

# Spring 2018 Advisement Newsletter

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## Department News & Information

Dear Political Science students,

I hope you are having an engaging and productive semester. This document will help prepare you for next month's course registration for Spring and Summer 2018. Before discussing registration, there are few items I want to bring to your attention. First, if it feels like the Department is a little short-staffed this semester, that's because we are! Dr. Potter and Dr. Chartock are both on leave this semester. Dr. Chartock will be back for the Spring semester, but Dr. Potter is on a year-long sabbatical to conduct research in Central America. Because Dr. Potter and Dr. Chartock are away from campus, we had to juggle advising. Please check on PAWS to see who your new advisor is if you had been assigned to Dr. Potter or Dr. Chartock.

Second, be sure to check the department website for information on upcoming events (see <https://polisci.tcnj.edu/politics-forum/> for the Politics Forum schedule) and available internships (<https://polisci.tcnj.edu/internship-listings/>). We post new internships all the time as organizations reach out to us, so please check regularly. Third, feel free to come to me with issues which require department approval like changing majors/minors and overload requests. If you need to meet with me, please sign up for a meeting slot using my online scheduler: <https://meetme.so/bowend>.

- Prof. Bowen

## Preparing for Spring 2018 Registration

### Before you meet with your advisor

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, a second major, minors, or internships. The most rewarding experiences require some advance planning.

When you place courses in your PAWS shopping cart, 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. This is particularly true if you are a first or second year student and therefore competing over the last seats in such courses. If you are thinking about adding a concentration, double major, or a minor, please run a "What If" report in PAWS. The report will show your academic requirements as if you formally added the concentration/major/minor. It is a very useful tool.

| Cohort                     | Assigned advisor         |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Class of 2021 (freshmen)   | Garlick & Bowen/Chartock |
| Class of 2020 (sophomores) | Toloudis & Bowen         |
| Class of 2019 (juniors)    | Dumas & Lowi             |
| Class of 2018 (seniors)    | Bowen                    |

Table 1: Political Science Advisors, by Cohort

Requirements for the major and minors are listed in the Undergraduate Bulletin, available online at <https://bulletin.tcnj.edu/>. Recommended course sequences for first, second, third, and fourth years are listed in the political science bulletin. To quickly recap the course sequence, there are four core courses in the political science major:

- a “foundations” course - either POL 110 American Government or POL 230 International Relations - should be taken during the first year,
- POL 200 Political Analysis, typically taken in the second year. POL 200 now counts as a Liberal Learning Quantitative Reasoning course as well,
- POL 390 Junior Tutorial, must be taken after POL 200 and typically during the third year,
- POL 498 Senior Seminar, must be taken after POL 390. Political science majors may take either POL 498 or INT 498 to meet the requirement.

In addition to the core classes, political science majors are required to take three correlate courses: STA 115, ECO 101, and ECO 102. Since better mathematical skills improve student performance in economics courses, ECO 101 and 102 require one of the following as a prerequisite: MAT 95, 96, 125, 127 or 128 (or have received an SAT quantitative score of 550 or better).

Majors also need to take one course each in the political science subfields of American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory, and complete 12 courses in the major. At least 8 of the 12 courses must be at the 300 or 400 levels.

## Transfer credits and holds on your account

Please 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. Please check for holds prior to your registration slot; *holds will keep you from registering for Spring and Summer courses!*

Make sure any and all transfer and test 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 your preferred courses.

Remember that the Add/Drop deadline comes quickly in the semester (for Spring, this deadline is Tuesday, January 30th). 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 detailed on the HSS Overload Application and submitted to the department chair and then to Dr. Lisa Grimm, Associate Dean of HSS. You can download the application from <https://hss.tcnj.edu/files/2011/07/HSS-Overload-Request-Form.doc>. Approval for an overload requires a 3.3 GPA and a good explanation for why the overload is necessary. After you complete the form, the Department Chair needs to sign it, and then you can submit the request through the online submission system here: [https://tcnj.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9GJ9OiBmxIB8nqt](https://tcnj.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9GJ9OiBmxIB8nqt).

