

# **Fall 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 Fall 2017. Before discussing registration, there are few items I want to bring to your attention. First, I am happy to announce that we have hired a new full time faculty member, Dr. Alex Garlick. Prof. Garlick received his PhD in Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania and is currently an American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow in Washington, DC. Prof. Garlick studies American legislative institutions and will teach courses on American Politics, the Presidency, Congress, and political parties and interest groups. He is a welcome addition to the department and will help us expand course and research offerings in American politics. Prof. Garlick will be joining the department over the summer and will be teaching POL 110 American Government and a special topics course on the Presidency in the fall. I strongly recommend taking these courses if they fit your academic plan.

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 online at <http://meetme.so/bowend>. And lastly, as many of you know, in January Dr. Daryl Fair, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, passed away. Dr. Fair taught in our department for 44 years and made long-standing contributions to our students, the department, the political science curriculum, and the College community. You can read the Department's reflection on the life and work of Prof. Fair here: <https://polisci.tcnj.edu/faculty-profiles/daryl-fair-in-memoriam/>.

- Prof. Bowen

## **Preparing for Fall 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

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

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.

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. 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 be email or phone) an advising meeting. Please check for holds prior to your registration slot; *holds will keep you from registering for Fall and Winter 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 Fall 2017, this deadline is on Wednesday, September 6th). 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. Approval for an overload requires a 3.3 GPA and a good explanation for why the overload is necessary. 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.

## **Fall 2017 Courses**

### **General Information**

The course list for Fall 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 Fall 2017, the subfield assignment for each course is as follows: American Politics (POL 110, 305, 315, 320, 323, 328, 365, 370-02, 399), Comparative Politics (POL 250, 350, 370-01, 370-03), International Relations (POL 230, 330, 337), and Political Theory (POL 275, 365). Second, POL 305 American Public Policy is the core public policy course in the major and a required course in the Public Policy Analysis and Management minor. This important class will be taught by Prof. William Healey, who has extensive expertise in New Jersey state government and non-profit lobbying and policy work in the area.

### **Special topics and seminars**

This semester the department is offering three special topics course, two senior seminars, and one junior tutorial. 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 370-01: Social Movements and Popular Protest; Instructor: Nicholas Toloudis.*

This course will provide students with an overview of the prominent theories of social movements and popular protest. These theories are designed to answer a series of questions about social movements: where they come from, how and why they last, how and why they end, under what circumstances they have an impact on politics and policy, and how they respond to efforts to repress them. We will also study a series of cases, including the American civil rights movement, European labor activism,

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

PAWS ID #	Course	Title	Instructor	Day	Time	Room
80509	POL 110-01	American Government	A. Garlick	Mon/Thr	9:30-10:50am	SSB 225
80513	POL 110-02	American Government	A. Garlick	Mon/Thur	11:00- 12:20	SSB 225
81991	POL 110-03	American Government	J. Brindle	Tuesday	5:30-8:20pm	SSB 223
80508	POL 200-01	Political Analysis	D. Bowen	Mon/Thur	12:30-1:50pm	SSB 223
80510	POL 230-01	International Relations	N. Toloudis	Mon/Thur	3:30-4:50pm	SSB 225
80512	POL 250-01	Pol. & Soc. In Developing Countries	Staff	Tue/Fri	2:00pm- 3:20pm	SSB 225
81992	POL 275-01	Western Political Philosophy	J. Jovanski	Tue/Fri	9:30-10:50am	SSB 225
80520	POL 305-01	American Public Policy	B. Healey	Tuesday	5:30-8:20pm	SSB 225
80516	POL 320-01	Constitutional Law	T. Dumas	Mon/Thur	9:30-10:50am	SSB 223
81995	POL 323-01	Law and Society	T. Dumas	Mon/Thur	12:30-1:50pm	SSB 225
82526	POL 328-01	State & Local Government in NJ	R. Gusciora	Wednesday	5:30-8:20pm	SSB 225
80517	POL 330-01	U.S. Foreign Policy	T. Arndt	Tue/Fri	11:00am-12:20pm	SSB 223
80521	POL 337-01	International Law	J. Hoya	Thursday	5:30-8:20pm	SSB 223
80518	POL 350-01	Politics of Europe	N. Toloudis	Mon/Thur	2:00-3:20pm	SSB 225
80522	POL 365-01	Origins of the Constitution	J. Brindle	Monday	5:30-8:20pm	SSB 223
80522	POL 370-01	Topics in PS: Social Movements and Popular Protest	N. Toloudis	Mon/Thur	11:00-12:20	SSB 223
80525	POL 370-02	Topics in PS: The Presidency	A. Garlick	Mon/Thur	2:00pm-3:20pm	SSB 223
82000	POL 370-03	Topics in PS: Politics of East Asia	Staff	Tue/Fri	2:00-3:20pm	SSB 223
80527	POL 390-01	Tutorial: Violence and Civil War	M. Lowi	Tuesday	3:30p- 6:20pm	SSB 241
81994	POL 399-01	Internship in Public Affairs	D. Bowen			
81993	POL 498-01	Seminar: Judicial Politics	T. Dumas	Monday	3:30-6:20pm	SSB 241

anti-authoritarian protest in Africa and Latin America, and others.

*POL 370-02: The American Presidency: The Politics, Promise, and Pitfalls of Executive Power; Instructor: Alex Garlick.*

The President is the most visible political actor in the United States and is, arguably, the single most powerful elected official in the world. Yet the Presidency is constrained by numerous political forces and the institutional system established by the Constitution. This class examines the Presidency, the electoral and constitutional sources of its power, and how presidents use the tools available them to carry out their political and policy agendas.

*POL 370-03: The Politics of East Asia; Instructor: TBD.*

Students will learn about the comparative politics of East Asia and, to a lesser degree, international relations within the region. The course investigates topics such as political history, regime change, economic growth strategies, and security concerns among Japan, the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, South Korea, and North Korea. This course soon will be labeled POL 353: The Politics of East Asia.

*Junior tutorial:*

*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 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.

*Senior seminars:*

*POL 498-01: Judicial Politics; Instructor: Tao Dumas.*

How does the law constrain individuals and institutions? Conversely, how do judicial institutions and rules shape court outcomes? 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. On the other hand, society shapes courts and determines the rules they apply, which has important implications for parties before the courts. As a capstone seminar, students will conduct empirical research related to a law and society or judicial politics 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/judicial politics, be able identify important themes in the research, and identify gaps in the literature where additional research is needed.

*INT 498-01: Capstone Seminar in International Studies - Inequality; Instructor: Miriam 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. As a capstone, the seminar builds on students' previous multidisciplinary coursework in international studies to study and write about inequality, its manifestations and effects. The purpose of the seminar is to create a publishable paper that reflects the interests students have pursued and the skills they have acquired as International Studies majors. The seminar is structured such that students' different research interests and areas of expertise can be accommodated, while keeping discussion in the first weeks of the semester centered on one general field of inquiry, thereby facilitating panel discussions and helpful criticism among students.

**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

**Table 4: Winter 2018 Political Science Courses**

Course	Title	Instructor	Session	Mode of Instruction
POL 230-01	International Relations	Brian Potter	Winter Session	Online

## 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/>.

## Winter 2018 Courses

The department is offering one course during the Winter 2018 session, shown in Table 4. Dr. Potter's International Relations class will be taught entirely online. For more information, you can contact Dr. Potter or visit the Winter Session website: <https://wintersession.tcnj.edu/>.