POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political Science is, on the one hand, an ancient discipline with roots in Plato and Aristotle, and on the other, it is one of the most recent of the social sciences with roots in the early twentieth century. Political scientists study political institutions, the political behavior of individuals and groups, the formulation of public policy, the relations among states, and also enduring moral issues, such as what is justice and how leaders should be chosen. Political science, by its very nature, blends normative and empirical issues. Questions about democracy, participation, justice, and representation have both empirical and evaluative components. The discipline attempts to understand who participates in the political process and, when they do not, what it means for society. A major in Political Science offers the student a front row seat in the analysis of these questions. The principal fields of study in Political Science are political theory, public law, comparative politics, international relations, public administration, and American politics. Students may pursue the Bachelor of Arts (45 hours of political science and related course work in addition to General Education and college requirements), or the Bachelor of Science degree (45 hours of political science and related course work in addition to General Education and college requirements) in Political Science with a concentration in any of the fields of study. Either degree requires a minimum of 27 hours of political science in courses numbered 3000 or above, three of which are a capstone experience. Additional courses numbered 3000 or above from related areas of economics, English, foreign languages and literature, geography, history, philosophy, psychology, religion or sociology are necessary to reach the required hours of the degree option. The minimum GPA is 2.50 with a minimum grade of "C" in all upper-division political science and related upper-division course work. Additional flexibility in the degree program is offered through internships, and opportunities to work with professors in developing independent study courses in areas where the department may not offer regular course work. Students may also pursue political science as a second degree, or as a minor to complement other areas of study. The minor in political science requires 15 hours of course work numbered 3000 or above, and must include three fields of political science. At least three of the hours must be taken in a field other than American politics, public law, and public administration. The required GPA for a minor is 2.50.

The political science major prepares students for a wide range of local, state, national and international careers, in and around government. It also provides preparation for admission to law school; teaching at the secondary level; urban and regional planning; political journalism; the conduct and analysis of foreign policy; and for graduate study in political science. At a more general level, political science has great career versatility for students. While the major does focus on the subject matter of government and politics, it also develops students’ skills in critical analysis, written and oral communications, leadership and judgment. Such skills, prepare students for a wide range of options throughout their professional lives.

Courses

POLS 1010 Studies in American Government
Description: Special study in American government to allow transfer students to fulfill general education requirements as established by Regents’ policy. Offered for variable credit, 1-2 credit hours, maximum of 2 credit hours.
Credit hours: 1-2
Contact hours: Other: 1
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 1113 American Government
Description: Organization, processes and functions of the national government of the United States. Satisfies, with HIST 1103 or 1483 or 1493, the State Regents requirement of six credit hours of American history and American government before graduation. Previously offered as POLS 1013.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 2000 Topics in American Politics (S)
Description: Introductory examination of timely topics and issues in American Politics. May be repeated with different topics.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

General Education and other Course Attributes: Social & Behavioral Sciences

POLS 2010 Topics in International Relations (I)
Description: Introductory examination of timely topics and issues in International Relations. May be repeated with different topics.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

General Education and other Course Attributes: International Dimension

POLS 2013 Introduction to World Politics (S)
Description: Analysis of the major concepts in international relations - power, sovereignty, self-help, cooperation, dependency, and introduction to the dominant theoretical approaches to its study realism, pluralism, Marxism, and feminism. Previously offered as POLS 3013.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

General Education and other Course Attributes: Social & Behavioral Sciences
POLS 2020 Topics in Public Law (S)
Description: Introductory examination of timely topics and issues in Public Law. Maybe repeated with different topics.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science
General Education and other Course Attributes: Social & Behavioral Sciences

POLS 2023 The Individual And The Law
Description: Introduction to the U.S. Constitution, legal reasoning, legal research techniques, and topical issues of U.S. public law.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 2030 Topics in Public Policy & Administration
Description: Introductory examination of timely topics and issues in Public Policy and Administration. May be repeated with different topics.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 2033 Introduction to Public Administration
Description: Public administration, including administration, administrative organization, decision-making, governmental public relations and administrative responsibilities.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 2110 Topics in Comparative Politics (I)
Description: Introductory examination of timely topics and issues in Comparative Politics. May be repeated with different topics.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science
General Education and other Course Attributes: International Dimension

POLS 2113 Introduction to Comparative Politics (S)
Description: A comparative study of the political processes and institutions of contemporary societies. Introduction to the concepts and methods of comparative politics.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science
General Education and other Course Attributes: Social & Behavioral Sciences

POLS 2213 Foundations in Political Science
Description: This course provides an overview of Political Science as a field of study, and it provides students with basic research literacy and other skills essential to success as a Political Science major.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 2313 Social Justice Politics (D)
Description: This course examines race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, religion, age, ability, and in a number of realms, particularly the political. Specific social justice issues discussed include immigration reform, religious accommodations in the workplace, the gender gap in wages and political office holding, income and wealth inequality, racial and ethnic discrimination, same-sex marriage, ageism and disability access.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science
General Education and other Course Attributes: Diversity

POLS 2890 Honors Experience in Political Science
Prerequisites: Honors Program participation and concurrent enrollment in a designated Political Science course.
Description: A supplemental Honors experience in Political Science to partner concurrently with designated Political Science course(s). This course adds a different intellectual dimension to the designated course(s).
Credit hours: 1
Contact hours: Lecture: 1
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science
General Education and other Course Attributes: Honors Credit

