4502: Independent Study in Political Science

POLS 4501 carries 1 hour of credit and POLS 4502 carries 2. Courses may be taken separately or at the same time. An individualized program developed through student initiative in consultation with a professor of his or her choice as an extension of material offered through formal courses in the department. Available only as an extended study program when regular course offerings in a particular field of the discipline have been exhausted and the student is interested in additional study in that field.

Arrangements with the individual professor must be made and written permission of Dr. Thompson must be obtained before registering for either of these courses.

POLS 4521, 4522: Directed Readings in Political Science

POLS 4521 carries 1 hour of credit and POLS 4522 carries 2. Courses may be taken separately or at the same time. Extensive or selected readings from specialized fields in political science which are not covered by the departmental curriculum.

Arrangements with the individual professor must be made and written permission of Dr. Thompson must be obtained before registering for either of these courses.

POLS 4551, 4552: Honors in Political Science

Open only to students invited to participate in the departmental honors program. A minimum grade of B must be obtained in 4551 in order to register for 4552. See Dr. Mani for more information.

Simon

POLS 4981, 4982: Internship in Practical Politics

POL 4981 carries 1 hour of credit and POLS 4982 carries 2. Courses may be taken separately or at the same time. Experiential learning in a political setting under academic supervision. Approximately 6 hours of work per week is the requirement for 1 hour of academic credit. Other requirements are established in conjunction with an individual professor who supervises the internship.

Arrangements with the Internship Director must be made and written permission of Dr. Thompson must be obtained before registering for either of these courses.

POLS 4991, 4992: Internship in Public Administration

POLS 4991 carries 1 hour of credit and POLS 4992 carries 2. Courses may be taken separately or at the same time. Experiential learning in an administrative setting under academic supervision. Approximately 6 hours of work per week is the requirement for 1 hour of academic credit. Other requirements are established in conjunction with an individual professor who supervises the internship. Arrangements with the Internship Director must be made and written permission of Dr. Kearney must be obtained before registering for either of these courses.

POLS 4996: Capitol Experience

Admission to approved legislative internship program and consent of Dr. Thompson. Participation in organized legislative internship program with state legislature or U.S. national government. Experiential learning under academic supervision in political or public agency setting.

HONORS PROGRAM IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Department's Honors program is limited to rising seniors who have attained a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 3.00 and 3.25 in Political Science. Qualified students are invited to enter the two course sequence POLS 4551; 4552 which results in a senior honor thesis. POLS 4551 is designed to help the honors student frame a thesis statement which the student presents to members of the Department's Honors Committee. The thesis is then completed in POLS 4552 and is defended before the Department's Honors Committee. A minimum grade of B in POLS 4551 is a prerequisite for POLS 4552. Students successfully completing the Honors Program will receive the notation "Honors in Political Science" and are regarded as the most accomplished scholars among all political science majors. See Dr. Mani for arrangements.

PI SIGMA ALPHA

Pi Sigma Alpha is the International Honor Society that recognizes and serves outstanding students in political science. The East Carolina University chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha (Epsilon Lambda) has sponsored many events to increase public awareness and knowledge about political affairs. Such events include debates among political candidates, seminars by well-known political scientists and other academicians, and presentations on controversial political issues. Additionally, Pi Sigma Alpha has presented workshops on career choice for political science undergraduates, and other events for political science and other students.

Membership in Pi Sigma Alpha is open to students who have completed at least 12 semester hours in political science, have at least a 3.0 GPA in political science courses, are in the top 1/3 of their class, and have completed at least one upper division course. The advisor is Dr. Morris.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

East Carolina University Model United Nations Club

The MUN club is comprised of students from several different majors on the ECU campus. The primary purpose of this organization is to develop an appreciation and understanding of the United Nations and the UN system. We develop this understanding by attending and hosting Model UN conferences and engaging in role-playing activities where students serve as diplomats for various countries around the world, serving as the delegate for those countries in the different councils of the United Nations. The goal of the conference is to faithfully represent the country assigned and to work through that country to bring some resolution to many different global issues ranging from environmental protection to world health to global peace and security.

During the year the MUN club typically participates in four major events. One is the East Carolina High School Model UN Conference. The ECU MUN club along with students from the POLS 3013 (Decision-Making in the United Nations) class hosts this two-day conference for high school students from Eastern North Carolina, the Research Triangle, and Southern Virginia. Students in the

MUN club also attend three collegiate conferences yearly. In the past the conferences included the National Collegiate Security Conference (Hosted by Georgetown University), the Southern Regional MUN Conference (Hosted by UNA-USA in Atlanta), the Model Security Council and ICJ (hosted by Appalachian State University), the Carolina's Conference (hosted by UNC-Charlotte), and the NCCIE MUN Conference held most recently in Durham. Over the last three years the ECU MUN club has built a name for itself as knowledgeable in global issues and debate netting nearly 20 awards, including two best conference delegation awards.

