

Political Science

POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR

(This minor is also available via the Division of Distance Education. See Philosophy, Politics and Economics)

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The goal for study in political science is to maximize students' capacity to analyze and interpret the significance and dynamics of political events and governmental processes. The purpose is not simply to arouse curiosity, purvey factual information, or reveal the significance of political events and issues. Instead, study in political science is intended to equip students for managing the effects of politics on themselves and society, while equipping them with the tools to evaluate and shape future political action. Political Science should prepare politically interested and concerned students to deal with their political world after graduation, in ways appropriate to their individual inclinations as actively engaged citizens in our democratic society.

Courses in political science are an integral facet of a well-rounded liberal arts education and valuable to students from all academic disciplines. Students are encouraged to connect and apply their knowledge and skills to real-life political situations in off-campus settings during their time at Eastern. Political Science is an integral component of several programs at EOU, including (1) major in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, along with pre-approved Liberal Studies programs in (2) Small City and Rural County Management and (3) Environmental Studies.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students who complete a minor in Political Science should be able to:

- Discuss different theories, concepts, methods, and analytical approaches employed by the discipline of political science.
- Identify problems of normative inquiry as well as those of empirical analysis, and learn to combine the two appropriately in the analysis of the political ideas, values, and assumptions underlying public policy conflicts.
- Identify and discuss the problems of diversity faced by different peoples in different nations (including the students' own), with the interrelated nature of the world's political, economics, and social problems.
- Read, comprehend and evaluate contemporary political analysis via the ability to recognize,

research, defend or attach hypotheses and arguments through oral and written communication.

- Apply contextual knowledge and skills to the public policy process and "real-life" political situations via the opportunity to observe and participate as an informed citizen in a variety of off-campus settings.

MEANS OF ASSESSMENT

Political Science students are evaluated in a variety of ways across the curriculum. Evaluation modes and strategies attempt to measure program learning outcomes. Objective exams measure student mastery of the concepts, critical thinking and logic skills underlying the study of political science. Writing in a variety of formats including policy memoranda, short essay examinations, critical reading summaries, and research papers of varying length hone the student's abilities in communication, persuasion, and critical thinking. Role-playing exercises and group processes improve the student's ability to work in collaborative situations. Students are encouraged to self-assess their own learning as well as develop an understanding of the evaluative strategies utilized by faculty members.

OTHER PROGRAMS

The degrees that are available with an emphasis in Political Science are B.A. or B.S. in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics or a B.A. or B.S. in Liberal Studies.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The taxing, spending and regulatory decisions of government affect the activities of virtually every profession, from the fine arts to the hard sciences. Therefore, a minor in Political Science is a valuable complement to any major.

A minor will consist of the following:

- A. A minimum of 30 credit hours in Political Science, 20 of which must be graded.
- B. At least 15 upper division credit hours in Political Science.
- C. A "C-" or better in all courses counted toward the minor.
- D. A 2.00 or better GPA in all Political Science courses.

E. A minimum of ten credits applied toward the minor must be completed at EOU.

POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

POLS 101 - American Nat Gov*S/HB Credits: 5.00 Gen Ed-Social Science

New Gen Ed-Human Behavior

An overview of the historical foundations of our democratic system of government, appraisal of key political institutions and actors, with the intent of promoting informed and active citizenry by students.

POLS 110 - Selected Topics Credits: 1.00 to 6.00

An in-depth presentation of a topic of interest. Topics will vary from year to year depending on the interests and availability of faculty.

POLS 200 - Comparat Politic*S Credits: 5.00 Gen Ed-Social Science

A comparative study of political culture, institutions, and processes in a selected group of countries.

POLS 210 - POLS 210 Credits: 1.00 to 6.00

An in-depth presentation of a topic of interest. Topics will vary from year to year depending on the interests and availability of faculty.

POLS 221 - International Relations*S/HB Credits: 5.00 Gen Ed-Social Science

New Gen Ed-Human Behavior

An examination of the primary issues confronting the international system, including the environment, nationalism, transition to democracy and human rights, along with attempts to regulate political, economic, social and military conflict.

POLS 310 - Selected Topics Credits: 1.00 to 6.00

An in-depth presentation of a topic of interest. Topics will vary from year to year depending on the interests and availability of faculty. Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor.

Restrictions: May not be enrolled in one of the following Class(es): Freshman

POLS 314 - State & Local Govt Credits: 5.00

This course evaluates the structural factors, actors, political economy and primary policy challenges confronting state and local government in the United States. Prerequisite: Any lower division Political Science course.

POLS 320 - The Presidency Credits: 5.00

(Writing Intensive) An evaluation of the primary sources of presidential power, including electoral politics, the presidency, media relations, along with an appraisal of the role of symbolic and political leadership in democratic societies. Prerequisite: Any lower division Political Science course

POLS 340 - Politics and Media*CO Credits: 5.00 New Gen Ed-Communication

An analysis of the political economy of the mass media, its role in the American electoral system, and the impact of new and emerging forces (Internet, e.g.) on democracy.