POLS 2993 Honors Tutorial in Political Science
Prerequisites: POLS 1113. Honors standing, and invitation by head of department.
Description: For the special needs of the sophomore-level honors student majoring in political science who wishes to study individualized topics at an accelerated pace in a tutorial format. After mastering basic principles in an area of interest the student will conduct independent research under close faculty supervision and prepare a report or reports.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Other: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 3003 The Soviet Union: History, Society and Culture(IS)
Description: A comprehensive view of the Soviet Union, stressing those issues in the political, economic, technological, geographical and cultural spheres which are most relevant to the current situation. Accessible to beginning undergraduates.Same course as HIST 3003 & RUSS 3003.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science
General Education and other Course Attributes: International Dimension, Social & Behavioral Sciences
POLS 3033 International Law  
**Description:** The nature and scope of public international law, with emphasis on problems related to the recognition of states and governments, jurisdiction over nationals and aliens, and state responsibility in cases of expropriation and revolutionary damage.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 3053 Introduction to Central Asian Studies (IS)  
**Description:** A comprehensive view of newly-emerged Central Asian states examining the history, politics, economics, geography, and culture of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan as reflected in their thoughts, religion, literature, and architecture, in the past, and the strategic importance of their natural wealth for the present and future. Same course as GEOG 3053, HIST 3053 & RUSS 3053.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science  
**General Education and other Course Attributes:** International Dimension, Social & Behavioral Sciences

POLS 3090 Teaching Practicum  
**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor.  
**Description:** For outstanding students. Students will work with a faculty instructor and assist in many aspects of teaching including guest lecturing, offering study sessions, office hours, among other duties as determined by instructor. May involve meetings and written paper(s).  
**Credit hours:** 1-6  
**Contact hours:** Other: 1  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Independent Study  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 3100 Political Science Internship  
**Prerequisites:** Consent of department.  
**Description:** Internship education experience in a specific subfield in the discipline of political science. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 1-6  
**Contact hours:** Other: 1  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Independent Study  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 3101 Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature  
**Description:** OSU Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature provides students with hands on experience in the legislative process. It is a mock legislature with the intended goal of passing bills and learning parliamentary procedure. Students learn how to research and draft legislation, build coalitions, and debate the merits of their bills. Participation in O.I.L. gives students a behind the scenes look at how state government conducts business. The result is academic learning in a real world setting. This course is a pass/fail grade.  
**Credit hours:** 1  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 1  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 3103 Introduction to Political Inquiry  
**Prerequisites:** 60 credit hours or 45 hours with GPA of 3.25, including POLS 2113.  
**Description:** The scope and methods of political science. Scientific methodology applied to political phenomena, hypothesis, measurement, literature review, research designs, introductory data analysis and writing in political science. Previously offered as POLS 4003.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science  
**General Education and other Course Attributes:** International Dimension

POLS 3123 Politics of Russia and Eurasia (I)  
**Description:** A study of the domestic politics and regional relations of Russia and its neighbors. Overviews major historical and contemporary issues ranging from democratization, political repression, conflict, political economy, and geopolitics.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science  
**General Education and other Course Attributes:** International Dimension

POLS 3143 Politics of Western Europe (I)  
**Description:** State-society relations in key West European countries, including political processes, governmental institutions, cultural pluralism and gender relations.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science  
**General Education and other Course Attributes:** International Dimension

POLS 3163 Politics of Africa (I)  
**Description:** Analysis of processes, institutions and contemporary trends in the politics of selected African countries, including political development, democratization, conflict, political role of the military, political economy, and social movements.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science  
**General Education and other Course Attributes:** International Dimension

