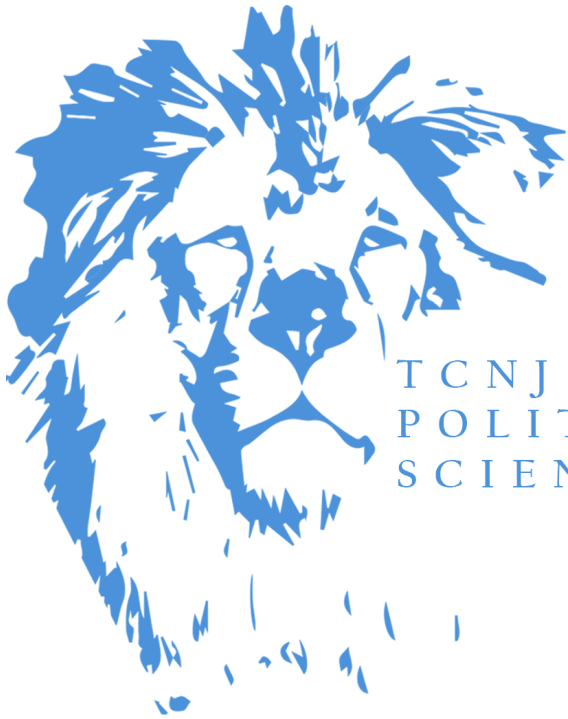


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PREPARING FOR FALL 2019 REGISTRATION, PG 1

HOLDS ON YOUR ACCOUNT

Please check **and** clear all holds on PAWS well in advance of your registration window. **Holds will keep you from registering for Fall 2019 courses!** There are several different types of holds and some might require time to clear. Your advisor can lift only advising holds, and they can only lift an advising hold after you have attended an in-person (not be email or phone) advising meeting. Please check for holds prior to your registration slot.

TRANSFER CREDITS

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 the advice that you receive for academic planning. Do not miss your first available registration appointment window on PAWS, as you may be closed out of your preferred courses.

OVERLOAD REQUESTS

The standard semester academic load at TCNJ is 4 units per semester. If you wish to take **more than 4.5 units**, you may do so under the following conditions:

- a minimum of a 3.3 GPA
- studied at TCNJ for at least a full academic semester
- written an explanation for why the overload is necessary
- obtained permission from Dr. Bowen, Chair of the Department of Political Science, **and** Dr. Lisa Grimm, Associate Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences

You may overload only once during your academic career.

You can download the request form at the following link:

<https://hss.tcnj.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/157/2011/07/HSS-Overload-Request-Form.doc>

After your form is signed, you may submit the request through the online submission system:

https://tcnj.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9GJ90iBmxIB8nqt

Remember that the Add/Drop deadline comes quickly in the semester (for Fall 2019, this deadline is Wednesday, September 4th). 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 Even though you have withdrawn from a class, the unit still counts in your load for the semester.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 ([2018-2019](#); [2019-2020](#)). Information on all TCNJ policies can be found in the Policy Manual on the [Policies at TCNJ](#) website.

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PREPARING FOR FALL 2019

REGISTRATION, PG 2

BEFORE YOU MEET WITH YOUR ADVISOR

If you would like registration advice, please schedule a meeting with your assigned advisor. Prior to the meeting:

- ⇒ run your PAWS Academic Requirements report
- ⇒ write a draft schedule for the Fall 2019 semester
- ⇒ put courses in your shopping cart
- ⇒ outline a plan for all of your remaining semesters at TCNJ
- ⇒ double check the requirements in the Undergraduate Bulletin (<https://bulletin.tcnj.edu/>)

Consider asking questions about issues beyond the semester, such as study abroad 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!

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:

<https://hss.tcnj.edu/advising/advising-resources-for-students/>

When you place courses in your PAWS shopping cart, hit the “validate” button to make sure you have met all pre-requisites. **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 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, 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 counts as a Liberal Learning Quantitative Reasoning course as well,
- POL 390 Junior Tutorial, which must be taken after POL 200 and typically during the third year,
- POL 498 Senior Seminar, which must be taken after POL 390.

