**Advisement Newsletter for Fall 2015.**

Political Science Department, TCNJ

The following information is intended to assist Political Science majors, minors, and other interested students in registering for Fall 2015 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 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 <http://bulletin.pages.tcnj.edu/files/2014/05/Political_Science.pdf> For information about the courses, including descriptions and how they count toward field distribution requirements see: <http://www.tcnj.edu/~bulletin/current/Political_Science_courses.pdf>

Recommended course sequences for first, second, third, and fourth year students also may be found in the Undergraduate Bulletin. 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. 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.

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| *Class* | *Assigned advisor* |
| Freshmen | Bowen |
| Sophomores | Potter |
| Junior | Toloudis |
| Seniors A-L | Dumas |
| Seniors M-Z | Potter |

*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 be 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 for 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 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 department will offer three special topics courses:

*POL 370-01: Topics: Marxism* (Field: Theory)

 Tu/F 2:00-3:20pm, Nordquist

This course introduces and investigates Marx’s critical framework and examines the intellectual, philosophical, and political legacy his work has inspired from the mid-19th century to today. The first half of the class will be dedicated to Marx’s work, as well as pieces written with his collaborator Friedrich Engels. The second half of the semester will look at interpretations and applications of Marx’s work after his death, paying particular attention to the varied ways Marxian thought has been mobilized and transformed in conversation with other philosophical approaches and political movements.

*POL 370-02: Topics: Public Policy of Marijuana* (Field: American or Public Policy)

 Tuesday 5:30-8:20pm, Gusciora

The course focuses on the shifting debate on cannabis in the courts, Congress and in the states.  The course is designed to give students a broader understanding of the classification of marijuana as a Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) and efforts to decriminalize the drug, allow patients compassionate use of "medicinal marijuana," and predict future law enforcement strategies to prevent its misuse.  Students will review the history of federal and state marijuana laws; as well as current political, legislative and judicial trends on efforts to declassify the drug as a controlled substance.

*POL 370-03: Topics: Lobbying Govt. Affairs & Advocacy* (Field: American or Public Policy)

 Thursday 5:30-8:20, Healey

This class examines the role of the lobbyist and the profession of governmental relations in the shaping of our laws and policies. The course will explore specifically the role of the lobbyist in New Jersey, how that role differs in other states and in Washington. This course is intended to give a broad overview of lobbying, its history, the strategies and tools employed, and how the profession will evolve in the future. The instructor is an experienced practitioner who has worked in corporate, non-profit, and governmental settings and specializes in the creation of effective lobbying, communications, and government relations strategies.

Political Science majors can take POL 498 or INT 498 (if space is available) as a senior seminar. POL 390 is a perquisite.

*POL 498-01 Seminar: Politics of Economic Crisis*, Toloudis

 Monday 3:30-6:20pm

This seminar deals with the politics of the financial crises, with a particular focus on Europe and the US. It examines the politics of banking regulation, institutional breakdown and change, and the social and political consequences of financial system failure, as well as the ways that governments and international institutions have responded to crises. Students will write majors research papers that compare two countries’ experiences with financial crisis.

*INT 498-01 Seminar: Inequality*, Lowi

 Tuesday 3:30-6:20pm

The study of inequality is, in essence, the study of the distribution of resources – power, wealth, status, recognition -- within society, across societies, in the international system. Scholars of inequality focus on race, class, or gender, but also, more recently, culture, religion, ethnicity. There is an enormous literature in the social sciences and humanities on each of these foci. From the variety of ways in which the topic can be approached, each student will structure their capstone research project to address an inequality-related question of particular interest to them in a region and/or community of their choice.

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**POL 230 (International Relations) will be offered this summer as an**

**online course, taught by Brian Potter. Enroll through PAWS.**

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**Political Science Department Course for Fall 2015**

Course Title Time Instructor

POL 110-01 American Government Tu/F 9:30-10:50am Dumas

POL 110-02 American Government Monday 5:30-8:20pm Brindle

POL 200-01 Political Analysis M/Th 11:00-12:20pm Bowen

POL 230-01 International Relations M/Th 9:30- 10:50am Toloudis

POL 250-01 Politics and Society in LDCs M/Th 2:00-3:20pm Chartock

POL 305-01 Public Policy Analysis M/Th 9:30-10:50 am Bowen

POL 320-01 Constitutional Law Tu/F 11:00-12:20pm Dumas

POL 324-01 Moot Court Tuesday 3:30 - 6:20pm Dumas

POL 330-01 U.S. Foreign Policy Tu/F 11:00 -12:20pm Potter

POL 337-01 International Law Thursday, 5:30-8:20pm Hogya

POL 350-01 Politics of Europe M/Th 12:30-1:50pm Toloudis

POL 355-01 Political Economy of Natural Resources, Tu/F 9:30-10:50am Potter

POL 357-01 Middle East Politics Tu/F 9:30am-10:50am Lowi

POL 365-01 Origin of the Constitution Tuesday 5:30-8:20pm Brindle

POL 370-01 Topics: Marxism Tu/F 2:00-3:20pm Nordquist

POL 370-02 Topics: Public Policy of Marijuana, Tuesday 5:30-8:20pm Gusciora

POL 370-03 Topics: Lobbying Govt. Affairs & Advocacy, Thurs. 5:30-8:20, Healey

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