POLS 3193 Politics In Latin America (IS)  
**Description:** Analysis of processes, institutions and contemporary trends in the politics of selected Latin American countries; political development, democratization, political role of the military, political economy and social movements.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science  
**General Education and other Course Attributes:** International Dimension, Social & Behavioral Sciences
POLS 3223 Politics Of East Asia
Description: Political processes, governmental institutions and administration in China, Japan, and Korea.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 3313 Politics Of The Middle East
Description: Analysis of political institutions and processes with emphasis on selected countries of the Middle East; the social and economic basis of politics; nationalism, political development and factors of instability and change.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 3353 Parties Interest Group
Description: Political parties and interest groups as institutions; their role in elections and government.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 3423 Voting and Elections
Description: Electoral systems and their relationship to political development, political socialization, issue emergence, voting patterns and electoral cycles.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 3443 Political Campaigns and Candidacy
Description: Planning, fundraising, targeting, public opinion, support operations, voter contact, the mass media and candidate activities. Previously offered as POLS 3414.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 3453 The Legislative Process
Description: The power and organization of legislatures, as well as the selection and behavior of legislators. Special attention given to the U.S. Congress.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 3483 The American Presidency
Description: The politics of presidential selection, removal and succession; formal and informal powers of the president; relations with Congress, the national judiciary and national executive branch; proposed reforms and the vice-presidency.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 3493 Public Policy
Prerequisites: Any one of POLS 1013, POLS 2033, POLS 2113, ECON 1113, ECON 2123, SOC 1113, PHIL 2113.
Description: Identification of policy options open to policy makers and examination of measurements and rationales underlying governmental programs.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate, Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 3513 Public Opinion and Polling
Description: The nature of public opinion. Public opinion polling, the factors influencing opinion formation, and the effects of public opinion on policy and policy makers.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 3523 Money, Media And Politics
Prerequisites: POLS 1113.
Description: Techniques used by successful candidates for elective office to present their positions to the voting public. Beginning with the basic elements of fundraising exploration of current campaign finance laws, funding techniques and campaign budgeting. Message development, media production and ad placement. Preparation of a fundraising strategy.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 3533 Political Lobby and Grassroots Organization
Prerequisites: POLS 1113.
Description: Traditional special interest lobbying and the rapidly emerging local grassroots constituent movement. New federal laws pertaining to lobbying and rules that govern the conduct of state lobbying. The implications of technology and the potential advent of a plebiscite form of government. Development of complete grassroots strategy on an issue either at the federal or state level.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science
POLS 3613 State and Local Government
Description: Political processes, government and administration of American states, cities and counties; special emphasis on Oklahoma.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate, Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 3663 Introduction to Political Thought
Description: The teachings of the three lasting traditions of Western political thought: classical, Christian and modern.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 3683 Politics in Contemporary Film
Prerequisites: POLS 1113.
Description: The effect of politics on contemporary film. Exploration of the often subtle political imagery and symbolism contained in film.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 3733 Emergency Management: Preparedness and Response
Description: Introduction to preparedness and response activities for emergency personnel and managers. Covers components, policies, programs, and organizations related to preparedness and response. Illustrates course concepts with case studies.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 3763 Emergency Management: Recovery and Mitigation
Description: Introduction to recovery and mitigation activities for emergency personnel and managers. Covers components, policies, programs and organizations related to recovery and mitigation. Illustrates course concepts with case studies.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 3813 Introduction to Emergency Management
Description: An overview of the history and philosophy of the current emergency management system. Concepts, issues and programs associated with the development of an emergency management program. Local, state and federal roles and responsibilities for responding to disasters and emergencies with emphasis on man-made natural and technological hazards.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 3893 Terrorism and Emergency Management
Description: A general introduction to the basic concepts for preparedness, response and command functions at the scene of a potential terrorist incident.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 3953 Minorities in the American Political System (DS)
Prerequisites: POLS 1113.
Description: Examination of mass and elite level behavior of minorities in the contemporary U.S. political system.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science
General Education and other Course Attributes: Diversity, Social & Behavioral Sciences

POLS 3963 State Courts and the Bar
Description: This course will cover the various constraints that exist within the decision-making outcomes of state courts, as well as the institutional biases found within state run criminal justice systems. It looks at the increasingly partisan nature of state court election cycles and the contemporary status of the legal academy, the Bar, and the economics of law firms. It will be particularly useful to those students thinking about continuing their education with the pursuit of a law degree.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 3973 Race, Politics and Sports (D)
Prerequisites: POLS 1113.
Description: Historical, as well as the contemporary relationship, between race, politics and sports in the U.S. political system.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 3983 Courts and Judicial Process (S)
Description: The American judiciary and legal process from a political perspective with particular emphasis on judicial organization and powers, recruitment, fact-finding, decision-making, impact of decisions, the legal profession and relations among courts. Oklahoma judicial organization.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science
General Education and other Course Attributes: Professional/Pre-professional

POLS 3993 Minorities in the American Political System (DS)
Description: Examination of mass and elite level behavior of minorities in the contemporary U.S. political system.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science
General Education and other Course Attributes: Diversity, Social & Behavioral Sciences

