

# **Spring 2017 Advisement Newsletter**

Department of Political Science, TCNJ  
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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 2017 and Summer 2017 courses. Before discussing registration, there are few items I want to bring to your attention. First, I am succeeding Dr. Potter as department chair. So, please 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 online at <http://meetme.so/bowend>. Second, we have a new student worker who is helping us in the department, Jawan Turner. You will likely see him around the Political Science office; feel free to stop by and say hello. Lastly, please remember that our website has 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.

- Prof. Bowen

## **Preparing for Spring 2017 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 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 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.

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

Cohort	Assigned advisor
Class of 2020 (freshmen) A-L	Chartock
Class of 2020 (freshmen) M-Z	Toloudis
Class of 2019 (sophomores) A-L	Dumas
Class of 2019 (sophomores) M-Z	Lowi
Class of 2018 (juniors)	Bowen
Class of 2017 (seniors)	Potter

Table 1: Political Science Advisors, by Cohort

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 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. 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 2017, this deadline is on January 31st). 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. Ann Warner Ault, Interim Assistant Dean of HSS. 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. Warner Ault to discuss the application. See the “Advising” links on the School of Humanities & Social Sciences website for more information.

## Spring 2017 Courses

### General Information

The course list for Spring 2017 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. In Spring 2017, the subfield assignment for each course is as follows: American Politics (POL 110, 300, 315, 321, 323, 370, 399), Comparative Politics (POL 357, 358), International Relations (POL 230, 380), and Political Theory (POL 275). 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, the executive assistant for the Medicaid fraud division within the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller (OSC). Dr. Wallace also holds a PhD in political science from American University. A full faculty bio of Dr. Wallace (along with bios of our other full-time and part-time faculty members) can be found on the department website (<https://polisci.tcnj.edu/faculty-profiles/>).

### Special topics and seminars

This semester the department is offering one special topics course, one senior seminar (with two sections), 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, 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.

#### *Special topics:*

*POL 370: Gay & Lesbian Politics; Instructor: 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 LBGT community.

#### *Junior tutorials:*

*POL 390-01: Violence, Civil War, and Revolution; Instructor: Miriam Lowi.*

This tutorial provides a theoretical, historical, and comparative treatment of political violence within states. Focusing on a variety of cases in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East, it explores the causes and objectives of ‘organized’ political violence, the forms it takes, and its short- and long-term outcomes. Included among the many themes are: marginalization and dissent, the mobilizational capacity of opposition groups, the organization and financing of rebel movements, economic agendas

**Table 2: Spring 2017 Political Science Courses**

Course	Title	Instructor	Day	Time	Room
POL 110-01	American Government	Jeff Brindle	Mon	5:30pm - 8:20pm	SSB 223
POL 110-02	American Government	Reed Gusciora	Tue	5:30pm - 8:20pm	SSB 225
POL 200-01	Political Analysis	Dan Bowen	Mon/Thur	9:30am - 10:50am	SSB 223
POL 230-01	International Relations	Staff	Mon/Thur	2:00pm - 3:20pm	SSB 225
POL 275-01	Western Political Philosophy	Michael Nordquist	Mon	5:30pm - 8:20pm	SSB 225
POL 300-01	Politics and Public Management	Marc Wallace	Thur	5:30pm - 8:20pm	SSB 223
POL 315-01	Parties, Interest Groups, and Media	Jeff Brindle	Tue	5:30pm - 8:20pm	SSB 223
POL 321-01	Civil Liberties	Tao Dumas	Tue/Fri	11:00am-12:20pm	SSB 225
POL 323-01	Law & Society	Tao Dumas	Tue/Fri	9:30am-10:50am	SSB 225
POL 357-01	Middle East Politics	Miriam Lowi	Tue/Fri	9:30am-10:50am	SSB 223
POL 358-01	Latin America Politics	Sarah Chartock	Mon/Thur	11:00am - 12:20pm	SSB 223
POL 370-01	Topics: Gay & Lesbian Politics	Reed Gusciora	Wed	5:30pm - 8:20pm	SSB 223
POL 380-01	International Political Economy	Brian Potter	Tue/Fri	11:00am-12:20pm	SSB 223
POL 390-01	Tutorial: Violence, Civil War, Revolution	Miriam Lowi	Tue/Fri	3:30pm - 4:50pm	SSB 223
POL 390-02	Tutorial: Representation in Congress	Dan Bowen	Mon/Thur	12:30pm - 1:50pm	SSB 241
POL 391-01	Independent Study in Political Science				
POL 399-01	Internship in Public Affairs	Dan Bowen			
POL 401-01	Washington Center (Internship)	Brian Potter			
POL 498-01	Seminar: Social Movements and the Politics of Protest	Sarah Chartock	Mon	2:00pm - 4:50pm	SSB 241
POL 498-02	Seminar: Social Movements and the Politics of Protest	Sarah Chartock	Thur	2:00pm - 4:50pm	SSB 241

in civil wars, secessionist movements, natural resources and conflict. Cases may include the Iranian Revolution, the Lebanese civil war, oil and diamonds in the Angolan civil war, narco-trafficking in Colombia, the fragmentation of the unitary state in Indonesia, Arab Spring uprisings. The class is conducted in seminar format, with a lot of attention to discussion and to independent research. *POL*

*390-02: Representation in Congress; Instructor: Dan 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.

*Senior seminars:*

*POL 498-01 & 02: Social Movements and the Politics of Protest; Instructor: Sarah Chartock.*

Often, when we think about 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 pressures for political and social change come from ordinary people coming together outside of the formal political sphere. In this Political Science 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

**Table 3: Summer 2017 Political Science Courses**

Course	Title	Instructor	Session	Mode of Instruction
POL 110-01	American Government	Tao Dumas	Session II (formerly Session A)	Online
POL 150-01	Introduction to Comparative Politics	Sarah Chartock	Session I (formerly Maymester)	On-campus
POL 230-01	International Relations	Brian Potter	Session II (formerly Session A)	Online

action such as protests and demonstrations). We examine theories that explain how social movements arise and succeed (and why they sometimes do not) and apply these theories to cases from various countries around the world.

## Summer 2017 Courses

The department is offering three courses during Summer 2017 sessions. These courses are shown in Table 3. Please note both the summer session in which the course is running as well as the mode of instruction. POL 110 and 230 will be offered completely online, while POL 150 will be offered as a traditional, in-person and on-campus course. Dates and other information about summer courses can be found on the Summer Program website: <https://summer.tcnj.edu/>.