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Department of Political Science Faculty

- Ayres, William R. (2022), Professor
- Banks, Christopher P. (2006), Professor, Ph.D., University of Virginia, 1995
- Carbonell, Joel R. (2007), Associate Professor, Ph.D., University of California, Riverside, 2007
- Cassell, Mark K. (1998), Professor, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1998
- Chand, Daniel E. (2016), Associate Professor
- Claassen, Ryan L. (2005), Professor, Ph.D., University of California-Davis, 2005
- Dzordzormenyoh, Michael K. (2022), Assistant Professor, Ph.D., University Of South Dakota, 2019
- Ensley, Michael J. (2009), Professor, Ph.D., Duke University, 2002
- Hawes, Daniel P. (2008), Professor, Ph.D., Texas A&M University, Main Campus, 2008
- Miller, Patrick R. (2023), Associate Professor, Ph.D., University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 2010
- Molina, Anthony D. (2013), Associate Professor, Ph.D., Cleveland State University, 2004
- Paar-Jakli, Gabriella (1991), Associate Professor, Ph.D., Kent State University, 2010
- Schmidt, Sarah (2015), Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Kent State University, 2023

Political Science (POL)

POL 10004 COMPARATIVE POLITICS (KSS) 3 Credit Hours
Introduces the different institutional structures of governance (e.g.,parliamentary versus presidential systems) in a range of different states for different types of regimes (e.g. democratic and authoritarian) and at the international level.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Attributes: Kent Core Social Sciences, TAG Social and Behavioral Sciences, Transfer Module Social Sciences

POL 10101 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT (CIV) (KSS) 3 Credit Hours
Course provides a broad survey of the American political system, including key structures, processes, behaviors, institutions and policies.

Students analyze documents and texts that are foundational to the American political system, describe the basic structure of the system that the Constitution established, and learn how it has evolved over time. Also, students seek to understand how American politics affects the lives of average Americans. The course focuses on how individuals make decisions; how the rules, institutions and procedures shape those decisions; and in turn, how these actors try to shape the rules, institutions and procedures that govern political processes. The focus on the individual is intended to demonstrate that, while politics can be complex, individuals can begin to make sense of political processes and even predict outcomes by understanding the forces that affect decision makers.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Attributes: American Civic Literacy, Kent Core Social Sciences

POL 10200 INTRODUCTION TO THE AMERICAN LEGAL PROFESSION 3 Credit Hours

This course initially explores the historical and contemporary understanding of American law and political jurisprudence, or legal theory. Thereafter, the key role attorneys play in the legal system and within American society is analyzed by studying the legal profession's origins, education, ethics, professional licensing and legal and/or alternative legal employment opportunities. A special emphasis of the course is learning to develop a professional identity that values commitments to providing public service, acting as active or responsible citizens in the polity and public affairs and working to achieve impartially derived peaceful and civil resolutions to contentious disputes in an adversarial system of justice.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 10300 PUBLIC POLICY 3 Credit Hours

Course provides a survey of basic public policy concepts and processes within an historical context. Course incorporates applied work to bridge conceptual understanding and empirical cases.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 10500 WORLD POLITICS (KSS) 3 Credit Hours

A practical, theoretical introduction to a study of systematic patterns in international relations. Includes analysis of rules, instruments, processes, decision-making factors, conflict resolution.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Attributes: Kent Core Social Sciences, TAG Social and Behavioral Sciences, Transfer Module Social Sciences

POL 30000 MAY 4, 1970, AND ITS AFTERMATH 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with AFS 30000 and PACS 30000) Study of the events of the 1960s in the U.S. leading up to May 4, 1970 when the Ohio National Guard killed and wounded Kent State University students protesting the U.S. war in Vietnam and Cambodia. Topics are considered within their cultural, historical, social and political contexts. The course also examines the aftermath of May 4th, including the controversy surrounding constructing the gym annex on the May 4th site, the legal trials, the role of commemorations and memorials and the politics of remembering May 4, 1970.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 30001 RESEARCH METHODS (ELR) 3 Credit Hours

Course is designed to bring students to a basic level of statistical literacy by introducing the fundamentals of research design and interpretation, as well as basic descriptive and inferential statistics.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement

POL 30002 POLITICAL THOUGHT 3 Credit Hours

Courses introduces students to basic methodological and substantive concerns in the tradition of western political thought.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 30003 POLITICAL ECONOMY 3 Credit Hours

Introduction to the fundamental questions surrounding the relationship between the public and private sectors, considered from the perspective of the state and its major political institutions. Of central concern is the growing internationalization of capital and its consequences for both domestic and international politics.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 30100 AMERICAN POLITICAL THEORY 3 Credit Hours

Major political ideas and controversies associated with the development of American political thought. Nonmajors should contact the Department of Political Science for a prerequisite override.

Prerequisite: POL 10100.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 30110 THE CONGRESS 3 Credit Hours

This course covers elections, the powers of Congress and its organization, leadership of the two houses, role of the parties, relationships with the chief executive and executive agencies, as well as recent reforms enacted by the House and Senate.

Prerequisite: POL 10100 or POL 10300.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 30120 PRESIDENCY AND EXECUTIVE BUREAUCRACY 3 Credit Hours

Intensive study of the American presidency, focusing on personality, organization of the office, use and misuse of power and policy making.

Prerequisite: POL 10100 or POL 10300.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 30130 THE JUDICIAL PROCESS 3 Credit Hours

Intensive study of the judicial process in the United States and the relationship between the judicial system and larger American social system.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 30301 INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION 3 Credit Hours

Introduction to the theory and practice of governmental administration, including structure, organization, direction and control of governmental departments and agencies.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 30350 ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with PACS 35050) Examines environmental conflicts, such as land use disputes and resource conflicts, and conflict resolution theory and processes applicable to environmental disputes, especially biodiversity conservation and natural resource conflicts. Students learn about environmental conflict analysis, multistakeholder environmental dispute resolution, dialogue processes, conflict-sensitivity, and environmental cooperation among others. Case studies of environmental conflicts and participatory simulations are used.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 30430 OHIO POLITICS 3 Credit Hours

Addresses the history, structure, and current practices of politics and public policy in Ohio.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 30450 URBAN POLITICS AND POLICY 3 Credit Hours

Discusses local governance in the context of metropolitan change, and covers issues such as governing capacity, local democracy, individual choice and economic and racial inequality. Examines the formal and informal arrangements that shape change and public policy. Non-majors should contact the Department of Political Science for a prerequisite override.