The Socratic Society

The Socratic Society is a study group established by ECU students to discuss important international and political issues. Topics have ranged from the war with Iraq to human rights to the nature of democratic freedoms and responsibilities. While the Society is housed in Political Science, and the two faculty discussants are from the Department, participating students come from many different majors. The group meets once each week throughout the fall and spring semesters.

Other organizations of a political nature that are unaffiliated with the Department, such as College Democrats or College Republicans, are also available to the interested student.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Political Science Department offers four scholarships to its students. They are as follows:

Senator John P. East Scholarship

This full Scholarship was established by an endowment from an alumnus, Mr. Wayne Holloman, in honor of the late Senator East, who taught at ECU. It will be used to support talented students from North Carolina who intend to major in Political Science and who seek a career in public service.

University Book Exchange Scholarship in the Department of Political Science

The scholarship was established through annual contributions to the East Carolina Foundation, by University Book Exchange Inc., Mr. Jack Edwards and son, Don J. Edwards, proprietors. Scholarships are awarded to undergraduate or graduate students who are enrolled full-time in the Department of Political Science. Recipients shall be selected on the basis of merit. Each semester, a \$250 award will be upon recommendation of the Chair of the Department of Political Science.

The Gravely Foundation Scholarship The Gravely Foundation Scholarship in Political Science shall be awarded to a rising junior or senior, who is currently enrolled full-time in the Department of Political Science at East Carolina University. The scholarship shall be for one academic year (two semesters). The scholarship is renewable. Qualified academic record should be 3.0 (B) grade point average, as long as the recipient continues his or her major in the Department of Political Science. The scholarship shall be for an amount of tuition and fees for each semester. The recipient is selected by the scholarship committee in the Department of Political Science. The selection is made on the basis of academic excellence, financial need or qualities of good citizenship

and dedication to their profession.

The Carlton-Troutman Scholarship The Carlton-Troutman Scholarship is open to declared majors in the fall of their junior year. Applicants should have a GPA of 3.0 with nine (9) hours of political science. To apply, an application along with the names of 3 teachers who will recommend the applicant must be turned in to the Department of Political Science.

The Mitchell-Hunt Scholarship: Through the generosity of Mr. Mitchell Hunt, a former student in our department, we award a \$600 scholarship per year to a junior or senior Political Science major. The award recognizes excellence in undergraduate research and writing.

Yarborough Scholarship:

Hans Indorf Scholarship:

Jimmy Carter Scholarship for Human Rights:

For more information about these scholarships, please contact the Department of Political Science.

INTERNSHIPS

The Department recognizes the value of "real world" experiences in building students' political knowledge. There are many possible internships that would benefit a political science major. Some of these have financial compensation, others do not. Most can be structured so that academic credit is earned for the internship experience.

The Department offers academic credit for internships through two categories of courses. For internships in the more political aspects of political science--such as working on political campaigns, working in state legislators' offices, etc.--the Department offers POLS 4981 carrying one semester hours of credit and POLS 4982 carrying two semester hours of credit. For internships in the more administrative aspects of political science--such as working in a city manager's office--the Department offers POLS 4991 (1 sh) and POLS 4992 (2 sh). The differing semester hours of credit reflect the varying amounts of time that students typically work in internships. Thus, one semester hour of credit usually reflects about three hours of work per week in the internship experience.

Students interested in earning academic credit for internships should recognize that on-the-job work is not the only requirement. Individual professors with whom the student will register for the internship course may require a term paper, a journal, or some other academic exercise to accompany the work experience.

Students interested in INTERNSHIPS should contact Dr. Francia (BA-119). Internship opportunities are often listed on the bulletin boards in the Department.

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY OFF-CAMPUS STUDY (STUDY ABROAD)

East Carolina University provides many off-campus study opportunities. Students can internationalize their college careers through studying abroad for an academic year, a semester, or summer term.

Semester and year-long reciprocal exchanges or study abroad programs are offered in Australia, Canada, Ecuador, England, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Poland, Spain, and Sweden. Exchanges through the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) expand the options to other countries in Europe, as well as some in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

ECU offers Summer short-term study abroad programs that are organized and directed by its faculty. Currently these programs are offered in the Baltic Republics, Belize, Costa Rica, England, Poland, and Russia. New summer programs are being developed to allow for participation of more ECU students.

With prior approval, ECU students may also earn credit toward their degrees by participating in programs sponsored by other colleges and universities. Information on many of these diverse opportunities is available in the Office of International Affairs.

Off-campus study options are not limited to sites in other countries. As a member of the National Student Exchange, ECU enables its students to apply for placement to study at one of the more than 130 NSE-member universities in other states and territories while paying the same tuition and fees they would pay at ECU.

Financial aid and scholarships are available to many students who study abroad or participate in exchanges. To find out more about off-campus study options, visit the Office of International Affairs, 306 E. Ninth Street, or call (252) 328-1937.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political Science majors should be sure to consult the booklet *Careers in Political Science*, published by the American Political Science Association. This booklet is available to all political science majors at the time they declare their major.