POLS 3993 Race, Politics and Sports (D)
Prerequisites: POLS 1113.
Description: Historical, as well as the contemporary relationship, between race, politics and sports in the U.S. political system.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 3993 Courts and Judicial Process (S)
Description: The American judiciary and legal process from a political perspective with particular emphasis on judicial organization and powers, recruitment, fact-finding, decision-making, impact of decisions, the legal profession and relations among courts. Oklahoma judicial organization.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science
General Education and other Course Attributes: Professional/Pre-professional
POLS 3993 Legal Research And Analysis  
**Prerequisites:** POLS 2023 or HONR 2013.  
**Description:** Introduction to legal research methods, including state and federal reported cases, digests, annotated codes, state and federal administrative regulations, and computerized legal research, as well as an introduction to legal reasoning and analysis and the preparation of case briefs and memoranda.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 4000 Advanced Topics in American Politics  
**Prerequisites:** POLS 1113 and 45 earned hours or consent of instructor.  
**Description:** In-depth examination of critical topics and issues in American politics, including American political behavior and political leadership. May be repeated with different topics. Offered for variable credit, 3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 4010 Advanced Topics in International Relations  
**Prerequisites:** POLS 2013 or POLS 2113 or consent of instructor.  
**Description:** In-depth examination of critical topics and issues in International Relations. May be repeated with different topics. Offered for fixed credit, 3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 4013 America Foreign Policy  
**Description:** Major problems and policies of American foreign relations since World War II and description of foreign formulation and aid administration.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 4020 Advanced Topics in Comparative Politics  
**Prerequisites:** POLS 2013 or POLS 2113 or consent of instructor.  
**Description:** In-depth examination of critical topics and issues in Comparative Politics. May be repeated with different topics. Offered for fixed credit, 3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 4043 Politics of the Global Economy  
**Description:** Theory and practice of international political economics. The patterns association between political and market-based processes among nation states. Emphasis on interactions among advanced industrial states, transnational phenomena, and opportunities and pitfalls in north-south relations. Same course as INTL 5043. Previously offered as POLS 3043.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 4053 War And World Politics (I)  
**Description:** Foreign policies of major powers, areas of tension and sources of international conflict.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 4100 Problems of Government, Politics and Public Policy  
**Prerequisites:** 60 credit hours, or 45 hours with GPA of 3.25, including POLS 1013. 
**Description:** Special problem areas of government, politics and public policy concentrating on topics not covered in other departmental course offerings.  
**Credit hours:** 1-6  
**Contact hours:** Other: 1  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Independent Study  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 4113 International Institutions  
**Description:** The organization, procedures, functions and role of international institutions, with emphasis on the United Nations and related agencies.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 4223 Social Movements  
**Prerequisites:** POLS 1113.  
**Description:** The origins, activities and impact of political and social movements. Concepts and theoretical approaches related to political and social movements and case studies of several contemporary movements in the United States, Latin America, and Europe.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science
POL 4353 Administrative Law  
**Description:** Legal powers, limits, and procedures of administrative agencies with emphasis on federal and state administrative procedure acts.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POL 4363 Environmental Law And Policy  
**Description:** Statutory law, case law, and administrative practices relating to regulation of the environment including environmental impact statements, pollution, public lands, and preservation law.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POL 4403 Urban Politics and Management  
**Description:** Problems of governing and managing American metropolitan areas.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POL 4413 Government Budgeting  
**Description:** The politics, planning and administration of government budgets. Same course as 5320.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POL 4453 Public Personnel Administration  
**Description:** Problems, processes, and procedures of public personnel administration. Same course as 5333.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POL 4533 American Political Thought  
**Description:** A survey of the major developments in American political thought from the Colonial period to the present, followed by a topical analysis of important recent theoretical developments in political science.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POL 4573 Democratic Theory  
**Description:** Investigates the origins, development, and continuing challenges of theories of democratic government, with particular emphasis on the American political tradition. Topics include citizenship, accountability, voting and elections, federalism, and institutional design.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POL 4593 Natural Resources and Environmental Policy  
**Description:** Current issues in the law, politics and administration of energy, land, water, mineral and other natural resources policy with particular emphasis on relations to environmental policies and law.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POL 4623 Oklahoma Politics (S)  
**Prerequisites:** POLS 1113.  
**Description:** Introduction to Oklahoma Politics. Topics include the evolution of Oklahoma political institutions; the struggle to shape the Oklahoma political culture with special attention to the role of race and woman suffrage; political issues; the structure of Oklahoma political institutions at the state and local levels; and elections.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Social & Behavioral Sciences

POL 4653 Contemporary Political Thought  
**Description:** An analysis of 19th and 20th century political ideas, with emphasis on the rise and fall of ideologies along side controversies over relativism, positivism, pragmatism, and resurgent religious faiths.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POL 4670 Advanced Topics in Political Theory  
**Description:** In-depth examination of critical topics and issues in classic, modern, or American political theory. May be repeated with different topics. Offered for fixed credit, 3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POL 4693 Gender and Politics  
**Description:** Changing role of women in government and politics. Voting behavior, public opinion, women in government, and the women's movement.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science
POLS 4903 Senior Capstone Seminar
Prerequisites: Political Science major with 85 hours and POLS 3103.
Description: This class, open only to Political Science majors in their final year of study, is intended to be the culmination of a student's undergraduate study of Political Science. Class sessions during the first half of the semester involve a review of the discipline, in which students educate their peers about some of the essential things they have learned in their coursework. During the second half of the semester, students engage in a practicum connected to the area of work/study they intend to pursue, and they complete a significant research project.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 4963 U.S. Constitution: Civil Rights and Liberties
Prerequisites: POLS 2023 or POLS 3983 recommended.
Description: Development of principles of constitutional law by the Supreme Court concerning individual and group rights, with particular emphasis on equal protection of the laws concepts in matters of race, gender, wealth, citizenship, legislative reapportionment and voting rights, government employment and affirmative action programs. Legal research techniques.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 4973 U.S. Constitution: Civil Liberties
Prerequisites: POLS 2023 or POLS 3983 recommended.
Description: Development of principles of constitutional law by the Supreme Court concerning freedom of speech expression, religious liberty, property rights, 5th and 14th amendments due process concepts and procedure requirements at national and state level.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate, Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 4980 Advanced Topics in Public Law
Prerequisites: POLS 2023 and (POLS 3983 or POLS 3993) or consent of instructor.
Description: In-depth examination of critical topics and issues in Public Law. May be repeated with different topics. Offered for fixed credit, 3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate, Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 4990 Independent Study
Description: Application of major relevant theoretical perspectives to selected case studies of political problems and issue areas. Theories and attendant case studies selected by visiting faculty members. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.
Credit hours: 1-3
Contact hours: Other: 1
Levels: Graduate, Undergraduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 4993 Political Science Honors Thesis
Prerequisites: Departmental invitation, senior standing, Honors Program participation.
Description: A guided reading and research program ending with an honors thesis under the direction of a faculty member, with second faculty reader and oral examination. Required for graduation with departmental honors in political science.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Other: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Political Science
General Education and other Course Attributes: Honors Credit