Prerequisite: POL 10100 or POL 10300.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 30460 STATE POLITICS AND POLICY 3 Credit Hours

Introduces the theoretical and legal infrastructures of federalism and intergovernmental relations, with a particular emphasis on political and policy operations at the state level. Political behavior and institutions, as well as the specifics of selected, substantive policy areas are emphasized.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 30500 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY 3 Credit Hours

Course introduces competing theoretical approaches to the study of international relations; an examination of the historical developments followed by an examination of current issues in world politics.

Prerequisite: POL 10500.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 30520 EUROPEAN POLITICS 3 Credit Hours

Examines major European national political systems (British, French, German, Russian and Scandinavian) relations between the European states, the institutions of the European Union and prospects and problems of European integration.

Prerequisite: POL 10004 or POL 10500.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 30530 ASIAN POLITICS 3 Credit Hours

Introduction to the political, economic and social dynamics of Asia, from Siberia in the north to the Indian Ocean in the south, and from the Pacific Ocean in the east to the Hindu Kush in the west. The first part of the course examines Asia's modern political history (particularly the past half-century). The second part of the course focuses on contemporary issues, including the roles of the United States and sub-regional actors, such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Prerequisite: POL 10004 or POL 10500.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 30540 AFRICAN POLITICS 3 Credit Hours

An analysis of major issues in African politics and international relations. The contemporary development of Africa will be analyzed in the global context of the historical forces of imperialism and colonialism.

Prerequisite: POL 10004 or POL 10500.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 30550 LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS 3 Credit Hours

Analysis of political culture/process in selected Latin American states, with particular emphasis on Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Columbia.

Prerequisite: POL 10004 or POL 10500.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 30560 MIDDLE EAST POLITICS 3 Credit Hours

Introduces students to the theory and context of politics in the Middle East in a way that contests the often-simplistic stereotypes communicated through Western media and throughout Western culture, in order to encourage a more nuanced appreciation of the Middle East. Theoretical approaches utilized include modernization, dependency, structuralism and constructivism.

Prerequisite: POL 10004 or POL 10500.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 30570 PALESTINE AND ISRAEL 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with INTS 30570) Course introduces students to academic approaches and theories that attempt to understand the situation in historic Palestine. The course is divided into four sections: (1) theories of settler colonialism and basic differences between Judaism, Zionism and Israeli society, as well as diversity within Palestinian society; (2) comparative studies of the establishment of the modern state of Israel, which Palestinians view in their collective experience as "the Catastrophe" or al-Nakba; (3) the occupation of East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza, and how that system has changed over time; (4) pathways forward for Palestinians and Israelis.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 30810 POLITICS OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY 3 Credit Hours

Examines interaction between economics and politics in international relations. Topics include poverty and uneven economic development, political prerequisites for free trade, intra-western and north-south economic conflict and distributive justice.

Prerequisite: POL 10004 or POL 10500.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 30820 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND LAW 3 Credit Hours

Course introduces the subject matter in historical and theoretical contexts, then devotes detailed attention to the full range of international organizations that exist today. A final section addresses the role of international law in world politics.

Prerequisite: POL 10004 or POL 10500.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 30840 NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS 3 Credit Hours

Introduction to the diverse range of nongovernmental organizations that exist today. Course explores the varying roles on nongovernmental organizations in setting agendas, shaping legislation and implementing public policy reforms.

Prerequisite: POL 10004 or POL 10300 or POL 10500.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 39592 GENEVA INTERNSHIP (ELR) 3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) Students perform intern duties as part of the semester in Geneva.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Practical Experience

Contact Hours: 21 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement

POL 40091 VARIABLE TOPIC SEMINAR 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 50091 and POL 70091) Variable topic seminar in political science.

Prerequisite: POL 10004 or POL 10500; and POL 10100 or POL 10300; and POL 30001; and sophomore standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 40112 POLITICS AND THE MASS MEDIA 3 Credit Hours

Course examines the multiple roles played by the mass media in contemporary politics and analyzes the implications of those roles. Nonmajors should contact the Department of Political Science for a prerequisite override.

Prerequisite: POL 10100.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 40116 PUBLIC OPINION AND POLITICAL BEHAVIOR 3 Credit Hours

Analysis of determinants of public opinion and political behavior. Study of how public makes up its mind and impact of public opinion on government policy.

Prerequisite: POL 10100.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 40118 POLITICAL PARTIES AND INTEREST GROUPS 3 Credit Hours

An examination of the changing roles of political parties and interest groups in the American political system, including a comparison of their respective electoral activities.

Prerequisite: POL 10100.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 40182 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURES AND FUNCTIONS 3 Credit Hours

Nature and scope of constitutional government. Study of judicial review, separation of powers, federalism, commerce and taxation.

Prerequisite: POL 10100.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 40183 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES 3 Credit Hours

Nature and scope of constitutional limitations. Study of first amendment, freedom of expression, freedom of religion, criminal rights, due process, equal protection.

Prerequisite: POL 10100.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 40191 SEMINAR IN AMERICAN POLITICS (WIC) 3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) A required, writing-intensive seminar for juniors and seniors in the American Politics concentration. The focus of the seminar varies depending on content and instructor.

Prerequisite: POL 10004 or 10500; and POL 10100 or 10300; and POL 30001 and POL 30002 (or POL 30003); and political science major.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Contact Hours: 3 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Attributes: Writing Intensive Course

POL 40320 ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY 3 Credit Hours

The ethical obligations of public policy makers are examined in this course, within a series of applied cases. The goal is to empower students with the intellectual tools of critical analysis within diverse policy environments.

Prerequisite: POL 10300.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 40391 SEMINAR IN PUBLIC POLICY (WIC) 3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) A required, writing intensive seminar for juniors and seniors in the Public Policy concentration. The focus of the seminar varies depending on content and instructor.