Restrictions: May not be enrolled in one of the following Class(es): Freshman

POLS 350 - Public Policy*S/HB Credits: 5.00 Gen Ed-Social Science

New Gen Ed-Human Behavior

(Writing Intensive) An evaluation of the American political system by following individual programs through their origins, design and formation, and implementation. Prerequisite: Any lower division Political Science course. Cross listed with ECON 350

POLS 351 - Public Admin*S Credits: 5.00 Gen Ed-Social Science

An investigation of the role of public management in the political process; including the social and political environment of public administration and issues of organizational behavior, efficiency, responsiveness, and ethics. Prerequisite: Any lower division Political Science course

Restrictions: May not be enrolled in one of the following Class(es): Freshman

POLS 381 - Law & Politics Credits: 3.00

(Writing Intensive) A study of the role of law, courts, and lawyers in American society with attention to the decision processes and political impact of the United States Supreme Court. Prerequisite: Any lower division Political Science course

POLS 382 - Constitutional Law Credits: 5.00

A survey of the principles of Constitutional Law, focusing on the guarantees of Federalism and Separation of Powers. Appraisal of case management tools (standing, ripeness, mootness) utilized by the court. Assessment of the judicial politics underlying constitutional development.

Restrictions: May not be enrolled in one of the following Class(es): Freshman

POLS 383 - Civil Liberties Credits: 5.00

An appraisal of substantive due process and its impact on social issues (abortion, gender), along with an evaluation of the Supreme Court's treatment of freedom of expression and the impact of the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause on our diverse 'melting pot' society.

Restrictions: May not be enrolled in one of the following Class(es): Freshman

POLS 402 - Selected Topics Credits: 1.00 to 5.00

This course is recommended for advanced students wishing to gain in depth knowledge of a particular subject.

Restrictions: May not be enrolled in one of the following Class(es): Freshman, Sophomore

POLS 407 - Seminar Credits: 5.00

Capstone

Restrictions: May not be enrolled in one of the following Class(es): Freshman, Sophomore

POLS 409 - Field Placement Credits: 1.00 to 15.00

Designed to offer the student an opportunity to explore career areas and to extend the educational experience beyond the classroom.

Restrictions: May not be enrolled in one of the following Class(es): Freshman, Sophomore

POLS 410 - Selected Topics Credits: 1.00 to 5.00 (Writing Intensive)

Topics will vary, but may include theory, law, behavior and conflict regulation, and regional studies. Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor.

Restrictions: May not be enrolled in one of the following Class(es): Freshman, Sophomore

POLS 420 - Sports Policy Credits: 5.00

This course examines the relationship between the realms of sports, politics and economics. There are four primary substantive foci for the course including: (1) An examination of sport as an agent of social change with regard to issues of racism and gender discrimination; (2) The impact of sport on contemporary society via the mass media; (3) Globalization's impact on sport; (4) The impact of intercollegiate sports on higher education values.

Restrictions: May not be enrolled in one of the following Class(es): Freshman, Sophomore

POLS 440 - Political Theory/Philosophy Credits: 5.00

Political theory, is a topic oriented examination of an issue, major thinker, or historical period in western political theory from Plato to Locke, a historical and conceptual investigation of the social contract, and

an examination of contemporary theories of justice focusing on the work of John Rawls. (Cross-Listed: PHIL 440)

Restrictions: May not be enrolled in one of the following Class(es): Freshman, Sophomore

POLS 477 - Gambling Policy Credits: 5.00

Overview of theoretical explanations of the public policy process, and their applicability to the study of gambling. Analysis of the role of state lotteries within public finance. Survey of emerging gambling types (Indian gaming, Casino gambling, Internet).

Restrictions: May not be enrolled in one of the following Class(es): Freshman, Sophomore

POLS 480 - Political Sci Ed Credits: 1.00 to 3.00

Designed to provide an overview of the discipline of Political Science for those intending to teach it as a primary and secondary school subject. This course is a supplement for education majors who already have substantial course work in political science.

Restrictions: May not be enrolled in one of the following Class(es): Freshman, Sophomore

POLS 710 - Selected Topics Credits: 1.00 to 5.00

A graduate-level seminar course for teachers dealing with special topics in political science education.

Restrictions: May not be enrolled in one of the following Level(s): Denied Adm Undergraduate, Non-Admitted Undergraduate, Undergraduate. Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(es): Graduate, Non-Admitted Graduate, Post-Baccalaureate

POLS 808 - Pol Sci Ed Wkshp Credits: 1.00 to 5.00

Restrictions: May not be enrolled in one of the following Level(s): Denied Adm Undergraduate, Non-Admitted Undergraduate, Undergraduate. Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(es): Graduate, Non-Admitted Graduate, Post-Baccalaureate

Eastern Oregon University

Pre-Professional and Transfer Programs

Depending upon the academic area, the School of Arts & Sciences offers either one or two years of course work, paralleling requirements of universities from which degrees in those areas are offered.

Upon completion of pre-professional course-work at EOU, students may then transfer to institutions offering the full program for degree completion.

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FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

EOU offers two years of transferable course work in the area of Fisheries and Wildlife with most students then transferring to Oregon State University or another university offering the full degree program. Students interested in pursuing the Fish and Game Management option, however, should transfer after one year at EOU.