

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

Subject-area course lists indicate courses currently active for offering at the University of Louisville. Not all courses are scheduled in any given academic term. For class offerings in a specific semester, refer to the Schedule of Classes (https://csprd.louisville.edu/ps/ps_class/EMPLOYEE/PSFT_CS/c/COMMUNITY_ACCESS.CLASS_SEARCH./x/?state=62dab551a0d600a5e8237359c50704e59007&duo_code=sjUx20STj2151WVEuQ3Z1YRjHmXpdov)

500-level courses generally are included in both the undergraduate- and graduate-level course listings; however, specific course/section offerings may vary between semesters. Students are responsible for ensuring that they enroll in courses that are applicable to their particular academic programs.

Course Fees

Some courses may carry fees beyond the standard tuition costs to cover additional support or materials. Program-, subject- and course-specific fee information can be found on the Office of the Bursar website (<https://louisville.edu/bursar/tuitionfee/university-fees/>).

POLS 501. Topics in American Politics 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered

Description: An examination of one or more issues in the field of American politics.

Note: Topics to be varied from year to year.

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POLS 502. Topics in Comparative Politics 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered

Description: An examination of one or more issues in the field of comparative politics. May focus on a particular region or country.

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POLS 504. Topics in Political Theory - WR 3 Units

Prerequisite(s): Senior standing or faculty consent.

Description: An examination of one or more selected topics in the study of political philosophy. Individual research projects and reports are required.

Note: Approved for the Arts and Sciences upper-level requirement in written communication (WR).

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POLS 505. Topics in Urban and Public Policy 3 Units

Description: An interdisciplinary study of metropolitan problems, providing an opportunity to probe into basic long-range trends and human factors.

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POLS 506. Topics in International Relations 3 Units

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Description: An advanced focus on one or more selected topics in world politics. Research projects, reports and simulations will likely be required. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm>)

POLS 507. Topics in Digital Politics 3 Units

Description: Investigation of the role of information technology in politics and policy-making with a focus on real-world applications. Topics may include political campaigns, interest group advocacy, and e-government. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm>)

POLS 510. Louisville Metro Council Internship 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Fall Only

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Description: Practical internship in government.

Course Attribute(s): CBL - This course includes Community-Based Learning (CBL). Students will engage in a community experience or project with an external partner in order to enhance understanding and application of academic content.

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POLS 511. Internship II 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Description: Practical internship in government, nonprofit, or private sector.

Course Attribute(s): CBL - This course includes Community-Based Learning (CBL). Students will engage in a community experience or project with an external partner in order to enhance understanding and application of academic content.

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POLS 512. Frankfort Legislative Internship 3 Units

Description: This course offers students the opportunity to experience working in the office of an elected member of Kentucky General Assembly. Interns work an average of 16 hours per week during the legislative session. Intern responsibilities may vary, depending on the intern's experience and interests as well as the needs of the office. The primary objectives of the intern program include: providing students the opportunity to gain first-hand experience working in government and politics, generating insight into the realities of the political process and how it relates to traditional theoretical perspectives of political science, and educating students about the possibilities of public service and politics as a career choice.