Prerequisite: POL 10004 or POL 10500; and POL 10100 or 10300; and POL 30001 and POL 30002 (or POL 30003); and political science major.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Contact Hours: 3 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Attributes: Writing Intensive Course

POL 40440 U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICIES 3 Credit Hours

Course covers such topics as the history of the U.S. environmental movement; public opinion and environmental issues; environmental racism and classism; and environmental policy making and implementation.

Prerequisite: POL 10100 or POL 10300.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 40450 HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL POLICY 3 Credit Hours

Addresses health care policy in the United States from both theoretical (political, economic as well as public policy) and substantive perspectives at the state, national and comparative-international levels. Further, the examination of health care policy takes place in the context of social welfare policy more broadly considered.

Prerequisite: POL 10100 or POL 10300.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 40470 WOMEN, POLITICS AND POLICY 3 Credit Hours

Examines origins, development and current record of century-old women's movement unique in U.S. annals; compares it with other contemporary social movements. Examines issues of women and public policy.

Prerequisite: POL 10100 or POL 10300.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 40530 POLITICS OF WAR 3 Credit Hours

Examines central questions concerning the justification, explanation characteristic features and consequences of war. Specific cases are examined such as World War II, the Chinese Revolution, Vietnam's civil war and potential nuclear war.

Prerequisite: POL 10004 or POL 10500.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 40540 POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT 3 Credit Hours

Examines practice, record and theories of political development for less developed, developing and developed political systems. Includes extensive analysis of issues, problems through case studies.

Prerequisite: POL 10004 or POL 10500.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 40560 HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with INTS 40560) Examines the relationship between human rights and problems of the Third World in the civic, political, social and cultural arenas. Particular attention is placed on the struggle of women.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 40589 INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE (ELR) 1-4 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) Faculty-led study abroad programs.

Prerequisite: Special approval.

Schedule Type: International Experience

Contact Hours: 1-4 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement

POL 40591 SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS-COMPARATIVE POLITICS (WIC) 3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) A required, writing-intensive seminar for juniors or seniors in the International Relations-Comparative Politics concentration. The focus of the seminar varies depending on content and instructor. International Relations majors who have completed POL 10004, POL 10500 and 6 credit hours of courses in the International Relations-Comparative Politics concentration may request a prerequisite override from the Department of Political Science.

Prerequisite: POL 10004 or POL 10500; and POL 10100 or POL 10300; and POL 30002 or POL 30003; and political science major.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Contact Hours: 3 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Attributes: Writing Intensive Course

POL 40620 POLITICS OF SOCIAL MOVEMENTS 3 Credit Hours

Examines the role of social movements both in the United States and around the world. Focuses on labor, environmental, social justice and other initiatives in the push for political and economic democracy. North-South, public-private, labor-management and regional perspectives are emphasized.

Prerequisite: POL 10004 or POL 10100 or POL 10500.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 40840 COMPARATIVE FOREIGN POLICY 3 Credit Hours

Comparative analysis of foreign policy patterns and determinants on the basis of the examination of foreign policy of selected countries.

Prerequisite: POL 10004 or POL 10300 or POL 10500.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 40930 U.S. FOREIGN POLICY 3 Credit Hours

Examines policy objectives, patterns of decision-making and foreign policy actions, roles of interest groups, public opinion, congress, executive and external influences on policy.

Prerequisite: POL 10004 or POL 10100 or POL 10500.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 40992 INTERNSHIP (ELR) 1-9 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) Allows academic credit for approved participation in a variety of political processes, or as an intern with governmental or private agencies dealing with public affairs.

Prerequisite: Minimum 2.000 overall GPA; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Field Experience

Contact Hours: 3-27 other

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement

POL 40993 VARIABLE TITLE WORKSHOP IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1-6 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) Workshop topic varies per course offering.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Workshop

Contact Hours: 1-6 other

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

POL 40995 SELECTED TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1-3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) Special course, not regularly offered. Subject varies depending on the emerging issue, staff availability and competencies.

Prerequisite: Junior or senior standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 1-3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 40996 INDEPENDENT STUDY 1-3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) For students desiring research into subjects beyond level of completed course work, or on subjects for which no regular course is offered.

Prerequisite: Any two of the following courses: POL 10004, POL 10100, POL 10300, and POL 10500; minimum 2.750 overall GPA; and junior standing; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Individual Investigation

Contact Hours: 1-3 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter-IP

POL 41990 COLUMBUS PROGRAM IN STATE ISSUES (ELR) 15 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) Annual fall semester resident-study in Columbus. Students spend three days per week working at an internship and two days per week attending briefings and completing course studies.

Prerequisite: Minimum 2.500 overall GPA; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Lecture, Practical Experience, Seminar, Study Away

Contact Hours: 7 lecture, 24 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement

POL 42990 WASHINGTON PROGRAM IN NATIONAL ISSUES (ELR) 15 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) Annual spring semester resident-study in Washington, D.C. Credit hours divided among three units: lecture and course work, on-site briefings seminar and internship.

Prerequisite: Minimum 2.750 overall GPA; and junior standing; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Lecture, Practical Experience, Seminar, Study Away

Contact Hours: 7 lecture, 24 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement

POL 43001 WICKED PROBLEMS: TACKLING GLOBAL ISSUES IN THE 21ST CENTURY 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with GEOG 43070) This course provides an overview and analysis of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), as well as strategies that can be used for tackling them. The SDGs address the most serious problems faced by humankind today. These include poverty, hunger, inequality, climate change, economic development and environmental sustainability. A key characteristic of the SDGs is that they are known as "wicked problems." Wicked problems are complex issues that resist conventional approaches to problem solving, and for which existing solutions often create unintended consequences that only make the original problem worse. Emphasis is placed on problems of collective action, evidence-based public policies and interdisciplinary approaches to addressing global issues.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 43002 THE POLITICS OF INEQUALITY 3 Credit Hours