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 an SAT quantitative score of 550 or better).

Political Science 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 level. This is summarized on the next page.



REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

15 total course units are required for the Political Science major, including **12 course units** in the Political Science core. Transfer students are required to take half of the 12 course units in the Political Science core at TCNJ. Once they are enrolled at TCNJ, majors may not take core POL courses at a two-year institution. Students who have taken the AP exams for American Government and Politics or for Comparative Politics will receive credit towards the major by earning a 4 or 5. Students should be careful not to repeat AP courses or courses taken elsewhere here at TCNJ because you cannot be credited twice.

The major's [Core Requirements](#) include:

- ⇒ Correlate Courses - 3 courses total:
 - STA 115
 - ECO 101 (Microeconomics)
 - ECO 102 (Macroeconomics)
- ⇒ Foundation Course - 1 course total:
 - [POL 110](#) (American Government) **or**
 - [POL 230](#) (Intro to International Relations)
- ⇒ Quantitative Methods & Research Design
 - [POL 200](#) (Political Analysis)
- ⇒ Junior Tutorial
 - [POL 390](#)
- ⇒ Senior Seminar
 - [POL 498](#)
- ⇒ Field Distribution Breadth - 1 course in **each** of the following:
 - American Politics
 - Comparative Politics
 - International Relations
 - Political Theory
- ⇒ POL Electives - 4 courses total
- ⇒ Level Requirement
 - 8 courses (of 12 POL courses) must be at 300-400 level

The following courses may be counted toward one of these field requirements if deemed appropriate by designation of the Department Chair, Dr. Bowen: POL 370, POL 390, POL 391, POL 498.

Students may take STA 215 instead of STA 115. The following courses are pre-approved substitutes for the designated POL course: PHL for POL 275; ECO 231 or SOC 302 for POL 200. These other courses may have pre-requisites controlled by their home department.



FALL 2019 COURSES

The course list for Fall 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, classes marked with an asterisk have a topic. Clicking on the title will take you to the description of the topic. All other links will take you to the general course description.

COURSE	TITLE	FACULTY	DAY	TIME	ROOM	SUBFIELD
POL 110-01	American Government	Garlick	M/R	9:30 AM - 10:50 AM	SSB 225	American
POL 110-02	American Government	Garlick	M/R	11:00 AM - 12:20 PM	SSB 225	American
POL 110-03	American Government	Arndt	M/R	2:00 PM - 3:20 PM	SSB 223	American
POL 110-04	American Government	Arndt	M/R	3:30 PM - 4:50 PM	SSB 223	American
POL 110-05	American Government	Brindle	Mon	5:30 PM - 8:20 PM	SSB 223	American
POL 150-01	Comparative Politics	Park	M/R	8:00 AM - 9:20 AM	SSB 223	Comparative
POL 200-01	Political Analysis	Bowen	T/F	2:00 PM - 3:20 PM	Bliss lab	
POL 230-01	International Relations	Park	M/R	2:00 PM - 3:20 PM	SSB 225	International
POL 230-02	International Relations	Park	M/R	3:30 PM - 4:50 PM	SSB 225	International
POL 250-01	Politics & Society in Developing Countries	Lowi	T/F	2:00 PM - 3:20 PM	SSB 223	Comparative
POL 270-01	Topics in Political Science*	Bowen	T/F	3:30 PM - 4:50 PM	Bliss lab	
POL 275-01	Western Political Philosophy	Jovanoksi	M/R	9:30 AM - 10:50 AM	SSB 223	Theory
POL 305-01	American Public Policy	Healey	T	5:30 PM - 8:20 PM	SSB 225	American
POL 320-01	Constitutional Law	Dumas	T/F	11:00 AM - 12:20 PM	SSB 223	American
POL 330-01	U.S. Foreign Policy	Potter	T/F	8:00 AM - 9:20 PM	SSB 223	International
POL 345-01	Human Rights & International Relations	Hamilton	T/F	11:00 AM - 12:20 PM	SSB 225	International
POL 350-01	Politics of Europe	Toloudis	M/R	11:00 AM - 12:20 AM	SSB 223	Comparative
POL 355-01	Political Economy of Natural Resources	Potter	T/F	9:30 AM - 10:50 AM	SSB 223	Comparative
POL 362-01	Islam & Politics	Lowi	T/F	9:30 AM - 10:50 AM	SSB 225	Comparative
POL 365-01	Origins of the U.S. Constitution	Brindle	T	5:30 PM - 8:20 PM	SSB 223	Theory
POL 390-01	Tutorial in Political Science*	Potter	T/F	11:00AM - 12:20PM	SSB 241	
POL 399-01	Internship in Public Affairs	Lowi				
POL 498-01	Seminar in Political Science*	Garlick	M/R	2:00 PM - 3:20 PM	SSB 241	