POLS 5000 Thesis
Description: Thesis. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.
Credit hours: 1-6
Contact hours: Other: 1
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 5013 Quantitative Methods
Prerequisites: POLS 5103.
Description: Required of all graduate students. Fundamental methodological issues in the scientific study of politics. Logic of science, principles of research design and computer data manipulation and analysis.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 5020 Creative Component
Description: Individually supervised research. Offered for fixed credit, 3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Other: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 5023 Foundation of Political Science
Description: Overview of the foundational works, theories and approaches that define the discipline of political science and serve as bridges across its subfields.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 5030 Internship in Public Administration and Government
Description: Individually supervised internships in administrative and governmental career areas. Paper required. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.
Credit hours: 1-6
Contact hours: Other: 1
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Political Science
POLS 5040 Readings in Politics, Public Policy or Public Administration  
**Prerequisites:** Consent of supervising professor.  
**Description:** Readings in the student’s major area of study. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 1-6  
**Contact hours:** Other: 1  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Independent Study  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 5100 Directed Study  
**Description:** Directed study for master’s level students. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 1-3  
**Contact hours:** Other: 1  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Independent Study  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 5103 Research Design  
**Prerequisites:** Graduate standing.  
**Description:** Overview of research design, including conceptualization and operationalization, literature review, deductive and inductive theorizing, hypothesis testing, quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 5113 Seminar in Public Program Evaluation  
**Description:** Methodology of evaluation research in public programs. Emphasis will be placed on designing and interpreting evaluative studies rather than the mastery of particular mathematical, statistical or computer skills.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 5133 Politics and Political Economy in the European Union  
**Description:** The institutions and policy-making process of the European Union (EU) and the theoretical traditions in the study of European integration. The institutional form of the EU and the type of European policy that is emerging.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 5143 Social and Political Perspectives in Europe  
**Description:** Examination of the current and historical social, cultural and political landscapes of European societies. Material related to identity politics, citizenship, democratization and collective memory feature regularly in the course.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 5203 ProSeminar in International Relations  
**Description:** A general survey intended to introduce students to major theoretical paradigms, applications, and debates in the field of international relations.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 5210 Topics Seminar in International Relations  
**Description:** In-depth examination of critical topics and issues in International Relations. May be repeated up to 6 hours with different topics. Offered for fixed credit, 3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 5213 Seminar in the International Political Economy  
**Prerequisites:** Graduate standing.  
**Description:** Research on the mechanics and theories of interaction between economic and political phenomena. Same course as INTL 5213.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 5300 Special Topics Seminar in Fire and Emergency Management  
**Description:** Specialized topics in fire and emergency management. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 9 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 1-3  
**Contact hours:** Other: 1  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Independent Study  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 5303 Introduction to Fire and Emergency Management  
**Prerequisites:** Graduate standing.  
**Description:** Examines the content and historical evolution of fire and emergency management including terminology, concepts, theories, and methods employed.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science

POLS 5313 Public Management  
**Description:** Introduction to the general principles of management as they are applied in the public sector. Systems theory, organization design, and techniques of supervision.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Political Science
POLS 5320 Seminar in Public Budgeting and Finance  
Description: Major processes and practices involved in governmental budgeting in the United States at national, state and local level. Same course as 4413. Offered for fixed credit, 3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.  
Credit hours: 3  
Contact hours: Lecture: 3  
Levels: Graduate  
Schedule types: Lecture  
Department/School: Political Science  

POLS 5323 Urban Politics and Management  
Description: Introduction to the concepts, processes and techniques of managing urban political systems to include problems of leadership, decision-making, general management and group behavior.  
Credit hours: 3  
Contact hours: Lecture: 3  
Levels: Graduate  
Schedule types: Lecture  
Department/School: Political Science  

POLS 5333 Seminar in Public Personnel Administration  
Description: Current practices, problems and issues in public sector personnel administration, including merit system, civil service reform, collective bargaining, and equal opportunity and affirmative action.  
Credit hours: 3  
Contact hours: Lecture: 3  
Levels: Graduate  
Schedule types: Lecture  
Department/School: Political Science  

POLS 5343 Seminar in Fire and Emergency Services Administration  
Description: Introduction to policies, procedures and administrative process required to deliver fire and emergency services; detailed examination of the social, political and economic issues that have an impact on service delivery and organizational approaches.  
Credit hours: 3  
Contact hours: Lecture: 3  
Levels: Graduate  
Schedule types: Lecture  
Department/School: Political Science  

POLS 5353 Seminar in Design, Structure and Processes of Public Organizations  
Description: Administration in the public sector, stressing traditional and emerging organization structures. Awareness of administrative processes and environment that include program design, implementation, and administrative accountability.  
Credit hours: 3  
Contact hours: Lecture: 3  
Levels: Graduate  
Schedule types: Lecture  
Department/School: Political Science  

POLS 5363 Public Sector Dispute Resolution  
Prerequisites: Senior or graduate standing.  
Description: Labor relations and employment issues in the public sector, and the various methods for resolving government personnel conflicts without resort to violence or litigation. Focus on labor law, employment law and Alternative Dispute Resolution as they apply to government employment.  
Credit hours: 3  
Contact hours: Lecture: 3  
Levels: Graduate  
Schedule types: Lecture  
Department/School: Political Science  

