

Graduate Political Science Courses

POLS 5086. Problems. 1-3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 1-3 Hours, Lab: 0 Hours).

Conference course. Independent reading, research, discussion, under supervision of senior professor.

POLS 5310. International Environmental Issues. 3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 3 Hours, Lab: 0 Hours).

A seminar on environmental politics and policy on the international level. The focus of this course is upon international environmental policy with particular attention paid to the agreements and treaties made by nations to shape and implement environmental policy, plus a comparative study of how other nations and states address the environment.

POLS 5311. Environmental Law. 3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 3 Hours, Lab: 0 Hours).

Focuses on the role of the American judiciary with respect to environmental policy and law, with particular emphasis on judicial review of environmental legislation and regulations, state-versus-federal environmental matters, and judicial review and interpretation of environmental treaties to which the United States is a party.

POLS 5320. Sustainability Policy. 3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 3 Hours, Lab: 0 Hours).

This class focuses on the world movement towards sustainability, urban sustainability, rural sustainability, and the use of sustainability benchmarks. This class will also focus on rationales for creating sustainability reports, public policy analysis using sustainability reports, and creation of sustainability reports. Credit will only be awarded for one of ENVS 5313, POLS 5320, POLS 6320, and ENVS 6313.

POLS 5330. Public Management. 3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 3 Hours, Lab: 0 Hours).

The practical application of theories of public administration, the study of problems of administrative management in public organizations, and the use of law for administrative decision-making.

POLS 5340. US Public Policy. 3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 3 Hours, Lab: 0 Hours).

This course provides an opportunity to review theory and elements of the development of public policy in the United States and to analyze this process in relation to research interests. A major research project on a specific policy issue is developed over the course of the term. Credit will not be awarded for both POLS 4340 and POLS 5340. Prerequisites: GOVT 2305 and GOVT 2306.

POLS 5360. Political Culture. 3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 3 Hours, Lab: 0 Hours).

The study of political culture as it forms and is formed by public policy. Examples may include the culture of environmental policy, bureaucratic policy, foreign policy, and others. Credit will not be awarded for both POLS 5360 and POLS 6360.

POLS 5361. Politics of Education. 3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 3 Hours, Lab: 0 Hours).

The study of the relationship between politics and education in America including K-12 and post-secondary systems.

POLS 5362. Environmental Policy. 3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 3 Hours, Lab: 0 Hours).

The study of the politics of the natural environment with emphasis on the role of government in environmental protection.

POLS 5385. Political Science Seminar. 3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 3 Hours, Lab: 0 Hours).

Contents vary according to the needs and desires of students. Independent reading, research, discussion, and writing under personal direction of instructor. May be repeated once for credit when topic varies.

POLS 5388. Thesis. 3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 3 Hours, Lab: 0 Hours).

Scheduled when student is ready to begin thesis. No credit until thesis is accepted.

POLS 5399. Practicum, Field Problem, or Internship. 3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 3 Hours, Lab: 0 Hours).

Supervised professional activities in school administration, counseling, supervision, college or public school teaching, or other public service professions. Major emphasis is placed on the student's involvement in successful practices in the area of professional interest. May be repeated once for credit. Field experience fee \$50.