

Advisement Newsletter for Spring 2016.

Political Science Department, TCNJ

The following information is intended to assist Political Science majors, minors, and other interested students in registering for Spring 2016 Political Science classes. Please read carefully information about preparing for an advising meeting. You can find more information, including a Politics Forum schedule and internships, on the Department's webpage: <http://polisci.pages.tcnj.edu/>

Preparing for an advising session.

Prior to meeting with your assigned advisor, run your Academic Requirement Report on PAWS and come to your advisor with a written draft schedule for the semester, courses in your shopping cart and a plan for all of your remaining semesters at TCNJ. For guidance on how to prepare better for your advisement session and plan your academic career, see the "Advising" links on the School of Humanities & Social Sciences website: <http://hss.pages.tcnj.edu/advising-resources/>

Consider asking questions about issues beyond the semester, such as adding an academic program or plans after graduation. Make a plan of what courses you would like to take in all of your remaining semesters at TCNJ, trying to work in enriching opportunities such as study abroad, the Washington Center, Moot Court, a second major, minors or internships. The most rewarding earning experiences require some planning.

When you place courses in your PAWS shopping cart, be sure to hit the validate button to make sure you have met all prerequisites. You should plan alternatives for major courses, liberal learning courses, and electives, so you can register quickly. You are encouraged to run "What If" reports for concentrations, double majors, and new minors you are thinking about taking.

Requirements for the major and minors are listed in the Undergraduate Bulletin, available at <https://bulletin.tcnj.edu/undergraduate-bulletin-2015-2016/humanities-social-sciences/> These links also include information about the courses, including descriptions and how they count toward field distribution requirements.

Recommended course sequences for first, second, third, and fourth years can be found in the Undergraduate Bulletin. Students seeking to graduate within four years are strongly advised to finish POL 200 before the end of their sophomore year and finish POL 390 before the end of their junior year. POL 200 is a prerequisite for POL 390, which is a prerequisite for the senior seminar. Since better mathematical skills improve student performance in economics courses, ECO 102 and 102 require one of the following as a prerequisite: MAT 95, 96, 125, 127 or 128.

<i>Class</i>	<i>Assigned advisor</i>
Freshmen A-L	Dumas
Freshmen M-Z	Lowi
Sophomores	Bowen
Junior	Potter
Seniors	Toloudis

Transfer credit and holds.

Check and clear all holds on PAWS well in advance of your registration window. There are several different types of holds and some might require time to clear. Your advisor can lift only advising holds and only after you have prepared for and attended in person (not by email or phone) an advising meeting.

Make sure any and all transfer credit is on your PAWS unofficial transcript or transfer credit pages, as this will affect your registration window, course selection, and advice received. Do not miss your first available registration appointment window on PAWS, as you may be closed out of preferred courses.

Remember that the Add/Drop deadline comes quickly in the semester. After the deadline has passed, you can withdraw from a course but your transcript will show a grade of “W,” or a “WF” if you withdraw later in the semester. Even though you have withdrawn from a class, the unit still counts in your load for the semester. For more information on registration deadlines, see the Academic Calendar. Information on all TCNJ policies can be found in the “Policy Manual” on the Records and Registration website.

Overload requests.

Overload requests to take more than 4.5 units must be submitted on the HSS Overload Application to the department chair, Dr. Potter, and then in person to the Assistant Dean, Dr. Rosa Zaragi-Marinzoli. This application must be picked up from Mrs. Allen in the Political Science Department – it is not available online or through email. The application must include a brief narrative on why you seek an overload. Approval for an overload is a one-time option that requires a 3.3 GPA and a good reason. Allow time to schedule an appointment with Dr. Rosa. See the “Advising” links on the School of Humanities & Social Sciences website for more information.

Special courses.

The department offers several courses by special arrangement and special registration procedures need be followed. For an Independent Study, talk first to the faculty member you would like to work with or see the chair. For Internships, please see Dr. Bowen. For Departmental Honors, study abroad or the TCNJ/Washington Center Program see Dr. Potter. Enrollment in POL 399/Internship in Public Affairs looks good on your record and allows you to test career opportunities.

The core Public Policy course (POL 300: Politics and Public Management) will be taught by Richard F. Keevey who served as Budget Director and Comptroller of the State of New Jersey under two governors and was appointed to top financial positions in the Department of Defense and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, in addition to private sector experience. He currently serves as senior policy fellow at the Bloustein School of Planning and Policy at Rutgers University and a lecturer at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University.

The course begins with an examination of the field of public administration focusing on the external and internal factors that shape the performance of public agencies, the interaction of public agencies and their leaders with the presidency, Congress and the courts. The main focus of the course concerns the practical and policy aspects of federal and state budget making, including how budgets are developed, where revenue comes from, taxation policy, infrastructure and capital needs, debt and bond issuance and

pension issues. In addition, current challenges facing the federal government and state government, including New Jersey, will be discussed.

The department will offer three special topics courses:

POL 370-01: Topics: Islam and Politics (Field: Comparative). Tuesday 3:30-6:20, Dr. Miriam Lowi.