SPECIAL TOPICS AND SEMINARS

For Fall 2019, the department is offering one special topics 1st Quarter class, one junior tutorial, and one senior seminar. Course descriptions are below:

POL 270-01: Topics in Political Science Mapping Political Data

Geographic and spatial context is important for understanding who we are and why we act the way we do. This mini-course will familiarize students with American political geography and train students to make visually-appealing displays of geospatial political data using geographic information systems (GIS). The course is 0.5 units and meets only during the 1st Quarter.

Current or specialized topic proposed by faculty or students and approved by the department. Designed for Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors. It may not be appropriate for Freshman. The course may be taken for credit several times if content differs each time.

POL 498-01: Seminar in Political Science Social Movement and the Politics of Protest

This Senior Topics Seminar covers political communication. The course will address how the media institutions affect citizen and legislative political behavior in the modern United States and Western Europe. Students will propose and conduct a rigorous independent research project. As a 400-level course, this is a writing-intensive course with a strong oral presentation component.

Advanced study through individual research and formal seminar reports on topics of special interest to seminar participants. May be repeated for credit.

POL 390-01: Tutorial in Political Science Nuclear Proliferation

Nuclear weapons are the most deadly, terrifying and at times cheapest forms of violence available today. Given this bargain of force, why do not more states develop nuclear arsenals? Newspaper headlines worry about a possible North Korean or Iranian bomb yet the massive Cold War arsenals that threaten global survival remain intact, albeit reduced in quantity. Most of us remain complacent about the presence of nuclear weapons since they have never been used in our lifetime. This course seeks to develop an understanding of the global impact of nuclear weapons, including why states seek them, why most states eschew them and international efforts to control vertical and horizontal proliferation.

An intensive study under close faculty supervision of a particular topic or problem in political science through extensive readings, class discussions and the sequential development of different components of a research paper. Emphasis on the development of the student's depth of knowledge and understanding of scholarly issues through a close professional relationship between tutor and student. The topics of the class vary by instructor.

In addition, the department offers several courses by special arrangement, for which registration procedures need to be followed.

For an **Independent Study** or [Study Abroad](#) experience, talk first to the faculty member you would like to work with or see the chair, Dr. Bowen.

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 it allows you to test career opportunities. Since many of you are interested in public affairs-related internships in the works, you might as well get academic credit for it!



COURSE DESCRIPTIONS: PG 1

Catalog of course descriptions. [Click here](#) for the individual class details for Fall 2019.

POL 110: American Government

Examines the strengths and weaknesses, problems and promise of representative democracy in the United States. Surveys the relationships of citizens to Congress, the president and the courts through political parties, elections, interest groups, and the media. Considers the constitutional framework of government and the rights of the individual against governmental intrusion.

POL 250: Politics & Society in Developing Countries

Examines political trends, patterns, and variations in the developing world, drawing examples from countries throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Primary questions include colonialism's impact the future political, economic and social development, strong versus weak states and regimes, and role of identity politics in these countries. The latter part of the course examines politics in four specific countries: Brazil, India, Nigeria and South Korea.