POLS 5383 Disaster Recovery  
Prerequisites: POLS 5683  
Description: Processes, conditions and components of recovery in disaster contexts. Topics include environmental, economic, housing, infrastructure, and policy. Roles of voluntary organizations; securing and managing resources.  
Credit hours: 3  
Contact hours: Lecture: 3  
Levels: Graduate  
Schedule types: Lecture  
Department/School: Political Science  

POLS 5393 Politics Of Disaster  
Credit hours: 3  
Contact hours: Lecture: 3  
Levels: Graduate  
Schedule types: Lecture  
Department/School: Political Science  

POLS 5403 ProSeminar in Comparative Politics  
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and 5303 or consent of instructor.  
Description: Situates disaster phases in the political context at the local, national, and international levels. Examines research on specific events and their interactive effects between the political system and various phases of disaster.  
Credit hours: 3  
Contact hours: Lecture: 3  
Levels: Graduate  
Schedule types: Lecture  
Department/School: Political Science  

POLS 5404 Seminar in Comparative Politics  
Description: In-depth examination of critical topics and issues in Comparative Politics. May be repeated up to 6 hours with different topics. Offered for fixed credit, 3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.  
Credit hours: 3  
Contact hours: Lecture: 3  
Levels: Graduate  
Schedule types: Independent Study  
Department/School: Political Science  

POLS 5510 Seminar in Political Behavior  
Description: Examination of contemporary theories of political behavior with emphasis on empirical studies. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.  
Credit hours: 1-3  
Contact hours: Other: 3  
Levels: Graduate  
Schedule types: Independent Study  
Department/School: Political Science
POLS 5513 Seminar in Political Psychology
Description: Examination of psychological theories as they pertain to political behavior, including attitude change, political cognition, public opinion and decision-making.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 5613 Public Policy Analysis
Description: Analytical methods for evaluating public policies and examination of the public processes including policy design, implementation and evaluation.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 5620 Seminar in Natural Resource Policy, Law and Administration
Description: Analysis of the legal and public policy aspects of environmental regulation, including special emphasis on one of three components: environmental law, administrative law, and national resource law and policy. Offered for fixed credit, 3 credit hours, maximum of 9 credit hours.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 5623 Hazard, Risk, and Vulnerability Assessment (HRVA)
Description: This course will introduce students to the hazard, risk, and vulnerability assessment (HRVA). The course materials include concepts of hazard identification, vulnerability assessment, and risk analysis. The course cover topics such as risk management and risk communication before and after disasters, resiliency measurements, disaster loss estimation, hazard mitigation planning process, and disaster resiliency policies and strategies.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 5633 Practical Environmental Compliance
Description: Environmental decision-making, reading and understanding environmental statutes and regulations, and effectively dealing with the EPA. Environmental permitting and enforcement, policies and procedures. Review of hazardous waste regulations with emphasis on ground water problems.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
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POLS 5643 Regulatory Risk Analysis
Description: Risk-based decision making, government’s risk analysis paradigm, risk analysis policy, and social aspects of risk assessment. Review of the RCRA corrective action, CERCLA (Superfund) remedial action, and NEPA environmental impact study programs.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
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POLS 5653 Community Relations in Environmental and Emergency Management
Description: Preparation for the environmental manager, emergency manager, and fire department manager to communicate and negotiate with the public and media concerning environmental threats to human health routine and non-routine releases of chemicals and radioactive materials. Strategies for community-based planning, emergency preparedness, environmental response, site damage, and conflict management.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
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POLS 5673 Understanding and Responding to Terrorism
Description: Exploration of the experience of non-state terrorism in the U.S. and Western European democracies in the late 20th century. Understanding terrorism as a political, social, and historical phenomenon; the current and future threat of terrorism, both foreign and domestic; governmental choices in responding to terrorism in democratic societies and; U.S. anti-terrorism policies and considerations that emergency responders face in preparing for and responding to terrorist incidents.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 5683 Emergency Management and Public Policy in the United States
Description: Examination of natural and man-made disasters in the U.S. along with the policies and programs intended to prevent, respond to, mitigate, and recover from such events. The evolution of the U.S. Emergency Management System, the emergency management profession, and future directions in emergency policy.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science
POLS 5693 Emergency Management in the International Setting
Description: Introduction to emergency management in the international setting. Provides background for students who may work with international assistance programs or who may become involved in the delivery of emergency management services abroad as part of an international assistance effect.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 5703 ProSeminar in American Politics
Description: Overview of a wide range of classic works in American institutions and Political Behavior. It examines not only the classic works in each area of these subfields, but a sampling of current work being done in the field.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 5710 Topics Seminar in American Politics
Description: In-depth examination of critical topics and issues in American Politics. May be repeated up to 6 hours with different topics. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.
Credit hours: 1-3
Contact hours: Other: 1
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 5713 Seminar in Public Law
Description: Literature of public law in the United States. Overview of the approaches that shape the theoretical and empirical contours of the public law field and contribute to multidisciplinary law and social science studies.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 5720 Topics in Political Science
Description: In-depth examination of critical topics and issues in Political Science. May be repeated up to 6 hours with different topics. Offered for fixed credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 5743 Seminar in Political Communication
Description: Examination of recent theories within politics and the media, including effects of media on opinion, role of media as a political institution and the role of media during elections.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 5780 Seminar in Women and Politics
Prerequisites: Graduate standing.
Description: Research on a variety of topics concerning women and politics, including women's movements, women and elections, and public opinion. Offered for fixed credit, 3 credit hours, maximum of 9 credit hours.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Other: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 5903 Practicum in Fire and Emergency Management Administration
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor.
Description: Supervised practicum in fire and emergency management administration.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 5923 Preparedness And Planning
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and POLS 5303 or consent of instructor.
Description: Planning and training for hazards and disaster management at the organizational level; review of public education and preparedness efforts at the household and community level, review of research on disaster planning. Previously offered as POLS 6323.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 5933 Disaster Response
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and POLS 5303 or consent of instructor.
Description: Review of scientific literature on human and organizational behavior in response to disasters. Identification of actors involved in emergency response, their roles and responsibilities. Examination of human response in context of organizational structures and resources including emergency operating centers. Review of local and national government response policies. Previously offered as POLS 6333.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 5943 Complex Emergencies
Prerequisites: Graduate Standing.
Description: This course examines complex emergencies from an emergency management perspective. We will look at the collapse of governance, the causes of armed conflict, food insecurity, infectious disease, natural disasters, and so on and examine specific cases in detail. Furthermore, we will look at how the international community responds to these crises, and which agencies are involved in relief efforts. We will apply the traditional four phases of disaster management these situations.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science
POLS 6000 Doctoral Dissertation Research
Prerequisites: Consent of major professor.
Description: Research for PhD dissertation. Offered for variable credit, 1-12 credit hours, maximum of 60 credit hours.
Credit hours: 1-12
Contact hours: Other: 1
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 6003 Proseminar in Fire and Emergency Management
Prerequisites: Graduate standing.
Description: Examines scope of the fire and emergency management field as an area of academic inquiry.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 6013 Qualitative Methods
Prerequisites: POLS 5103.
Description: Qualitative methods for collecting and analyzing data from the social sciences.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Political Science