This course introduces students to national and transnational politics and policies that produce wealth, poverty and inequality. Along the way, it examines a range of sustainable development goals including, but not limited to, the elimination of poverty and hunger, access to quality education, decent work, reduced inequalities and responsible consumption and production. The course reviews different national or transnational case studies to assess different views and approaches to these goals. Consideration is given to them as a complex set of interconnected issues that involve education, occupation, well-being and the distribution of wealth in society. Additionally, the course examines political and policy issues that are barriers to reducing inequality.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 43003 GOOD GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 3 Credit Hours

This course focuses on the development of policies and institutions that are necessary for justice and good governance. It also introduces students to the system of international relations and growing body of international institutions that deliver and implement policies at the transnational level. Along the way, the course examines a range of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). These include, but are not limited to, peace, justice, strong institutions and international partnerships. Students develop an understanding of the importance of effective political, civil and international institutions for establishing peace, prosperity and well-being.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 43499 CAPSTONE IN GLOBAL ISSUES (ELR) 1 Credit Hour

This course serves as the capstone to the certificate in Global Issues. Students integrate the concepts they have learned and relate them to their major field of study and/or professional endeavors.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Project or Capstone

Contact Hours: 1 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement

POL 50091 VARIABLE TOPIC SEMINAR 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 40091 and POL 70091) Variable topic seminar in political science.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 51191 SEMINAR: PROBLEMS IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT 3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) For graduate students outside of political science who wish to take an undergraduate American government course for graduate credit. Students must meet all of the requirements of the 40000-level course and complete additional work as agreed upon by the instructor. May be taken more than once but never for more than 3 credit hours in any one semester. Instructor and course content may vary from semester to semester.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter-IP

POL 51391 SEMINAR: PROBLEMS IN PUBLIC POLICY 3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) For graduate students outside of political science who wish to take an undergraduate public policy course for graduate credit. Students must meet all of the requirements of the 40000-level course and complete additional work as agreed upon by the instructor. May be taken more than once but never for more than 3 credit hours in any one semester. Instructor and course content may vary from semester to semester.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Contact Hours: 3 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter-IP

POL 51591 SEMINAR: PROBLEMS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT 3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) For graduate students outside of political science who wish to take an undergraduate international/comparative government course for graduate credit. Students must meet all of the requirements of the 40000-level course and complete additional work as agreed upon by the instructor. May be taken more than once but never for more than 3 credit hours in any one semester. Instructor and course content may vary from semester to semester.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Contact Hours: 3 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter-IP

POL 60002 SCOPE AND EPISTEMOLOGY 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 70002) Introduces students to the philosophy of science and scientific inquiry within the context of the social sciences. Course presents a broad survey of leading paradigms and debates within political science.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 60003 QUANTITATIVE METHODS I 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 70003) Provides a selective introduction to basic quantitative methods for the analysis of political and public policy data dealing with basic descriptive and inferential statistics.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 60004 QUANTITATIVE METHODS II 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 70004) Introduces students to multivariate quantitative techniques appropriate for the analysis of political and public policy data.

Prerequisite: POL 60003; and graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 60010 QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 70010) Introduces the principles and methods of qualitative research, examining the place of qualitative research alongside discussions about positivist, interpretivist and critical approaches. A variety of qualitative research methods are introduced including social observation and ethnography, interviewing, discourse analysis, oral history, document analysis, historical analysis and case studies.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 60099 CAPSTONE SEMINAR 3 Credit Hours

Directed research to use completed coursework to identify ways in which scholarship speaks to application, e.g., in the non-profit, policy, consulting or programming world.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Master's Project, Research

Contact Hours: 3 other

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory-IP

POL 60101 STATUS OF THE FIELD: AMERICAN POLITICS AND POLICY 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 70101) Course provides a broad survey of the policy-making process in the U.S. government. Coverage includes formal government structures, as well as more informal networks of private groups that seek to influence public policy at the national level.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 60102 AMERICAN POLICY PROCESS 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 70102) Course emphasizes the politics of the policy process. Among topics covered are theories of policy formulation implementation and evaluation.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 60103 CONGRESS, THE PRESIDENCY AND THE COURTS 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 70103) Focuses on the three branches of the U.S. government, specifically Congress, the presidency and the judiciary. Coverage includes institutional rules and procedures that shape the incentives of these political actors and ultimately policy outcomes.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 60106 URBAN POLICY AND POLITICS 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 70106) Urban public policy takes place within the context of suburbanization and metropolitan sprawl. Issues raised in this course include poverty, race and the role of business in local policymaking.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 60108 AMERICAN POLITICAL BEHAVIOR 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 70108) Explores scholarship on the behavior of non-elite political actors, including various forms of electoral participation, voting, psychological attachment, affect, cognition, perception, attitude and belief. Additional topics include ethnic, racial and gender politics; political participation; voting choice; political psychology; politics and networks; macro politics; and connecting individual-level and macro-level findings with democratic outcomes and citizen capacity.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 60191 SEMINAR IN AMERICAN POLITICS AND POLICY 3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit)(Slashed with POL 70191) Seminar on current and important topics in American politics and policy. Subject matter varies depending on the emerging issue. Course may be repeated for credit toward a degree with departmental approval.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Contact Hours: 3 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 60302 BUREAUCRACY AND THE POLICYMAKING PROCESS 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 70302) This course provides students with a theoretical and practical understanding of the bureaucracy as a unit of analysis for policy studies. Of particular interest is the interaction of the bureaucracy with other policymaking institutions and non-state actors.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 60501 STATUS OF THE FIELD: TRANSNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE POLITICS AND POLICY 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 70501) Course introduces students to the primary concepts, theories and subfields of comparative and transnational politics. Each field of study is reviewed along with the primary subfields of analysis.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 60502 GLOBAL GOVERNANCE 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 70502) Course examines issues, problems and debates regarding global governance in the contemporary world. Of primary interest is the array of actors in this process, including nation-states, intergovernmental organizations and nongovernmental organizations.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 60503 FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 70503) Course provides an overview of the diverse analytic traditions and issues that relate to the study of foreign policy. Areas of coverage include theories of foreign policy decision-making, levels of analysis and policy domains.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 60507 CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION AND RECONCILIATION 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with PACS 60070)(Slashed with POL 70507) Throughout the past 30 years, many states and societies have negotiated complicated transitions from authoritarianism, widespread human rights violations and intractable civil conflict toward various degrees of justice, truth-telling, reconciliation and democracy. Some have done it well and some have not; policy certainly matters in this politically potent arena. For example, political memory and accountability may be swept under the public rug—doing so may, or may not, trip up an experiment in democracy. Alternatively, truth-telling and justice may, or may not, be a springboard for reconciliation, healing and citizen empowerment. In this course, we focus on the policies and mechanisms used to constructively confront impunity and come to terms with past horrors. We analyze various international institutions like war crimes tribunals and truth commissions and various local mechanisms like Rwanda's Gacaca courts. We also study the differing roles of reparations paid to victims for past injustices, amnesties granted to former government officials, immunity being traded for truth-telling about the past and the impacts of commemoration and memorialization.