## Spring 2018 Courses

### General Information

The course list for Spring 2018 is shown in Table 2. While the list of courses is mostly self-explanatory, a couple items are noteworthy. First, pay attention to the subfield of the course as you create your schedule. Remember, all political science majors must take a course in each subfield during their college career. Second, POL 300 Politics and Public Management is the core public administration course in the major and a required course in the Public Policy Analysis and Management minor. This important class will be taught by Dr. Marc Wallace, who has extensive expertise in New Jersey state government and policy.

### Special topics and seminars

This semester the department is offering one special topics course, two senior seminars, and two junior tutorials. Course descriptions are below. In addition, the department offers several courses by special arrangement and special registration procedures need be followed. For an Independent Study or study abroad, talk first to the faculty member you would like to work with or see the chair. For Internships or The Washington Center, please see Dr. Bowen. Enrollment in POL 399/Internship in Public Affairs looks good on your record and allows you to test career opportunities. POL 395 Group Research in Political Science is a special class being taught by Dr. Chartock. Enrollment in this course is by invitation of the instructor only.

#### *Special topics:*

*POL 370-01: Nixon's Watergate Scandal: Its Legacy and Relevance; Instructor: Reed Gusciora.*

This course focuses on a critical time period for contemporary American politics and U.S. history: President Nixon's Watergate scandal its political aftermath. Students will learn about Watergate and how the spectre of impeachment has influenced more recent presidencies.

#### *Junior tutorial:*

*POL 390-01: American Legislative Politics; Instructor: Alex Garlick.*

This tutorial prepares students to conduct independent research related to the study of the US Congress and the American state legislatures. Students gain an understanding of the historical development of these institutions and discuss theories of how legislators behave, organize themselves and pass policies. The course will also cover quantitative research methods and culminate with students conducting a research project using original data.

*POL 390-02: Policy Responses to Social Exclusion; Instructor: Sarah Chartock.*

This course examines the origins and outcomes of policies that affect marginalized populations. While so often, political actors and observers pay lip service to the plight of the have-nots, the least powerful

**Table 2: Spring 2018 Political Science Courses**

| Course     | Subfield    | Course Title                            | Instructor   | Day       | Time           | Room    |
|------------|-------------|---|--------------|-----------|----------------|---------|
| POL 110-01 | American    | American Government                     | A. Garlick   | Mon/Thr   | 2:00-3:20pm    | SSB 223 |
| POL 110-02 | American    | American Government                     | R. Gusciora  | Wednesday | 5:30-8:20pm    | SSB 225 |
| POL 150-01 | Comparative | Intro to Comparative Politics           | S. Chartock  | Mon/Thr   | 9:30-10:50am   | SSB 223 |
| POL 200-01 | –           | Political Analysis                      | D. Bowen     | Tue/Fri   | 11:00-12:20pm  | SSB 225 |
| POL 230-01 | IR          | International Relations                 | T. Arndt     | Mon/Thur  | 2:00-3:20pm    | SSB 225 |
| POL 230-02 | IR          | International Relations                 | T. Arndt     | Mon/Thur  | 3:30-4:50pm    | SSB 225 |
| POL 275-01 | Theory      | Western Political Philosophy            | J. Jovanski  | Tue/Fri   | 9:30-10:50am   | SSB 225 |
| POL 300-01 | American    | Politics & Public Management            | M. Wallace   | Wednesday | 5:30-8:20pm    | SSB 223 |
| POL 315-01 | American    | Parties, Interest Groups & Media        | J. Brindle   | Monday    | 5:30-8:20pm    | SSB 223 |
| POL 321-01 | American    | Civil Liberties                         | T. Dumas     | Mon/Thur  | 12:30-1:50pm   | SSB 223 |
| POL 323-01 | American    | Law and Society                         | T. Dumas     | Mon/Thur  | 9:30-10:50am   | SSB 225 |
| POL 335-01 | IR          | International Organization              | N. Toloudis  | Mon/Thur  | 12:30-1:50pm   | SSB 225 |
| POL 362-01 | Comparative | Islam & Politics                        | M. Lowi      | Tuesday   | 5:30-8:20pm    | SSB 223 |
| POL 370-01 | American    | Topics: Nixon's Watergate Scandal       | R. Gusciora  | Tuesday   | 5:30-8:20pm    | SSB 325 |
| POL 372-01 | Theory      | History of American Political Ideas     | M. Nordquist | Tuesday   | 5:30-8:20pm    | SSB 225 |
| POL 380-01 | IR          | International Political Economy         | R. Hamilton  | Tue/Fri   | 2:00-3:20pm    | SSB 223 |
| POL 390-01 | American    | Tutorial: American Legislative Politics | A. Garlick   | Mon/Thr   | 11:00-12:20pm  | SSB 241 |
| POL 390-01 | Comparative | Tutorial: Policy Responses to Exclusion | S. Chartock  | Mon/Thr   | 12:30p- 3:20pm | SSB 241 |
| POL 395-01 | Comparative | Group Research in Political Science     | S. Chartock  | Thursday  | 12:30-3:20pm   | SSB 241 |
| POL 399-01 | American    | Internship in Public Affairs            | D. Bowen     | Variable  | –              | –       |
| POL 498-01 | American    | Seminar: American Political Behavior    | D. Bowen     | Monday    | 3:30-6:20pm    | SSB 241 |

