

# POLITICAL SCIENCE (POL) - ROCK COUNTY

## Courses

### **POL 101 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS 3 Units**

What is the ideal form of government and society? A survey and analysis of ideas related to citizenship in the community, the nation and the world, with emphasis on competing political values and ideologies and civic engagement.

### **POL 104 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS 3 Units**

Analysis of the decision-making structure and processes of American national government, including the role of parties, interest groups, and the value preferences within American society which affect the formation of public policy.

### **POL 160 COMPARATIVE POLITICS 3 Units**

Studies a select set of important states (countries) with different political, economic, and cultural characteristics. Compares economic, social and political issues and policy choices, in addition to governance. Recommended for Business, Journalism, Education, and Political Science majors

### **POL 175 INTERNATIONAL POLITICS 3 Units**

Global theories, institutions, issues and debates in international politics since the end of the Cold War, including terrorism, cultural, environmental, religious conflict and changing power relations. The course looks at the impact of social, economic and technological changes and the evolution of the state system internationally. Cooperative problem-solving and peace-making.

### **POL 201 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY 3 Units**

What is the ideal in politics & government? A Surv. & analysis of ideas relating to political systems & values.

### **POL 231 SEX, POWER AND PUBLIC POLICY 3 Units**

Examination of controversial issues of gender that affect equality and power. Includes women's movement and the search for equality, justice and freedom. Examines political and judicial policies that exemplify success and failure.

### **POL 235 POLITICS OF RACE AND ETHNICITY IN AMERICA 3 Units**

Examination of the struggle between and among ethnic, racial and language groups in American politics.

### **POL 275 INTERMEDIATE INTERNATIONAL POLITICS 3 Units**

This course examines major issues, debates, and theories in world politics today, and tries to examine the reasons for tension, arm conflict, and cooperation between and among states. It explores the role of nonstate actors and power relations in the international system. It includes topics in foreign policy, international political economy, globalization and the environment, and human right issues.

### **POL 280 TERRORISM 3 Units**

Terrorism, both current & historic, will be analyzed in its development, logic & impact. Includes controversies over security & liberty, intelligence & forewarning, & deals with political, philosophic & religious aspects. A major feature is analysis of alternative responses to terrorism, & local coping strategies (disaster Mgmt.).

### **POL 285 POLITICS OF WORLD INEQUALITY AND DEVELOPMENT 3 Units**

Why are some countries rich & others poor? Major theories & history of economic development. The role of the state in diverse economies. Effect of the global trade system, democracy, quality of life, & the Env.. Examines human rights, experiences of indigenous people, gender, & the role of militarism

### **POL 294 INTERNSHIP IN POLITICAL SCIENCE Repeatable 1-3 Units**

An individually arranged internship or service-learning Proj. that partners students with elected officials, political parties, governmental & non-governmental agencies, & other political institutions for students to gain practical experience related to politics, government, & political Sci. education. The internship is intended for advanced students with prior Political Sci. coursework. Students will work under the supervision of a faculty member & receive credit based on hours employed & completion of a final report summarizing how their experiences reflect classroom learning & how they will apply their experience in future work. Repeatable for a maximum of six credits.

PREREQ: CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR

### **POL 298 SPECIAL TOPICS Repeatable 1-3 Units**

A course for topics which would be appropriate for freshmen & sophomores. Topic & number of credits will be announced in the timetable

### **POL 299 INDEPENDENT READING Repeatable 1-3 Units**

Surv. of Lit. in a particular subject, possibly concluding with a research Proj. supervised by the instructor. Subject & specific requirements determined by instructor/student agreement.

PREREQ: CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR

### **POL 385 POLITICS OF WORLD INEQUALITY AND DEVELOPMENT 3 Units**

Why are some countries rich and others poor? Major theories and history of economic development. The role of the state in diverse economies. Effects of the global trade system and international financial institutions on economic growth, democracy, quality of life, and the environment. Examines human rights, experiences of indigenous people, gender, and the role of militarism. Recommended POL 175 (International Politics) or POL 160 (Comparative Politics) or POL 104 (American Government and Politics).

PREREQ: JUNIOR STANDING OR CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR

### **POL 430 GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS 3 Units**

Global environmental problems (GEP), from ozone depletion to population policy to biodiversity and climate change, have become pressing political concerns in a globalizing economy. This course examines the different sorts of politics, actors, processes, tools, and specific issues that have emerged in the arena of global environmental politics examining the various actors and issues who affect and are affected by international environmental politics.