Prerequisite: POL 60501; and graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 60511 INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 70511) Introduces students to the study of how politics and economics interact on a global scale, covering the major theories of the international political economy, international monetary system, global trade and connections between international economics and domestic development.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 60591 SEMINAR IN TRANSNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE POLITICS AND POLICY 3 Credit Hours
 (Repeatable for credit)(Slashed with POL 70591) Seminar on current and important topics in transnational and comparative politics and policy. Subject matter varies depending on the emerging issue.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Seminar
Contact Hours: 3 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 60901 FOUNDATIONS OF CONFLICT ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT 3 Credit Hours
 (Cross-listed with PACS 60000)(Slashed with POL 70901) Covers the historical development of the conflict analysis and management field; conflict theories; the dynamics by which conflicts escalate, stalemate and de-escalate; and theories of conflict intervention, resolution and transformation.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 60902 POWER, CONFLICT AND THE POLITICS OF GENDER 3 Credit Hours
 (Cross-listed with PACS 60021)(Slashed with POL 70902) Examines power disparities and gender as sources of conflict in multiple arenas—including family, community, workplace and the political sphere. The intersections of gender and power in the generation and resolution of social conflicts are examined. Emphases is placed on empowerment strategies and tactics used to transform gendered conflicts and redress power imbalances.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 60903 IDENTITY DRIVEN CONFLICTS 3 Credit Hours
 (Cross-listed with PACS 60020)(Slashed with POL 70903) Explores the roles played by ethnicity, race, religion, culture and other elements of identity in the generation, resolution and conduct of conflicts within and between groups. Physical and symbolic markers of difference are examined in order to understand both why groups differentiate themselves from one another and how mechanisms such as skin color, religious affiliation, ethnic background or cultural traditions can provide the impetus for conflict or the grounds for resolution.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 60904 SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND NONVIOLENT CONFLICTS 3 Credit Hours
 (Cross-listed with PACS 60022)(Slashed with POL 70904) The waging and escalating of conflicts by social movements through nonviolent actions frequently shifts conflicts from one stage to another while also contributing to conflict transformation and to substantive social and political changes. Course focuses on social movement theories and practices, and on the complicated dynamics of nonviolent action campaigns waged by social movements.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 60906 POLITICAL VIOLENCE 3 Credit Hours
 (Slashed with POL 70906) Examines the dynamics, networks, interests and resource mobilization underlying state-sponsored political violence, focusing on “low-intensity conflict” and counter-insurgency, paramilitarism and genocide. Of special interest is the relationship of the state to various non-state actors, both perpetrators and victims, and the role of the international community in domestic-level violence.
Prerequisite: POL 60501 or POL 60901; and graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 60991 SEMINAR IN CONFLICT ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT 3 Credit Hours
 (Repeatable for credit) (Slashed with POL 70991) Seminar on current and important topics in conflict analysis and management. Course may be repeated for credit toward a degree with departmental approval.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Seminar
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 61094 COLLEGE TEACHING IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1 Credit Hour
 (Repeatable for credit)(Slashed with POL 71094) Staff training and experience in college teaching; colloquia on professional ethics and responsibilities of political scientists. Maximum 4 credit hours applicable toward a degree with graduate studies committee approval.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 1 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 61096 INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION 1-3 Credit Hours
 (Repeatable for credit) An individual investigation (or independent study) is a student-initiated experience to pursue an area of interest not covered by a regular course offering, with the guidance of a Kent State faculty member. The faculty member, who teaches such courses, has the primary responsibility to decide the subject content, objectives to be achieved and effort to be expended by the student, and personally provides whatever instruction is required. The student is expected to complete pre-determined assignments, which may include a final research paper and presentation on the findings of the study. The faculty member periodically assesses the student’s progress, determines the evaluation methods of the work presented and assigns the final grade.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.
Schedule Type: Individual Investigation
Contact Hours: 3-9 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 61098 RESEARCH 1-15 Credit Hours
 (Repeatable for credit) Research or individual investigation. Credit hours may be applied toward meeting degree requirements with department approval and when a letter grade is given.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Research
Contact Hours: 1-15 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter-IP

POL 61199 THESIS I 2-6 Credit Hours

Thesis students must register for a total of 6 hours, 2 to 6 hours in a single semester distributed over several semesters if desired.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Masters Thesis

Contact Hours: 2-6 other

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory-IP

POL 61299 THESIS II 2 Credit Hours

Thesis students must continue registration each semester until all degree requirements are met.

Prerequisite: POL 61199; and graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Masters Thesis

Contact Hours: 2 other

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory-IP

POL 69091 SEMINAR IN QUANTITATIVE METHODS 3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) (Slashed with POL 79091) Focuses on select topics in quantitative methods, including limited and categorical dependent variables, hierarchical linear models, panel data, structural equation modeling and Q Methodology. More than one seminar may be offered.

Prerequisite: POL 60004; and graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Contact Hours: 3 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 69095 SPECIAL TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC POLICY 3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for a maximum of 12 credit hours)(Slashed with POL 79095) Topic varies per course offering.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70002 SCOPE AND EPISTEMOLOGY 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 60002) Introduces students to the philosophy of science and scientific inquiry within the context of the social sciences. Course presents a broad survey of leading paradigms and debates within political science.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70003 QUANTITATIVE METHODS I 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 60003) Provides a selective introduction to basic quantitative methods for the analysis of political and public policy data dealing with basic descriptive and inferential statistics.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70004 QUANTITATIVE METHODS II 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 60004) Introduces students to multivariate quantitative techniques appropriate for the analysis of political and public policy data.

