

Advisement Newsletter for Fall 2016.

Political Science Department, TCNJ

The following information is intended to assist Political Science majors, minors, and other interested students in registering for Fall 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/>

Department news.

Beginning June 30, 2016, Dr. Bowen will become chairperson for the Department, giving the current chair a much-needed break. As a reminder, please see your assigned advisor for most academic advice (more information on academic advising is below).

Political Science majors are invited to enjoy a free lunch on Thursday March 24, 12:30-1:15 in SSB 223. To write a review of the Department, Dr. John Entelis is interested in hearing students' views on the goals, structure, and resources of the Political Science department. (Every TCNJ department goes through a review and planning process every seven years). Stop by, have some pizza (cheese, pepperoni or veggie), and voice your views.

The Department will hire a visiting professor for the 2016-17 academic year. In the fall semester, this person will teach "Public Opinion, Voting, and Elections" (POL 316), "Congress and the Legislative Process" (POL 370), and "The Presidency" (POL 370). In recent years, the latter two classes have been taught as "The Presidency and Congress" (POL 311). Granting each branch its own class will improve student knowledge of American politics.

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 <https://bulletin.tcnj.edu/undergraduate-bulletin-2015-2016/humanities-social-sciences/>

Theses 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. Political Science majors can take POL 498 or INT 498 as their senior seminar. If you have trouble registering for INT 498, please contact the Political Science chair or Dr. Bender, the International Studies Program Director. (Note that Dr. Toloudis will serve as Interim Program Director in the 2016-17 academic year, so contact him after June 30). 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>
Class of 2020 (incoming freshmen) A-L	Chartock
Class of 2020 (incoming freshmen) M-Z	Toloudis
Class of 2019 (freshmen) A-L	Dumas
Class of 2019 (freshmen) M-Z	Lowi
Class of 2018 (sophomores)	Bowen
Class of 2017 (juniors)	Potter
Class of 2016 (graduating 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, (until June 30, Dr. Potter; afterwards Dr. Bowen), 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 or study abroad, talk first to the faculty member you would like to work with or see the chair. For Internships, please see Dr. Bowen. For The 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 four special topics courses in Fall 2016:

POL 370-01: Topics: Marxism (Field: Theory), Tue/Fri , 2:00-3:20pm, Jovanoski

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: Congress and the Legislative Process (Field: American) Mon/Th, 2:00-3:20, Staff
This course surveys the structure, workings, and output of the U.S. Congress. Potential topics include Congressional elections, institutional structure including informal rules, the committee system, legislative procedures, and party organization.

POL 370-03: Topics: The Politics and Public Policy of Marijuana (Field: American), Tuesday, 5:30-8:20pm, Gusciora. This course is designed to give students a broader understanding of the classification of marijuana as a “Schedule I” Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) and efforts to decriminalize and/or legalize 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 370-04: Topics: The Presidency (Field: American), Mon/Thur 11:00-12:20pm, Staff

This course analyses the principal institutions, function, and powers of the Presidency, including the federal executive branch. Potential topics include presidential elections, leadership, staffing, executive-legislative relations, and policy formation.

There are two junior tutorials this semester:

POL 390-01: Tutorial: Judicial Decision-Making Tue/Fri, 2:00-3:20pm, Dumas

While all federal judges are appointed for good behavior, states select and retain judges for state courts through partisan (elections where the judges' partisan identification appears on the ballot), nonpartisan (elections where there is no partisan affiliation on the ballot), and retention elections (in which voters vote yes or no for retaining the judge), as well as appointment. Literature looking at state appellate courts overwhelming finds that judges' electoral concerns shape their voting behavior, especially in politically important cases such as death penalty decisions. This class will explore the debate over the

“best” way to select and retain judges and the consequences of different selection methods for those bringing cases before the courts.

POL 390-02: Tutorial: Policy Responses to Social Exclusion, Mon/Thur 11:00am-12:20pm, 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 INT 498 (if space is available) as a senior seminar. Both POL 498 and INT 498 will be offered in Spring 2017.

INT 498: Senior Seminar: Inequality, Wednesday 8:00-10:50am, Lowi

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.

Political Science Department Courses for Summer 2016
(Note: all three courses are entirely online and run 6/13/16-7/14/16)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
POL 110	American Government	Dumas
POL 150	Comparative Politics	Chartock
POL 230	International Relations	Potter

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Number	Title	Time		Instructor
POL 110-01	American Government	Tue/Fri	9:30-10:50am	Dumas
POL 110-02	American Government	Monday	5:30-8:20pm	Brindle
POL 200-01	Political Analysis	Mon/Thur	11:00-12:20pm	Bowen
POL 230-01	International Relations	Mon/Thur	9:30- 10:50am	Toloudis
POL 250-01	Pol. & Soc. In Developing Countries	Tue/Fri	8:00am - 9:20am	Potter
POL 250-02	Pol. & Soc. In Developing Countries	Tue/Fri	9:30am-10:50am	Potter
POL 305-01	American Public Policy	Mon/Thur	9:30-10:50 am	Vandergrift
POL 316-01	Public Opinion, Voting and Elections	Mon/Thur	12:30-1:50pm	Staff
POL 320-01	Constitutional Law	Tue/Fri	11:00-12:20pm	Dumas
POL 324-01	Moot Court	Wednesday	5:30-8:20pm	LaGregor
POL 328-01	State & Local Government in NJ	Wednesday	5:30-8:20pm	Gusciora
POL 330-01	U.S. Foreign Policy	Tue/Fri	11:00 -12:20pm	Potter
POL 337-01	International Law	Thursday	5:30-8:20pm	Hogya
POL 350-01	Politics of Europe	Mon/Thur	12:30-1:50pm	Toloudis
POL 365-01	Origin of the Constitution	Tuesday	5:30-8:20pm	Brindle
POL 370-01	Topics: Marxism	Tue/Fri	2:00-3:20pm	Jovanoski
POL 370-02	Topics: Congress & Legislative Process	Mon/Thur	2:00-3:20pm	Staff
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