Law: While it is true that political science has always been a popular major for students planning to go to law school, it is not the only appropriate major for pre-law students. Law schools value applications from students who have good undergraduate grades, who take a variety of courses, who can show through their work that they can write and analyze, who do well on the LSAT, and who know individual professors well enough that the professor will write a candid, positive letter of recommendation for the student. The faculty in the Department feel that students receive excellent preparation for law school through a major in political science but students looking toward law school may also investigate other majors such as philosophy, economics, business, English, history, journalism, criminal justice, psychology, or sociology.

ECU does not have a specific pre-legal curriculum but students interested in becoming familiar with legal issues and judicial opinions should consider enrolling in one or more courses in constitutional powers, civil liberties, the American judiciary, constitutional history, international law, business law, critical reasoning, or criminal justice.

Government and Public Administration: Many college graduates with political science degrees work for the federal, state, or local government. Jobs in government can be divided into those that are more administrative or technical, such as program analyst for the state Department of Transportation or the federal Environmental Protection Agency; and those that are more political such as legislative aide to a member of Congress or state legislator. Both types of positions require mastery of written and oral communications as well as statistical and mathematical skills necessary to perform policy analysis tasks. Graduate level work may be necessary in order to prepare for work with government. Many government employees have Masters degrees in public administration or public policy. For more information on ECU's Master of Public Administration program, contact Dr. Carmine Scavo. The Federal Office of Personnel Management will provide information about Civil Service positions. The State Department of Administration will provide information about career opportunities with the state of North Carolina. Students wishing to enter the US diplomatic corps must take the Foreign Service Exam. For further information on this exam, contact Dr. Nancy Spalding (BA-127).

Politics as a Career: Many political science undergraduate students volunteer their time to work in various political campaigns while in college. Some of these people go on to make politics their career by becoming political consultants in such fields as polling or campaign management or by attaching themselves to an individual candidate who rises through the ranks from local office to the state legislature to US Congress and, perhaps, beyond. There is stiff competition for such positions and it is very difficult to earn a steady living from political work. Nevertheless, there are a number of graduate programs around the country for the student interested in such a career. Contact Dr. Carmine Scavo for further information (BA-122).

Interest Groups: Many interest groups and voluntary associations have paid staff people who work with the state and federal government as lobbyists, policy analysts, and in other positions. Students interested in this type of career should take courses in public policy and in the substantive area in which they are interested. Positions working with interest groups often start with fund-raising, since most groups of this type depend on financial contributions from their membership and the general public. Individuals who stick with the group can leave fund-raising and work more with the governmental side of interest group work. Listings of public interest groups and their addresses can be obtained from Common Cause, 2030 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

International Organizations: Most positions with international organizations go to

individuals with graduate degrees with specializations such as economic development, comparative government, and other, more technical fields. In particular, a thorough knowledge of a foreign language is necessary for such employment. Students interested in pursuing a career in an international organization should plan on attending graduate school and attaining a graduate degree in such fields as political science, public administration and/or economics. *A Guide to Careers in World Affairs*, published by the Foreign Policy Association, 205 Lexington Ave., New York, NY, 10016, contains listings of international organizations, their addresses, and descriptions of the types of jobs available through such organizations

Business: Many political science graduates go on to careers in business but you should note that, if this is your choice, you will be competing with students with undergraduate and graduate degrees in business. Political science majors interested in entering the private sector for a career should consider a minor in business administration or economics. The combination of a major in political science with a minor in business or economics makes the student attractive to both the business community and graduate business schools. More political science majors enter the private sector of the economy than any other occupational area presented in this section of this handbook.

Education: Students who wish to teach social studies in secondary schools in North Carolina should consider completing the BS degree in History. This degree requires cognate courses in other social science departments, including Political Science. The requirements for secondary school certification in other states vary widely; some of these requirements may be met by a degree in Political Science but the specific requirements can only be ascertained by contacting the Department of Education in the state in which you are interested in pursuing a teaching career.

Political Science as a Career: A small number of political science undergraduates plan to make political science their career by becoming university professors. Students interested in this career path should be advised that a doctorate in political science (PhD) is the entry level degree to university teaching. Such a degree typically requires four or more years of course work after the undergraduate degree *and* completion of a doctoral dissertation. The research and writing of a doctoral dissertation often requires several years of work.

Students interested in university teaching need strong research and writing skills and should also show competence in computer usage. Knowledge of a foreign language is often necessary for completion of a graduate degree in political science. For more information on political science as a career, see Dr. Carmine Scavo (BA-124).

CONCLUSION

Political science majors provide the department with important sources of information about how the department's programs are working. For this reason, majors complete an entrance survey when they declare their major and an exit survey at the time of graduation. Majors should also feel free to express their opinions about the quality of instruction, adequacy of the curriculum, or any other matters of concern to the Chair of the department. Please communicate with him at the following address or call to make an appointment to meet with him in person:

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