Prerequisite: POL 70003; and doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70010 QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 60010) Introduces the principles and methods of qualitative research, examining the place of qualitative research alongside discussions about positivist, interpretivist and critical approaches. A variety of qualitative research methods are introduced including social observation and ethnography, interviewing, discourse analysis, oral history, document analysis, historical analysis and case studies.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70091 VARIABLE TOPIC SEMINAR 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 40091 and 50091) Variable topic seminar in political science.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70101 STATUS OF THE FIELD: AMERICAN POLITICS AND POLICY 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 60101) Course provides a broad survey of the policy-making process in the U.S. government. Coverage includes formal government structures, as well as more informal networks of private groups that seek to influence public policy at the national level.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70102 AMERICAN POLICY PROCESS 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 60102) Course emphasizes the politics of the policy process. Among topics covered are theories of policy formulation implementation and evaluation.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70103 CONGRESS, THE PRESIDENCY AND THE COURTS 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 60103) Focuses on the three branches of the U.S. government, specifically Congress, the presidency and the judiciary. Coverage includes institutional rules and procedures that shape the incentives of these political actors and ultimately policy outcomes.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70106 URBAN POLICY AND POLITICS 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 60106) Urban public policy takes place within the context of suburbanization and metropolitan sprawl. Issues raised in this course include poverty, race and the role of business in local policymaking.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70108 AMERICAN POLITICAL BEHAVIOR 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 60108) Explores scholarship on the behavior of non-elite political actors, including various forms of electoral participation, voting, psychological attachment, affect, cognition, perception, attitude and belief. Additional topics include ethnic, racial and gender politics; political participation; voting choice; political psychology; politics and networks; macro politics; and connecting individual-level and macro-level findings with democratic outcomes and citizen capacity.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70191 SEMINAR IN AMERICAN POLITICS AND POLICY 3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) (Slashed with POL 60191) Seminar on current and important topics in American politics and policy. Subject matter varies depending on the emerging issue. This course may be repeated for credit with departmental approval.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Contact Hours: 3 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70195 SPECIAL TOPICS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION 3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for maximum 12 credit hours)(Slashed with PADM 60195) Topic varies per course offerings.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70198 RESEARCH IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION 1-3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) Research or individual investigation. Credits earned may be applied toward a degree with department approval.

Prerequisite: Political science major; and doctoral standing; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Research

Contact Hours: 1-3 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter-IP

POL 70302 BUREAUCRACY AND THE POLICYMAKING PROCESS 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 60302) This course provides students with a theoretical and practical understanding of the bureaucracy as a unit of analysis for policy studies. Of particular interest is the interaction of the bureaucracy with other policymaking institutions and non-state actors.

Prerequisite: POL 60301 or POL 70301; and doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70371 GRADUATE INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with PADM 60371) Introductory course to the theory and study of public administration. Topics include evolution and characteristics of the modern nation state; core functions of public bureaucracy in any nation state; intergovernmental relations; formal and informal institutions and their role in policy; legal-regulatory processes; historical evolution of public administration as an academic field; and major paradigms in organization theory and internal organizational dynamics.

Prerequisite: Political science major; and doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70377 PUBLIC BUDGETING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with PADM 60377) Focuses on two aspects of public financial analysis: budgeting and financial management. The topics in budgeting are the basic purposes of budgets as mechanisms of resource control and allocation, and as legal documents; distinct budget formats and cross-walking of formats; budget preparation; legislative review; implementation and auditing. The topics in financial management are the mechanisms and tools for financing public operations, debt management, fund accounting, analyzing budgets and forecasting.

Prerequisite: Political Science major; and doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70379 PROGRAM EVALUATION I 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with PADM 60379) Introduction to evaluation of government programs. Emphasis on familiarizing students with the theory and specifically the techniques utilized under different evaluation formats.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70386 PUBLIC SECTOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with PADM 60386) Management of information technology systems in the public sector. Specific focus on: planning and acquisition of hardware and software and networking technologies, organizational governance and implementation, information security and privacy, legal requirements, IT service delivery and emerging enterprise technologies.

Prerequisite: Political Science major; and doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70387 ELECTRONIC GOVERNANCE 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with PADM 60387) An introduction to electronic governance with an emphasis on public administration. Examines the implications of information and communication technology in public organizations with regard to democracy, civic engagement and performance improvement. Through case studies from the United States and across the world, students become familiar with the factors and issues surrounding the implementation of electronic governance on a comparative basis.

Prerequisite: Political Science major; and doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70392 INTERNSHIP IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION 3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) Provides an opportunity for students to gain practical experience and be exposed to processes of public decision making and policy development.

Prerequisite: Political Science major; and doctoral standing; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Practical Experience

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter-IP

POL 70470 PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with PADM 60470) Focus is on students internalizing their role in the public service as stewards of the public trust. Topics covered include dimensions of stewardship: maintaining personal honor, protecting the liberty and dignity of the citizen, dimensions of justice, anti-corruption, incorporating principles of stewardship in their personal decision making and throughout the organization.

Prerequisite: Political Science major; and doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70471 NONPROFIT LAW 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with PADM 60471) Introduction to legal issues for nonprofit organizations in the United States, including types of IRS tax-exempt status, basic requirements for establishing and operating nonprofit organizations specifically in Ohio.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70472 NONPROFIT BOARD-EXECUTIVE RELATIONS 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with PADM 60472) Key aspects of effective nonprofit governance, major roles of nonprofit board members and their responsibilities and governance structures.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70475 CAPSTONE SEMINAR 3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) Students complete an approved, written project that is analytical and research-based.