POLS 6040 Directed Readings in Fire and Emergency Management
Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.
Description: Directed readings for doctoral students in specialized areas of fire and emergency management. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 9 credit hours.
Credit hours: 1-3
Contact hours: Other: 1
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 6123 Quantitative Methods for Fire and Emergency Managers
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and POLS 5013 or consent of instructor.
Description: Descriptive, inferential, and non-parametric statistics with collection and analysis of data from fire and emergency management field.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 6133 Seminar in Fire and Emergency Management Research Survey
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and POLS 5103, POLS 6013, and POLS 6123.
Description: Survey of the academic literature in the fields of fire and emergency management. Development of a research article for submission to a professional journal or conference.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 6143 Methods For Disaster Research
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and POLS 5303; POLS 5013 or POLS 5103.
Description: History and scope of methods for disaster research.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 6153 Pedagogical Methods for Fire and Emergency Management Instruction
Prerequisites: Graduate standing.
Description: History of FEMA education, review of instructional methods, and research on educational methods in field.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 6203 Comparative and International Dimensions of Fire and Emergency Management
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and POLS 6003 or consent of instructor.
Description: Comparative analysis of the organization, management, and policies of fire and emergency response services in other countries.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 6213 Political Context of Fire and Emergency Management
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and POLS 6003 or consent of instructor.
Description: Analysis of political environment impacting fire service including federalism and intergovernmental relations, interest groups, other public agencies, and private sector organizations.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 6300 Advanced Special Topics Seminar in Fire and Emergency Management
Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.
Description: Specialized topics in fire and emergency management for doctoral students. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 9 credit hours.
Credit hours: 1-3
Contact hours: Other: 1
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 6303 Populations At Risk
Description: Describes populations at risk for increased injury, death and property loss. Identifies policies, programs and resources for risk reduction. Applies research for purposes of planning and capacity building. Previously offered as POLS 5373.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science
POLS 6313 Mitigation
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and recommended POLS 5303, POLS 6143 and POLS 6153.
Description: Structural and non-structural mitigation approaches to hazard reduction; description of policies, programs, and planning methods relevant to all governmental levels; and review of research and case studies of mitigation efforts.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

POLS 6343 Organizational Behavior in Disaster
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and POLS 5303 or consent of instructor.
Description: Theoretical overview of organizational behavior in a disaster context. How organizations respond, adapt, fail and succeed when disrupted by disaster. Role of formal and informal organizational structures in confronting disasters.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate, Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Political Science

Undergraduate Programs
- Campaigns and Lobbying (CAML), Minor (http://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/political-science/campaigns-and-lobbying-minor)
- Emergency Management (EM), Minor (http://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/political-science/emergency-management-minor)
- Environmental Economics, Politics, and Policy (EEPP), Minor (http://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/political-science/environmental-economics-politics-policy-minor)
- Intelligence and Security Analysis (INSA), Minor (http://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/political-science/intelligence-and-security-analysis-minor)
- Law and Legal Studies (LLS), Minor (http://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/political-science/law-and-legal-studies-minor)
- Political Science (POLS), Minor (http://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-minor)
- Political Science, BA (http://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/political-science/bs)
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Graduate Programs
The Department of Political Science offers a Master of Arts degree in political science, a Master of Science degree in fire and emergency management administration, and a PhD in fire and emergency management and administration.