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- POLS 520. Coping with Conflict** **3 Units**
Fee: An additional \$100.00 is charged for this course.
Description: This active-learning course involves students negotiating and then analyzing realistic hypothetical cases related to local, national, and international issues found within the North American countries. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm>)
- POLS 530. International Negotiation** **3 Units**
Fee: An additional \$115.00 is charged for this course.
Description: An examination of the politics of interstate bargaining. Various theoretical perspectives are examined as well as several real world examples. Students will participate in role-playing exercises. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm>)
- POLS 552. Politics through Film** **2-3 Units**
Description: An examination of authority patterns, political change, using cinematic portrayals as the primary literature base for investigation. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm>)
- POLS 563. Women in Developing Countries - WR** **3 Units**
Description: Follows the progress of the international women's movement by focusing on the emergence of women leaders and their work in developing countries since the First World Conference on Women, 1975 to the present.
Note: Cross-listed with WGST 558.
Note: Approved for the Arts and Sciences upper-level requirement in Written Communication (WR).
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- POLS 568. Feminist Theory - WR** **3 Units**
Description: Survey of the history and scope of the feminist tradition with emphasis upon liberal, radical, Marxist, socialist, psychoanalytic, and postmodern approaches to feminist theory.
Note: Cross-listed with WGST 556.
Note: Approved for the Arts and Sciences upper-level requirement in written communication (WR).
Note: Credit may not be earned for both WGST 556/POLS 568 and WGST 656/POLS 668.
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- POLS 602. Urban Political Economy** **3 Units**
Description: Examines the role of public/private sectors in shaping policy in community and consequences for urban growth and quality of life. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm>)
- POLS 603. Economic Development** **3 Units**
Description: The use and application of static and dynamic models for urban community development. Includes economic base industry and firm location models, and community growth. Topics include transportation, energy, pollution, income distribution, and employment.
Note: Cross-listed with PADM 645, UPA 640 and PLAN 626.
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- POLS 605. Management of Nonprofit Organizations** **3 Units**
Description: Management of nonprofit organizations is a graduate seminar in the Masters of Public Administration program. Its purpose is to apply management theories and concepts to nonprofit organizations. As such, the emphasis of this seminar will be relating how non-profits are managed in a time of scarce resources. Furthermore, students will understand challenges faced by managers as they seek to meet mission objectives, attract public and private support, work with and motivate volunteers, collaborate with other sectors, and meet the challenges of meeting performance objectives.
Note: Cross-listed with PADM 609.
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- POLS 609. Seminar in Urban Problems** **3 Units**
Description: Exploration of field of urban politics/government with focus on urban institutions, governance and selected urban problems and policies.
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- POLS 611. Louisville Metro Council Internship** **3 Units**
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only
Description: Practical internship in government.
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- POLS 612. Frankfort Internship** **3 Units**
Term Typically Offered: Spring Only
Description: This program provides an opportunity for University of Louisville students in any major/college to apply for a real world, resume-building academic internship for credit. The program places interns in individual legislator's offices. Interns contribute to the office's functions with a range of activities that can include policy research, tracking bill status, and constituent relations. The internship counts for 3 academic credit hours in Political Science and all interns will receive a small stipend to help offset expenses for travel, professional clothes, and meals in Frankfort.
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- POLS 615. Administrative Law and Process** **3 Units**
Description: Study of processes of law-making and application by governmental executive departments. Encompasses substantive issues facing agencies in designing and implementing effective regulation and court efforts to interpret and control agencies' activities.
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- POLS 619. Seminar in Public Policy** **3 Units**
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Description: Survey of major theories of the policy process and the methodology of policy analysis.
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- POLS 620. Topics in Public Policy** **3 Units**
Description: An examination of one or more selected topics in the study of public policy.
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- POLS 625. Foundations of Public Administration** **3 Units**
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only
Description: Using the classic writings in the field of public administration for the past 150 years, the course explores the theoretical foundations of public administration and applies the theories to current practice in public administration.
Note: Cross-listed with URBS 651.
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- POLS 627. Environmental Policy** **3 Units**
Term Typically Offered: Spring Only
Description: Survey of environmental issues and policies designed to address these issues.
Note: Cross-listed with URBS 615.
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- POLS 628. Mediation and Dispute Resolution** **3 Units**
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered
Description: Designed principally for incipient practitioners of the mediation process. Class participation, serving as a mediator in cases presented to the class, and a short paper depicting mediating in process are the course requirements.
Note: Cross-listed with URBS 672.
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- POLS 629. Seminar in American Politics** **3 Units**
Term Typically Offered: Fall Odd Years
Description: Survey of major theories and research on American political institutions and political behavior.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm>)
- POLS 630. Topics in American Politics** **3 Units**
Description: An examination of the research in one or more selected topics in the field of American politics.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm>)
- POLS 638. Seminar in American Foreign Policy** **3 Units**
Description: Issues and perspectives in American foreign policy topics include theories of American foreign policy, historical epochs in the Cold War era, alternative strategies in nuclear deterrence, America's responses to the post-Cold War environment.
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- POLS 639. Seminar in International Relations** **3 Units**
Description: Study of world politics, focusing on central theoretical perspectives and substantive issues affecting interstate conflict and cooperation.
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- POLS 640. Topics in International Relations** **3 Units**
Description: Study of selected substantive or theoretical issues involving world politics.
Note: Topics will vary from semester to semester.
- For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm>)
- POLS 641. Clash of Civilizations in the 21st Century** **3 Units**
Description: This course examines three major civilizations (Western, Islam, and Chinese) and their roles in international relations in the 21st century.
Note: Cross-listed with AST 641.
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POLS 644. Law, Diplomacy and Power: The Foreign Relations of the U.S. 3 Units**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring**Description:** This course explores the evolution of U.S. foreign relations from the founding to the present-day, focusing on the interplay of legal, diplomatic, and power-driven motives and themes. It analyzes the records of prominent U.S. foreign policy makers, appraising their objectives and strategies, their errors and accomplishments, within changing international contexts.**Note:** Cross-listed with POLS 444.

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POLS 647. Seminar in Latin America 3 Units**Term Typically Offered:** Occasionally Offered**Description:** A survey of major theories and research on Latin American political institutions, political behavior, socioeconomic processes, and critical public policy issues across the region.

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POLS 649. Seminar in Comparative Politics 3 Units**Description:** Survey of major theories, concepts, approaches of comparative politics, development of the field and methodology of comparative political analysis.

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POLS 650. Topics in Comparative Politics 3 Units**Description:** Study of politics and government in selected countries/regions, or study of processes, institutions or policies from a cross-national perspective.

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POLS 668. Feminist Theory 3 Units**Description:** Survey of the history and scope of the feminist tradition with emphasis upon liberal, radical, Marxist, socialist, psychoanalytic, and postmodern approaches to feminist theory.**Note:** Cross-listed with WGST 656.**Note:** Credit may not be earned for both WGST 556/POLS 568 and WGST 656/POLS 668.

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POLS 670. Research Design 3 Units**Description:** This course addresses how the scientific method applies to studying social and political phenomena. It offers a survey of the various qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis methods used in social and political research.

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POLS 671. Introduction to Data Analysis 3 Units**Description:** This course is an introduction to quantitative statistical methods.

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POLS 672. Qualitative Research 3 Units**Term Typically Offered:** Spring Even Years**Prerequisite(s):** No Prerequisites or corequisites: No Corequisite: No This course introduces students to the principles and tools used to design and conduct qualitative research in political science.**Description:** We will examine the nature of inference and explanation, research design, and conceptualization. Then, we will examine qualitative data generation techniques such as archival research and comparative historical analysis; process tracing; interviewing and focus groups; ethnographic and participant observation; and discourse and content analysis. Throughout the course we will examine scholarship from both the positivist and interpretivist approaches to qualitative research and devote time to examining research ethnics and researcher responsibilities. The course is designed to assist students to think about how to use qualitative research methods to answer their own questions about politics.

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POLS 691. Independent Study I 1-12 Units**Description:** Individualized study in a selected subject area with approval of and supervision by a faculty member. Credit according to achievement.

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POLS 692. Independent Study II 1-12 Units**Description:** Individualized study in a selected subject area with approval of and supervision by a faculty member. Credit according to achievement.

For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm>)

POLS 695. Directed Research 3 Units**Prerequisite(s):** Student must be in last semester of his/her course work.**Description:** An intensive independent research project directed by a department faculty member. Intended for students completing the non-thesis degree option.

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POLS 699. Thesis Guidance 1-6 Units**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer**Description:** This course provides an opportunity for students to conduct their thesis research under the supervision of a faculty advisor, complete the writing, and defend it before a faculty committee.

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