Prerequisite: Political Science major; and doctoral standing; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Contact Hours: 3 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter-IP

POL 70477 NONPROFIT FINANCIAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with PADM 60477) Successful strategies for fundraising and resource development for nonprofit organizations. Students are exposed to fundraising in practice and write a resource development plan.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70501 STATUS OF THE FIELD: TRANSNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE POLITICS AND POLICY 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 60501) Course introduces students to the primary concepts, theories and subfields of comparative and transnational politics. Each field of study is reviewed along with the primary subfields of analysis.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70502 GLOBAL GOVERNANCE 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 60502) Course examines issues, problems and debates regarding global governance in the contemporary world.

Of primary interest is the array of actors in this process, including nation-states, intergovernmental organizations and nongovernmental organizations.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70503 FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 60503) Course provides an overview of the diverse analytic traditions and issues that relate to the study of foreign policy. Areas of coverage include theories of foreign policy decision-making, levels of analysis and policy domains.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70507 CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION AND RECONCILIATION 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with PACS 60070 and POL 60507) Throughout the past 30 years, many states and societies have negotiated complicated transitions from authoritarianism, widespread human rights violations and intractable civil conflict toward various degrees of justice, truth-telling, reconciliation and democracy. Some have done it well and some have not; policy certainly matters in this politically potent arena. For example, political memory and accountability may be swept under the public rug—doing so may, or may not, trip up an experiment in democracy. Alternatively, truth-telling and justice may, or may not, be a springboard for reconciliation, healing and citizen empowerment. In this course, we focus on the policies and mechanisms used to constructively confront impunity and come to terms with past horrors. We analyze various international institutions like war crimes tribunals and truth commissions and various local mechanisms like Rwanda's Gacaca courts. We also study the differing roles of reparations paid to victims for past injustices, amnesties granted to former government officials, immunity being traded for truth-telling about the past and the impacts of commemoration and memorialization.

Prerequisite: POL 70501; and doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70511 INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 60511) Introduces students to the study of how politics and economics interact on a global scale, covering the major theories of the international political economy, international monetary system, global trade and connections between international economics and domestic development.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70574 STRATEGIC PLANNING 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with PADM 60574) Introduction to the practice of strategic planning as it relates to policy design and implementation by public and nonprofit organizations.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70591 SEMINAR IN TRANSNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE POLITICS AND POLICY 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 60591) (Repeatable for credit) Seminar on current and important topics in transnational and comparative politics and policy. Subject matter varies depending on the emerging issue. This course may be repeated for credit with departmental approval.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Contact Hours: 3 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70901 FOUNDATIONS OF CONFLICT ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with PACS 60000 and POL 60901) Covers the historical development of the conflict analysis and management field; conflict theories; the dynamics by which conflicts escalate, stalemate and de-escalate; and theories of conflict intervention, resolution and transformation.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70902 POWER, CONFLICT AND THE POLITICS OF GENDER 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with PACS 60021 and POL 60902) Examines power disparities and gender as sources of conflict in multiple arenas—including family, community, workplace and the political sphere. The intersections of gender and power in the generation and resolution of social conflicts are examined. Emphasis is placed on empowerment strategies and tactics used to transform gendered conflicts and redress power imbalances.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70903 IDENTITY DRIVEN CONFLICTS 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with PACS 60020 and POL 60903) Explores the roles played by ethnicity, race, religion, culture and other elements of identity in the generation, resolution and conduct of conflicts within and between groups. Physical and symbolic markers of difference are examined in order to understand both why groups differentiate themselves from one another and how mechanisms such as skin color, religious affiliation, ethnic background or cultural traditions can provide the impetus for conflict or the grounds for resolution.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70904 SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND NONVIOLENT CONFLICTS 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with PACS 60022 and POL 60904) The waging and escalating of conflicts by social movements through nonviolent actions frequently shifts conflicts from one stage to another while also contributing to conflict transformation and to substantive social and political changes. Course focuses on social movement theories and practices, and on the complicated dynamics of nonviolent action campaigns waged by social movements.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70906 POLITICAL VIOLENCE 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 60906) Examines the dynamics, networks, interests and resource mobilization underlying state-sponsored political violence, focusing on “low-intensity conflict” and counter-insurgency, paramilitarism and genocide. Of special interest is the relationship of the state to various non-state actors, both perpetrators and victims, and the role of the international community in domestic-level violence.

Prerequisite: POL 70501 or POL 70901; and doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 70991 SEMINAR IN CONFLICT ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT 3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) (Slashed with POL 60991) Seminar on current and important topics in conflict analysis and management. Course may be repeated for credit toward a degree with departmental approval.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Contact Hours: 3 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 71094 COLLEGE TEACHING IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1 Credit Hour

(Repeatable for credit) (Slashed with POL 61094) Staff training and experience in college teaching; colloquia on professional ethics and responsibilities of political scientists. Maximum 4 credit hours applicable toward a degree with graduate studies committee approval.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 1 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 79091 SEMINAR IN QUANTITATIVE METHODS 3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) (Slashed with POL 69091) Focuses on select topics in quantitative methods, including limited and categorical dependent variables, hierarchical linear models, panel data, structural equation modeling and Q Methodology. More than one seminar may be offered.

Prerequisite: POL 70004; and doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Contact Hours: 3 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 79095 SPECIAL TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC POLICY 3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for a maximum of 12 credit hours)(Slashed with POL 69095)
Topic varies per course offering.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 81096 INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION 1-3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) An individual investigation (or independent study) is a student-initiated experience to pursue an area of interest not covered by a regular course offering, with the guidance of a Kent State faculty member. The faculty member, who teaches such courses, has the primary responsibility to decide the subject content, objectives to be achieved and effort to be expended by the student, and personally provides whatever instruction is required. The student is expected to complete pre-determined assignments, which may include a final research paper and presentation on the findings of the study. The faculty member periodically assesses the student's progress, determines the evaluation methods of the work presented and assigns the final grade.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Individual Investigation

Contact Hours: 3-9 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

POL 81098 RESEARCH 1-15 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Research or individual investigation for doctoral students who have not yet passed their candidacy examination. Credits may be applied toward degree if department approves and when letter grade is given.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Research

Contact Hours: 1-15 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter-IP

POL 81199 DISSERTATION I 15 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Doctoral dissertation, for which registration during at least two semesters is required, and the first of which is the semester during which dissertation work begins and continues until the completion of 30 credit hours. Doctoral students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours post-master's (or equivalent advanced degree) or a minimum of 60 credit hours post-bachelor's to receive special approval to enroll in POL 81199.