This course will introduce students to the Islamic faith and its teachings, as well as Islam's impact on politics and society both historically and in the contemporary period. We will begin with the study of Islam in history, and consider the origins of the faith and the challenges it faced. We will read from religious texts and from some of the most prominent thinkers as they discuss the values of the faith and the code of conduct at its core. We will study and discuss different teachings and schools of thought related to such topics as political authority, distributive justice, the position of women, and defense of the Muslim community. We will focus in the final weeks on contemporary issues related to Islam and governance, with some attention to forms of "Islamic activism."

POL 370-02: Topics: Health Care Policy (Field: American), Wednesday 5:30-8:20, Bill Healey

Healthcare is an increasingly large part of our government expenditures and of our Gross Domestic Product. This course will provide a broad analysis of how the US health care system came to be – not by any grand design – through a series of historic circumstances.

POL 370-03: Topics: Lesbian and Gay Politics (Field: American), Wednesday 5:30-8:20, Reed Gusciora

This course is designed as a broad study of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender (LGBT) political discourse and the relationship between advocacy and public policy affecting the LBG community.

There are two junior tutorials this semester:

POL 390-01: Junior tutorial: Representation in Congress. M/T 12:30-1:50, Bowen.

The U.S. Congress is a unique institution. It is one of the only national legislatures in the world which retains significant political power separate from the executive. Its dual functions of representation and national lawmaking often create tension among its members and invite derision from the public and press. In this course, will examine the representational role of Congress by studying the "electoral connection," as Mayhew puts it, between the people and their representatives. We will examine the causes of electoral success for congressional candidates, challenger emergence and recruitment, the incumbency advantage, redistricting and gerrymandering, and how members of Congress represent their constituents once they get in office. As a junior tutorial course, students will undertake a major, individual research project on some aspect of congressional elections and representations, and a large portion of the class will be devoted to training students in the art and science of political research.

POL 390-02: Junior tutorial: Policy Responses to Social Exclusion. M/T 11:00-12:20, Chartock.

This course examines the origins and outcomes of policies that affect marginalized populations. While so often, political actors and observers discuss "the have-nots," "the least powerful among us," "and those that have been historically oppressed," much less frequently do we actually witness the passage and implementation of policies that aim to ameliorate the social exclusion of marginalized communities. The passage of any such policies is therefore a phenomenon worthy of investigating. Even when such policies are passed, however, debates continue regarding the types of

policies that best address social exclusion. Thus, appropriate policy responses to social exclusion also constitute a significant topic of study.

Political Science majors can take POL 498 or INT 498 (if space is available) as a senior seminar.

POL 498: Senior seminar: Law and Society, T/F 9:30-10:50, Dumas.

How does the law constrain individuals and institutions? Law permeates society and channels power in various ways, leading to winners and losers. Law also embodies the ideals, morals, and ethics of a society and reveals what and whom a society values. As a capstone seminar, students will conduct empirical research related to a law and society topic of their choosing and use appropriate research methods to compose a senior capstone paper. By the end of the course, students will be familiar with the major research in the realm of law and society, be able identify important themes in the research, and identify gaps in the literature where additional research is needed.

INT 498-1: Senior seminar: Social Movements and the Politics of Protest, M/T 2:00-3:20, Chartock.

When thinking of political and social change, formal and regulated institutions and processes such as elections, political parties and policy-making come to mind. So often, however, the most concentrated pressure for political and social change come from ordinary people coming together outside of the formal political sphere. In this International Studies Senior Seminar, we therefore focus on social movements and other forms of collective action aimed at achieving or preventing social and political change (Often, though not always, through non-institutionalized forms of political action such as protests and demonstrations). We examine theories that explain how social movements arise and success (and why they sometimes do not) and apply these theories to cases from various countries around the world.

INT 498-2: Senior seminar: Understanding Economic Crises: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives, Thursday 5:30-8:20, Toloudis

This course surveys scholarship on economic crises. It reaches beyond political economy to examine sociological, historical, and even psychological perspectives on the causes and consequences of crisis. We will begin by discussing the on-going financial crisis in Europe before turning to cases of crisis elsewhere, using a variety of different perspectives and frameworks.

POL 230: International Relations is offered online for Winter 2016.

Political Science Department Course for Spring 2016

<u>Course</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
POL 110-01	American Government	M 5:30-8:20	Brindle
POL 200-01	Political Analysis	M/Th 9:30-10:50	Bowen
POL 230-01	International Relations	M/Th 12:30-1:50	Toloudis
POL 275-01	Western Political Philosophy	Th 5:30-8:20	Brindle
POL 300-01	Politics and Public Management	Th 5:30-8:20	Keevey
POL 311-01	Presidency and Congress	Tu 5:30-8:20	Gusciora
POL 321-01	Civil Liberties	Tu/F 11:00-12:20	Dumas
POL 335-01	International Organization	Tu/F 9:30-10:50	Potter
POL 370-01	Topics: Islam and Politics	Tu 3:30-6:20	Lowi
POL 370-02	Topics: Health Care Policy	W 5:30-8:20	Healey
POL 370-03	Topics: Lesbian and Gay Politics	W 5:30-8:20	Gusciora
POL 380-01	International Political Economy	Tu/F 11:00-12:20	Potter
POL 390-01	Tutorial: "Representation in Congress"	M/Th 12:30-1:50	Bowen
POL 390-02	Tutorial: "Policy Responses to Social Exclusion"	M/Th 11:00-12:20	Chartock
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