Candidates for the Master of Arts degree in political science complete a foundation of 15 hours of study and devote their remaining hours to specialization in two of the following areas: American politics, comparative politics, and international relations, with further specialization within these areas also possible. The plan is designed to prepare professional political scientists for careers in research and teaching, as well as administrative and policy positions in local, state or national government and international affairs.

For more information, go to our website polsci.okstate.edu (https://polsci.okstate.edu).

Candidates who have significant professional experience in emergency services or have an undergraduate degree in an emergency service or related discipline may opt for the Master of Science in Fire and Emergency Management Administration. The MS in Fire and Emergency Management Administration is a specialized degree designed to provide an educational foundation for those who are currently serving or aspire to serve as managers or administrators in the fire service or emergency management. Candidates specialize in one of two areas: fire service administration or emergency management administration.

Admission Requirements for Master’s Degree Programs
Any student having a bachelor’s degree with an overall 3.00 grade-point average (on a 4.00 scale) may be admitted as a student in full standing. Those with less than an overall 3.00 grade-point average are considered for admission on a probationary basis. All graduate students in the MA program would benefit from completion of an undergraduate statistics class. A GRE, LSAT, or MCAT exam score is required for the MA program.

Additional Admission Requirements for the MS in Fire and Emergency Management Administration degree
In addition to the general requirements outlined above, candidates for the Master of Science degree in fire and emergency management administration must meet one of the following requirements:

1. Have significant practical experience in a fire or emergency service organization.
2. Have a bachelor’s degree in fire or emergency related discipline such as fire protection technology, fire management administration, fire science, emergency management administration; or
3. Not meeting the criteria specified in 1 or 2 above, complete a minimum of 12 hours of undergraduate study in fire protection and/or emergency management. Three of 12 hours must be an internship experience in fire or emergency management.

A complete application for admission to the master’s program must include:

1. A completed Graduate College application submitted with a non-refundable application fee.
2. A copy of undergraduate transcript(s).
3. Two letters of recommendation with at least one from an employer or faculty member familiar with the applicant’s academic abilities.
4. TOEFL results for students for whom English is a second language. Students must have a score above 549 (paper exam) or 79 (internet based test) to be considered for admission.
5. A brief letter indicating interests, career goals, and other information the applicant considers relevant.
Degree Requirements for the MA in Political Science

In addition to the general requirements of the Graduate College, requirements for the Master of Arts degree in political science are listed below.

1. A minimum of 33 credit hours in political science or closely related courses. These include:

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Electives

Select at least nine hours in two of the following subfields:

- American Politics
- Comparative Politics
- International Relations

Select six hour thesis

A minimum of 21 hours of political science graduate seminars (seminars numbered 5000 or above) is required. The student must successfully defend the thesis orally before the faculty committee.

2. Satisfactory completion of comprehensive exams in two of the following areas: American politics, comparative politics, international politics.

3. Minimum 3.00 grade-point average, with only one grade of “C” allowed.

Degree Requirements for the MS in Fire and Emergency Management Administration

In addition to the general requirements of the Graduate College, requirements for the Master of Science degree in fire and emergency management administration are listed below.

1. A minimum of 33 credit hours in political science or closely related courses. Required courses include a 21 hour scope of the field core requirement, a six hour methods requirement, and six hours of electives. Students must complete a three-hour practicum research project or a thesis with a minimum of six hours, Pre-service students are required to take a three-credit hour internship. Students are required to complete a minimum of nine hours on campus in Stillwater, Oklahoma. This can be accomplished during one-week courses offered each summer.

2. Satisfactory completion of a final assessment project.

3. Minimum 3.00 grade-point average, with only one grade of “C” allowed.

Admission Requirements for PhD in Fire and Emergency Management Administration

OSU Graduate College admission requirements include the following: An OSU Graduate College Application, payment of the OSU Graduate Application fee, and transcripts of all previous college level course work including transcripts that verify receipt of an undergraduate and graduate master’s degree.

1. GPA: minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

2. GRE: For both Tracks, scores from the Graduate Record Examination taken within the past 5 years.

3. Professional Experience: For the Fire Track, professional experience in a mid-to senior-level management position in the fire service or related first responder services is preferred, but not required. For the Emergency Management Track, professional experience in emergency management or a related field is preferred but not required.

4. GRE: For both Tracks, scores from the Graduate Record Examination taken within the past two (2) years. A combined GRE score of 1100-1300 on the verbal and quantitative general exam is preferred but not required.

5. English Language Proficiency: For international students, a minimum TOEFL score of 79 (Internet) and 550 (paper) is required.

6. Application must include a current resume, three letters of recommendation, a career goals essay, thesis, and copies of published materials authored by the candidate.

Degree Requirements for the PhD in Fire and Emergency Management Administration

Degree candidates must have completed a master’s degree. In addition, they must complete 45 hours of required common course work that includes 12 hours in a common core, 12 hours of research tools, three hours from an International core, nine hours of electives and 15 hours of dissertation research. An additional nine hours of courses are required in either a fire service administration track or an emergency management administration track. Students are required to complete a minimum of nine hours on campus in Stillwater, Oklahoma. This can be accomplished during one-week courses offered each summer.

Finally, candidates must take oral and written qualifying exams and must successfully defend their dissertation before their dissertation committee. Most courses in the FEMP PhD program are conducted in the department’s state-of-the-art virtual classroom, where both on-site and off-site students participate simultaneously in the same class sessions.

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