

Spring 2019 Advisement Newsletter

Department of Political Science, TCNJ

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 Winter, Spring, and Summer 2019. Before discussing registration, there are few items I want to bring to your attention. Dr. Garlick will be returning from leave in the spring. Dr. Toloudis is on sabbatical for the rest of academic year. I will be advising both Dr. Toloudis' and Dr. Garlick's advisees this semester. I hope all of you have had a chance to meet Dr. Brandon Boemsoeb Park, our visiting assistant professor. Dr. Park recently completed his PhD at the University of Missouri and is teaching international relations and comparative politics courses for us this year. We also are offering a number of excellent courses this spring that are not typically offered in our curriculum. Dr. Erin Ackerman will be teaching POL 215: Gender and Politics (which would fulfill your Gender civic responsibilities requirement for liberal learning). We also have two new public policy courses taught by experienced NJ public policy specialists. Prof. Healey is teaching Lobbying, and Prof. Quirk is teaching Environmental Policy. Both classes are running as special topics courses at the 300 level (POL 370).

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/>). I will be also be sending emails about important opportunities like the Brian Stack Memorial Internship Program with the Governor's Office and the Jamie Fox Scholars Program. Be on the lookout for those emails later this fall. In particular, consider applying for the Jamie Fox Scholars Program. The program was created in memory of Jamie Fox, who worked in public service/public affairs (both inside and outside of government) in NJ. The goal of the program is to expand the interest in public service careers through mentorship. Scholars receive a \$1,000 stipend, attend "behind-the-scenes" activities to gain practical knowledge about political processes, and are paired with highly experienced mentors. The application deadline is Oct. 22nd. Finally, feel free to come to me with issues which require department approval like changing majors/minors, overload requests, and requests to do an honors thesis. 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 2019 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/>.

Cohort	Assigned advisor
Class of 2022 (freshmen)	Bowen & Potter
Class of 2021 (sophomores)	Garlick & Chartock
Class of 2020 (juniors)	Bowen
Class of 2019 (seniors)	Dumas & Lowi

Table 1: Political Science Advisors, by Cohort

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.

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 Fall 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 2019, this deadline is Tuesday, February 5th). 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.

Spring 2019 Courses

General Information

The course list for Spring 2019 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 Professor Keevey, who has extensive expertise in New Jersey state government and policy.

Special topics and seminars

This semester the department is offering **two** special topics courses, two senior seminars, and two 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 or The Washington Center, please see Dr. Lowi or Dr. Bowen. Enrollment in POL 399/Internship in Public Affairs looks good on your record and allows you to test career opportunities. Since many of you already have public affairs-related internships in the works for the spring, you might as well get academic credit for it!

Special topics:

POL 370-01: Lobbying, Governmental Affairs, and Advocacy; Instructor: William Healey.

This course 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.

Table 2: Spring 2019 Political Science Courses

Course	Subfield	Course Title	Instructor	Day	Time
POL110-1	American	American Government	A. Garlick	M/Th	12:30-1:50p
POL110-2	American	American Government	J. Brindle	M	5:30-8:20p
POL150-1	Comparative	Introduction to Comparative Politics	R. Hamilton	Tu/F	11:00a-12:20p
POL200-1		Political Analysis	D. Bowen	Tu/F	3:30-4:50p
POL215-1	American	Gender and Politics	E. Ackerman	Tu/F	9:30-10:50a
POL230-1	IR	International Relations	T. Arndt	M/Th	3:30-4:50p
POL275-1	Theory	Western Political Philosophy	J. Jovanski	M/Th	9:30-10:50a
POL300-1	American	Politics and Public Management	R. Keevey	M	5:30-8:20p
POL311-1	American	The Presidency and Congress	A. Garlick	M/Th	2:00-3:20p
POL321-1	American	Civil Rights and Liberties	T. Dumas	Tu/F	9:30-10:50a
POL357-1	Comparative	Middle Eastern Politics	M. Lowi	Tu	3:30-6:20p
POL358-1	Comparative	Latin American Politics	S. Chartock	M/Th	11:00a-12:20p
POL370-1	American	Topics - Lobbying	W. Healey	Tu	5:30-8:20p
POL370-2	American	Topics - Environmental Policy	N. Quirk	W	5:30-8:20p
POL372-1	Theory	History of American Pol. Ideas	M. Nordquist	Tu	5:30-8:20p
POL380-1	IR	International Political Economy	B. Potter	Tu/Fr	8:00-9:20a
POL390-1		Tutorial - American Legislative Politics	A. Garlick	M/Th	9:30-10:50a
POL390-2		Tutorial - Policy Responses to Exclusion	S. Chartock	M/Th	2:00-3:20p
POL395-1	Comparative	Group Research	M. Lowi	W	9:00-11:50a
POL399-1	American	Internship in Public Affairs	M. Lowi		
POL498-1		Seminar in Political Science	M. Lowi	W	5:30-8:20p
INT498-1		Seminar in International Studies	B. Potter	Tu/F	9:30-10:50a
INT498-2		Seminar in International Studies	B. Potter	Tu/F	11:00a-12:20p

POL 370-02: Environmental Policy; Instructor: Nancy Quirk.

The interplay of politics, economics, risk and scientific uncertainty create complex dynamics in designing policy tools to reduce environmental degradation. In this course we will study the politics of environmental issues with particular attention to energy use, air pollution, and waste, while considering the implications of addressing these issues for public health and environmental justice. Case studies will help us analyze how diverse stakeholders bring competing problem definitions and policy solutions into political debate. We will examine the interplay of local, state, federal, and international levels of governance for effective policy responses to environmental problems.

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 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 implementations 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, appropriated policy responses to social exclusion also constitute a significant topic of study.

Senior seminars:

POL 498-01: Politics of Oil; Instructor: Miriam Lowi.

Senior Seminar on the politics of oil allows students to craft capstone projects within the disciplinary field and geographic region of greatest interest to them. We will begin the semester with overviews of the different ways the politics of oil can be studied, addressing some of the key analytical issues today in both the political economy of development literature and International Relations/Security Studies as they pertain to hydrocarbons (oil and natural gas). To give a sense of the range of topics, consider the following brief sample: Americanists may be interested in 'pipeline politics' between the US and Canada, while Latin Americanists may study the relationship between oil and instability in Venezuela today. Students of social movements may study challenges to labor organizing in oil rich states, while students of social movements with a special interest in environmental issues may focus on the anti-fracking movement and its strategies. International relations scholars may consider superpower intervention in inter-state conflicts in oil-rich zones or relations between oil rich and oil poor states in the Middle East.

INT 498-01 & 02: Globalization: Surge and Decline; Instructor: Brian Potter.

This seminar will allow students to build on their multidisciplinary coursework in international studies to write a capstone research paper on the ebbs and flows of globalization. Economic globalization refers to the accelerating exchange of goods, capital, people, and ideas across borders. Such flows generate significant social, political, and economic change. The study of countries choices in embracing or resisting globalization focus the seminars inquiry while allowing each student a broad range of potential research topics.

Winter 2019 and Summer 2019 Courses

The department is offering one course during the Winter 2019 session, shown in Table 3. Dr. Potter's International Relations class will be taught entirely online. For more information, you can contact Dr. Bowen or visit the Winter Session website: <https://wintersession.tcnj.edu/>.

The department is offering three courses during Summer 2019 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 three 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 3: Winter 2019 Political Science Courses

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

Table 4: Summer 2019 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 I	Online
POL 230-01	International Relations	Brian Potter	Session II	Online