POL 150: Comparative Politics

Introduces students to some of the most important concepts, themes and approaches in the comparative study of politics. Comparative Politics is the study of the domestic or internal politics of particular countries. By comparing the processes, institutions and other political phenomena of one country in relation to others, those engaged in the study of comparative politics isolate the primary causes and consequences of these political phenomena and are thus able to create and test theories of politics around the world.

POL 275: Western Political Philosophy

Selected political questions that have intrigued Western society from time immemorial and theoretical solutions presented by some of the great political philosophers from classical Greece to the modern era.

POL 200: Political Analysis

The course familiarizes students with the basic statistical, conceptual, and technical skills needed for research in political science. Topics include research design, hypothesis testing, statistical methodology common in the social sciences, and practical experience examining and analyzing quantitative data. This course provides students hands-on training with Stata, a commonly used statistical software package. Should normally be completed by the end of the sophomore year prior to taking POL 390.

POL 305: American Public Policy

An examination of the policy-making process, the important domestic policies that have resulted, and the evaluation of these policies. The course covers substantive issues of contemporary public policy in such areas as the environment, health care, welfare, the economy, crime, education, and regulation. The course also trains students in the methods of policy analysis with a focus on designing research projects to estimate the causal effects of public policies

POL 230: International Relations

An examination of contemporary patterns of international interaction and their historic roots with attention to competing theoretical perspectives. Topics studied include foreign policy, international law and organization, and international political economy

POL 320: Constitutional Law

An analysis of how the U.S. Supreme Court interprets the Constitution, focusing on the issues of how much power the U.S. Congress, president, and courts should have and how the U.S. government should interrelate with the state governments.



COURSE DESCRIPTIONS: PG 2

Catalog of course descriptions. [Click here](#) for the individual class details for Fall 2019.

POL 330: U.S. Foreign Policy

Examines the formulation and execution of American foreign policy in the context of American politics and of the United States' historic role in the world; some themes considered include the domestic sources of foreign policy and the conditions under which the United States uses force abroad.

POL 362: Islam & Politics

Introduces students to the Islamic faith, and to Islam's impact on politics and society historically, especially in the contemporary period. We begin with an examination of the origins of the faith, and the values and code of conduct at its core. We study different teachings related to such topics as authority, distributive justice, the position of women, and defense of the Muslim community. In the second half of the semester, focus is on the period since the creation of modern states. Explores contemporary issues related to Islam and governance, and forms of "Islamic activism."

POL 345: Human Rights & International Relations

Examines the evolution of human rights movements since World War II and their influence on the behavior of nation states and other transnational actors. Includes discussion of human rights in American foreign policy, and the role of non-state actors such as intergovernmental institutions, multinational corporations, and non-governmental organizations, selected regional and current topics such as: women's rights, terrorism, self-determination, globalization, and humanitarian intervention.

POL 365: Origins of the U.S. Constitution

An examination of the political theories, people, social and economic forces, events, and political context that influenced the framing and ratification of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights.

POL 350: Politics of Europe

Examines government, politics, and society in the major European nations including but not necessarily limited to the United Kingdom, France, and the Federal Republic of Germany.

POL 399: Internship in Public Affairs

This course provides an opportunity for students to integrate theory with practical work experience in public affairs under the supervision of a field supervisor and a faculty coordinator. Work settings include but are not limited to the Governor's Office, legislative offices, state departments, lobbying firms, trade or union organizations, political campaigns and parties, and non-profit organizations. The College has cooperative arrangements with programs in Washington, D.C.

POL 355: Political Economy of Natural Resources

This course is designed to give advanced undergraduates an introduction to scholarship on the politics of natural resources use. It combines theoretical material with study of a wide range of detailed cases, cases that vary by the type of natural resource (minerals, water, forests), by the geographical (and to some degree, historical) setting, and by the level of analysis (local, national, and international). Though the course is focused on political questions, it draws on scholarship from economics, history, and geography.