among us, and the historically oppressed, much less frequently do we actually witness the passage and implementation of policies that aim to ameliorate the circumstances of excluded communities. This course examines why such rare policies get passed when they do, why they are sometimes successfully carried out (while other times fail to be implemented), and the variety of outcomes that arise out of their passage.

#### *Senior seminars:*

*POL 498-01: American Political Behavior; Instructor: Daniel Bowen.*

Many of the most pressing issues facing American society concern mass political behavior - what do Americans think about politics and why? Who participates in political life through voting, protest, petition, and other forms of activism? What consequences exist for unequal participation in politics, and can institutional reform help? What has caused an increasingly divided and hostile political discourse among citizens divided by partisan, class, and racial/ethnic identities? This seminar course will examine these, and other, important topics. As a capstone seminar, students will conduct a major research project using empirical data on political behavior, public opinion, or American elections and write their senior thesis. Students should seniors and have taken POL 200 and POL 390 (Tutorial). By the end of the course, students will be familiar with major themes and questions of political behavior scholarship and will have contributed to this knowledge through their own research.

*INT 498-01: Seminar in International Studies - The European Union; Instructor: Nicholas Toloudis.*

This seminar deals with the study of European unification. We will discuss European integration theory, democratic accountability, EU law and regulations, foreign affairs, and the impact of the EU on the practices of EU member states. Students will complete a major research project on some facet of one of these topics.

## Winter 2018 Courses

The department is offering two courses during the Winter 2018 session, shown in Table 3. Dr. Potter's International Relations class will be taught entirely online. Dr. Toloudis' Politics of Europe class will be in-person on campus. For more information, you can contact Dr. Bowen or visit the Winter Session website: <https://wintersession.tcnj.edu/>.

**Table 3: Winter 2018 Political Science Courses**

| Course     | Title                   | Instructor        | Session        | Mode of Instruction |
|------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| POL 230-01 | International Relations | Brian Potter      | Winter Session | Online              |
| POL 350-01 | Politics of Europe      | Nicholas Toloudis | Winter Session | In-Person           |

## Summer 2018 Courses

The department is offering four courses during Summer 2018 sessions. These courses are shown in Table 4. Please note both the summer session in which the course is running as well as the mode of instruction. All four courses will be offered online. Dates and other information about summer courses can be found on the Summer Program website: <https://summer.tcnj.edu/>.

**Table 4: Summer 2017 Political Science Courses**

| Course     | Title                                | Instructor        | Session     | Mode of Instruction |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| POL 110-01 | American Government                  | Tao Dumas         | Session II  | Online              |
| POL 150-01 | Introduction to Comparative Politics | Sarah Chartock    | Session II  | Online              |
| POL 230-01 | International Relations              | Brian Potter      | Session II  | Online              |
| POL 370-01 | Social Movements and Popular Protest | Nicholas Toloudis | Session III | Online              |