Prerequisite: Political Science major; and doctoral standing; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Dissertation

Contact Hours: 15 other

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory-IP

POL 81299 DISSERTATION II 15 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Continuing registration required for doctoral students who have completed the initial 30 credit hours of POL 81199 and continuing until all degree requirements are met.

Prerequisite: 30 credit hours of POL 81199; and doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Dissertation

Contact Hours: 15 other

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory-IP

Public Administration (PADM)

PADM 60195 SPECIAL TOPICS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION 3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) (Cross-listed with POL 70195) Topic varies per course offerings.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PADM 60198 RESEARCH IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION 1-3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Research or individual investigation. Credits earned may be applied toward a degree with department approval.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Research

Contact Hours: 1-3 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter-IP

PADM 60200 NONPROFIT ADVOCACY 3 Credit Hours
This course explores the U.S. public-policy making process as it applies to nonprofit organizations. Nonprofits influence policy making or "advocacy" through a variety of methods, such as lobbying, campaigning, protesting, and policy monitoring. The course explores how nonprofit organizations both shape and are shaped by public policy.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PADM 60310 LEADERSHIP IN THE NONPROFIT AND PUBLIC SECTOR 3 Credit Hours

This course teaches students theory, practice, and skills for leading nonprofit and public organizations. Topics include: organizational theory and behavior; organizational culture; integrity and ethics; group dynamics; conflict management; and creating an environment that promotes diversity and inclusion.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PADM 60371 GRADUATE INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with POL 70371) Introductory course to the theory and study of public administration. Topics include evolution and characteristics of the modern nation state; core functions of public bureaucracy in any nation state; intergovernmental relations; formal and informal institutions and their role in policy; legal-regulatory processes; historical evolution of public administration as an academic field; and major paradigms in organization theory and internal organizational dynamics.

Prerequisite: Public administration major; and graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PADM 60375 PUBLIC PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION 3 Credit Hours

Study of public personnel systems, including underlying system values and current problems with emphasis on skill development and understanding of techniques for public personnel managers.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PADM 60376 LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR 3 Credit Hours

This course focuses on issues peculiar to public sector labor relations, including the impact of public employee unionism on traditional merit systems and personnel policy decision processes.

Prerequisite: PADM 60375; and graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PADM 60377 PUBLIC BUDGETING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with POL 70377) Focuses on two aspects of public financial analysis: budgeting and financial management. The topics in budgeting are the basic purposes of budgets as mechanisms of resource control and allocation, and as legal documents; distinct budget formats and cross-walking of formats; budget preparation; legislative review; implementation and auditing. The topics in financial management are the mechanisms and tools for financing public operations, debt management, fund accounting, analyzing budgets and forecasting.

Prerequisite: Public administration major; and graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PADM 60379 PROGRAM EVALUATION I 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with POL 70379) Introduction to evaluation of government programs. Emphasis on familiarizing students with the theory and specifically the techniques utilized under different evaluation formats.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PADM 60381 METHODS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION 3 Credit Hours

This course is a graduate-level introduction to statistical methods and their use in public administration.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PADM 60382 SEMINAR IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION 3 Credit Hours

Study of selected problem areas in public service organizations with emphasis on understanding the factors contributing to them, their solution and literature bearing on the problems.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PADM 60386 PUBLIC SECTOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with POL 70386) Management of information technology systems in the public sector. Specific focus on: planning and acquisition of hardware and software and networking technologies, organizational governance and implementation, information security and privacy, legal requirements, IT service delivery and emerging enterprise technologies.

Prerequisite: Public administration major; and graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PADM 60387 ELECTRONIC GOVERNANCE 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with POL 70387) An introduction to electronic governance with an emphasis on public administration. Examines the implications of information and communication technology in public organizations with regard to democracy, civic engagement and performance improvement. Through case studies from the United States and across the world, students become familiar with the factors and issues surrounding the implementation of electronic governance on a comparative basis.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PADM 60392 INTERNSHIP IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION 3-6 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) Provides an opportunity for students to gain practical experience and be exposed to processes of public decision making and policy development.

Prerequisite: Public Administration major; and graduate standing; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Practical Experience

Contact Hours: 9-18 other

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

PADM 60470 PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with POL 70470) Focus is on students internalizing their role in the public service as stewards of the public trust. Topics covered include dimensions of stewardship: maintaining personal honor, protecting the liberty and dignity of the citizen, dimensions of justice, anti-corruption, incorporating principles of stewardship in their personal decision making and throughout the organization.

Prerequisite: Public administration major; and graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PADM 60471 NONPROFIT LAW 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with POL 70471) Introduction to legal issues for nonprofit organizations in the United States, including types of IRS tax exempt status, basic requirements for establishing/operating nonprofit organizations specifically in Ohio.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PADM 60472 NONPROFIT BOARD EXEC RELATIONS 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with POL 70472) Key aspects of effective nonprofit governance, major roles of nonprofit board members and their responsibilities and governance structures.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PADM 60477 NONPROFIT FINANCIAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with POL 70477) Successful strategies for fundraising and resource development for nonprofit organizations. Students are exposed to fundraising in practice and write a resource development plan.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PADM 60499 PORTFOLIO AND CAPSTONE 3 Credit Hours

During this culminating semester of the M.P.A. program, students engage in three key activities to demonstrate their comprehensive understanding and skills developed throughout the course. These activities include: (1) craft a reflective capstone paper that describes the skills and expertise gained throughout M.P.A. courses and link them to core competencies, (2) compile a portfolio showcasing their most significant works from the core M.P.A. courses, representing their proficiency in each of the five main competencies, and (3) complete an online exit survey as a formal conclusion to the M.P.A. program.

Prerequisite: Public Administration major; and graduate standing; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Project or Capstone

Contact Hours: 3 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PADM 60574 STRATEGIC PLANNING 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with POL 70574) Introduction to the practice of strategic planning as it relates to policy design and implementation by public and nonprofit organizations.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter