

# POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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## POLITICS MAJOR

11 courses distributed as follows:

- POLI 100 *Issues in Politics*
- MATH 215 *Statistical Analysis*
- POLI 400 *Research Methods*
- POLI 497 *Senior Research Seminar*
- 2 Political Theory courses from:
  - POLI 240 *Western Political Thought*
  - POLI 245 *American Political Thought*
  - POLI 300 *Feminist Political Thought*
  - POLI 410 *Topics in Political Theory*
  - HIST 370 *Communism, Fascism, and Democracy*
  - PHIL 285 *Ancient Philosophy*
  - PHIL 360 *Social and Political Philosophy*
- 2 American Politics courses from:
  - POLI 130 *American State and Local Government*
  - POLI 205 *Southern Politics*
  - POLI 220 *American Political Parties and Elections*
  - POLI 230 *Public Administration*
  - POLI 235 *Public Policy*
  - POLI 281 *U.S. Foreign Policy*
  - POLI 305 *Arkansas Politics: Seminar*
  - POLI 306 *Arkansas Politics: Practicum*
  - POLI 310 *American Presidency*
  - POLI 321 *American Constitutional Law: The Federal System*
  - POLI 322 *American Constitutional Law: Individual Rights and Liberties*
  - POLI 340 *U.S. Congress*

- POLI 365 *Topics in Public Policy*
- POLI 380 *Gender, Sexuality, and American Politics*
- POLI 390 *Race and American Politics*
- POLI 420 *Topics in American Politics*
- 2 Comparative Politics/International Relations courses from:
  - POLI 250 *History of the International System*
  - POLI 251 *Theories of International Relations*
  - POLI 260 *Political Economy*
  - POLI 282 *Comparative Foreign Policy*
  - POLI 325 *International Law and Organizations*
  - POLI 326 *International Human Rights*
  - POLI 353 *Conflict Management and Resolution*
  - POLI 371 *Latin America*
  - POLI 372 *China and East Asia*
  - POLI 373 *Palestine, Israel, and the Middle East*
  - POLI 430 *Topics in Comparative Politics*
  - POLI 440 *Topics in International Relations*
- Elective: One additional course numbered 200 and above including POLI 283.

## POLITICS MINOR

6 courses distributed as follows:

- POLI 100 *Issues in Politics*
- one course each from the Political Theory, American Politics, and Comparative/International Relations subfields as described above
- two additional courses in Politics numbered 200 and above excepting POLI 283.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MAJOR

12 courses distributed as follows:

- 3 Foundations courses from:
  - POLI 100 *Issues in Politics*
  - POLI 250 *History of the International System*
  - POLI 251 *Theories of International Relations*
- 1 Economics course from:
  - POLI 260 *Political Economy*
  - ECON 360 *International Economics*
- 1 Comparative/Regional Studies course from:

- HIST 170 *Contemporary Europe*
- HIST 222 *England Since 1688*
- HIST 242 *China since the Ming Dynasty*
- HIST 243 *Modern Middle East*
- HIST 252 *History of East Africa*
- HIST 280 *Contemporary Africa*
- HIST 333 *Russia Since 1917*
- POLI 371 *Latin America*
- POLI 372 *China and East Asia*
- POLI 373 *Palestine, Israel and the Middle East*
- 1 Institutions and Governance course from:
  - HIST 334 *Comparative Genocides*
  - POLI 325 *International Law and Organizations*
  - POLI 326 *International Human Rights*
  - POLI 353 *Conflict Management and Resolution*
- 1 Foreign Policy course from:
  - POLI 281 *U.S. Foreign Policy*
  - POLI 282 *Comparative Foreign Policy*
- 3 Research Methods/Capstone courses from:
  - MATH 215 *Statistical Analysis*
  - POLI 400 *Methods in Political Analysis*
  - POLI 497 *Senior Research Seminar*
- 2 additional courses from the above lists and including POLI 240, POLI 283 and others approved by the department upon petition.

#### Study Abroad Requirement

All international majors must complete at least one study abroad experience that earns at least one Hendrix course credit. Students must seek approval from the department before completing this requirement. With approval by the department, this study abroad credit may substitute for one of the required courses listed above.

Majors in International Relations are strongly recommended to acquire as much proficiency as possible in a modern foreign language.

### SENIOR CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE

The Senior Capstone Experience for both the politics and international relations majors consists of the successful completion of POLI 497 *Senior Research Seminar*. The grade for the Senior Capstone Experience is based on the grade in POLI 497 *Senior Research Seminar*.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MINOR

7 courses distributed as follows:

- 2 International Relations courses from:
  - POLI 250 *History of the International System*
  - POLI 251 *Theories of International Relations*
- 1 Economics course from:
  - POLI 260 *Political Economy*
  - ECON 360 *International Economics*
- 1 Comparative/Regional Studies course from:
  - HIST 170 *Contemporary Europe*
  - HIST 222 *England Since 1688*
  - HIST 242 *China since the Ming Dynasty*
  - HIST 243 *Modern Middle East*
  - HIST 244 *Modern China*
  - HIST 252 *History of East Africa*
  - HIST 280 *Contemporary Africa*
  - HIST 333 *Russia Since 1917*
  - POLI 371 *Latin America*
  - POLI 372 *China and East Asia*
  - POLI 373 *Palestine, Israel and the Middle East*
- 1 Institutions and Governance course from:
  - HIST 334 *Comparative Genocides*
  - POLI 325 *International Law and Organizations*
  - POLI 326 *International Human Rights*
  - POLI 353 *Conflict Management and Resolution*
- 1 Foreign Policy course from:
  - POLI 281 *U.S. Foreign Policy*
  - POLI 282 *Comparative Foreign Policy*
- 1 additional course from the above lists or as approved by the department. POLI 283 cannot count towards the International Relations Minor.

A student majoring in either Politics or International Relations cannot also major or minor in the other discipline.

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## GENERAL TOPICS COURSES

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### POLI 100 *Issues in Politics* (SB)

This course is designed to introduce students to the variety of ways that political phenomena can be studied systematically. The faculty member will select a topic as the focus of the course that will then be examined through the lens of the primary subfields the department covers: political theory, American politics, comparative politics, and international relations. Finally, students will gain an introduction to the process of social science research as they participate in a research project related to the topic of the course. Students will receive early exposure to the full scope of the politics discipline as well as begin the process of preparing themselves for research in politics. *Specific content may vary by course section subtitles but all sections repeat core concepts. Only once section may be counted for course credit.*

### POLI 283 *Model United Nations* (SB) [PL]

This course prepares students to participate in a Model United Nations simulation toward the end of the semester in which it is offered. Students will learn about the United Nations system, the politics of international diplomacy, rules of procedure, how to draft and revise resolutions, caucus, and research, prepare and present internal and public Position Papers. The course is required for students wishing to attend the Model UN simulation for Hendrix College. This course can count in the politics major as an elective only, and in the international relations major as an additional course only; it cannot count for either the politics minor or the international relations minor.

### POLI 400 *Research Methods* (SB)

This course examines the methods by which political scientists attempt to better understand political phenomena, with a focus on quantitative methodologies.

### POLI 497 *Senior Research Seminar* (SB, W2) [UR]

This seminar course during the senior year is centered around students' independent research projects in the discipline. Departmental faculty and other seniors will give input and critiques as a student completes a significant piece of original research, with a view to formally presenting it at a research conference, e.g., at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research or at a professional political science meeting. *Prerequisite: POLI 400.*

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### POLITICAL THEORY COURSES

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#### POLI 240-T *Western Political Thought* (VA)

A selective survey from ancient times to the 21st century of the political thought of seminal political thinkers in the Western tradition. Selected thinkers may include, for instance, Plato, Aristotle, Aquinas, Rousseau, Locke, Mill, Marx, Arendt, Foucault, Nietzsche, Rawls, and Habermas. See instructor for definitive selection in any given year.

#### POLI 245-T *American Political Thought* (VA, W2)

A variety of works will be examined to learn how influential American thinkers have conceptualized political ideas and how their views on the proper organization of American society have changed over time. Particular attention will be paid to the development of the concepts of democracy and equality and to political protest movements in the U. S.

#### POLI 300-T *Feminist Political Thought* (CW, VA)

An upper level course examining works of political thought that focus on the role of gender in the social and political arenas.

#### POLI 410-T *Topics in Political Theory* (VA, W2)

This course will include an in-depth treatment of a selected list of issues from the history of political thought and the relevant thought of seminal political thinkers. Issues and theorists might include democratic theory, cyberpolitics, Hannah Arendt, Manuel Castells, Marxism, Postmodernism, the State. *Prerequisite: None.*

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### AMERICAN POLITICS COURSES

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#### POLI 130-A *American State and Local Government* (SB)

An introductory examination of American state and local government and politics, with an emphasis on the study of particular public policy areas in the state and local arena.

#### POLI 205-A *Southern Politics* (SB)

A study of the political history and contemporary political characteristics of this distinctive region of the U. S. Topics covered will include the demographic changes that have altered the region's political culture, the persistent impact of race on the South's politics, and the changing role of the region in national politics.

**POLI 220-A *American Political Parties and Elections* (SB)**

An examination of the role and activities of voters, political parties, and the media on the electoral process in the United States.

**POLI 230-A *Public Administration* (SB)**

This course examines some of the key issues confronted by a society that has become dependent upon bureaucracy to a substantial degree. As such, we will examine personnel, organization, budgeting, leadership, and privatization.

**POLI 235-A *Public Policy* (CW, SB)**

An introduction to the process of formulating, implementing, and evaluating public policy in the United States with particular attention to policy devoted to education, health care, and environmental policies.

**POLI 281-A *U.S. Foreign Policy* (CW, HP, SB, W2)**

The tension between American isolationism and engagement in the affairs of the world has been a constant theme in the history of U.S. foreign policy. With reference to a number of significant cases, this course examines American national identity and its outward projection through periods of isolation, engagement, leadership, and exceptionalism/exemptionalism. The course will examine the history of U.S. foreign policy with specific emphasis on the 20th century, and especially the roles of the executive and congressional branches of government in the making of foreign policy.

**POLI 305-A *Arkansas Politics: Seminar* (SB)**

A seminar course focusing on political history, contemporary political patterns, governmental structures, and key public policy debates in the state of Arkansas. Actors in the state's politics and government will provide their perspective to the students both on these issues, during the intensity of a session of the Arkansas General Assembly, and on their vocational choices. *Corequisite: Must be taken in conjunction with POLI 306 Arkansas Politics: Practicum.*

**POLI 306-A *Arkansas Politics: Practicum* (SB) [PL]**

An off-campus learning experience in which students have ongoing duties with an entity directly involved in the legislative process in Arkansas (an individual legislator, a political party caucus, an interest group, a media outlet, etc.) during a regular session of the Arkansas General Assembly. *Corequisite: Must be taken in conjunction with POLI 305 Arkansas Politics: Seminar.*

**POLI 310-A *American Presidency* (SB)**

An upper level course examining the origins and development of the American presidency, as well as the challenges faced by more recent officeholders.

**POLI 321-A *American Constitutional Law: The Federal System***

This course considers the contemporary state of constitutional doctrine after 200 years of judicial decisions. Emphasis is placed on theories of constitutional interpretation and on the development of case law in the realms of federalism, the regulatory power of Congress, and the separation of powers among the three federal branches of government.

**POLI 322-A *American Constitutional Law: Individual Rights and Liberties***

A continuation of POLI 321, with emphasis on those decisions concerned with the rights of individuals in such areas as speech, press, religion, privacy, and equal protection of the law. *Prerequisites: None, but POLI 321 highly recommended.*

**POLI 340-A *U.S. Congress* (SB, W2)**

An upper level course analyzing the Congress as an institution and its attempt to perform two fundamentally contradictory functions: legislating and representing.

**POLI 365-A *Topics in Public Policy* (SB, CW)**

The evolution, form, and substance of international, federal, state and local policies and programs that address challenges within a public policy arena, focusing on the nature of problems, public responses and alternatives for effective resolution. Students will gain an understanding of the evolution of public policy and management; the policy process; organizational structure and function within the U.S. federal system of government; the role of various interests within the public arena; and alternatives for addressing current and future problems. Policy arena may change from year to year, and may include environmental policy and management; technological innovation and sustainable development, etc.

**POLI 380-A *Gender, Sexuality, and American Politics* (CW, W2)**

An upper-level seminar course focusing on the impacts of gender and sexuality on politics in the American context. A focus will be on the histories of the women's rights and gay rights movements, examining their similarities and differences.



**POLI 390-A *Race and American Politics* (CW, HP)**

An upper-level seminar course focusing on the persistent, yet changing, impact of race on American politics since the Reconstruction era. The course will focus on the interaction between race and electoral politics and the contemporary role of race in shaping American public policy in a variety of realms.

**POLI 420-A *Topics in American Politics* (SB, W2)**

A seminar course focusing on a particular topic in the field of American politics or public law of interest to faculty and students in the department.

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## COMPARATIVE POLITICS/INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COURSES

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**POLI 250-G *History of the International System* (HP, SB)**

An introductory survey of the emergence and development of international society from the mid-17th century to the present. The course will primarily focus on the development of the concepts and practices of sovereignty, customary international law, diplomacy, the Great Powers, and modern international institutions of the present day. Part of a two-course sequence required for Majors in International Relations.

**POLI 251-G *Theories of International Relations* (CW, SB)**

An introductory survey of the diverse theoretical approaches to the study of International Relations. Approaches will include realism, liberalism, idealism, Marxism, critical theory, postmodernism, constructivism, feminism, environmentalism and evolutionary theory. Part of a two-course sequence required for Majors in International Relations.

**POLI 260-G *Political Economy* (CW, SB, W2)**

Combining the history of the development of political economy globally with an in-depth analysis of contemporary developments and future prognostications, this course aims to arm students of politics with an understanding of how economics intersects with the political world, broadly defined. While the course focuses on politics and economics, it necessarily branches out to touch many other disciplines, from history and religion to sociology and business. The course is relevant for students of both American and global politics. *Prerequisites: None.*

**POLI 282-G *Comparative Foreign Policy* (CW, SB, W2)**

An examination of the foreign policy worldviews, strategies, and decision-making systems of a select number of nation-states representing the diversity extant in the contemporary world system. They will be compared with the United States with a view to thinking about how to make foreign policy as effective as possible.

**POLI 325-G *International Law and Organizations* (CW, HP, SB, W2)**

Even in the absence of global government, there is still governance. This course will explore how nation-states interact within a system of law and institutions developed to promote cooperation, avoid armed conflict, and regulate conflict when it does occur. An overarching frame of the course is how the practices of national sovereignty and international cooperation mutually constitute one another. Through close examination of specific cases, the course will explore competing schools of thought in international law; the history of the development of international legal norms and institutions; customary vs. conventional (or treaty) law; the role of the United Nations, and institutional issue regimes, such as arms control and non-proliferation, development, and humanitarian and human rights law. *Prerequisite: POLI 250 or 251, or consent of instructor.*

**POLI 326-G *International Human Rights* (CW, SB, VA, W2)**

This course will look closely at the development of the human rights idea in theory, history and practice. The course will look closely at competing theories of human rights, the development of international and regional human rights institutions especially in the 20th century, the influence of non-governmental organizations in the promotion and protection of human rights, the expansion of human rights protections to diverse populations, and emerging human rights approaches to solving a number of pressing global problems. *Prerequisite: POLI 250 or 251, or consent of instructor.*

**POLI 353-G *Conflict Management and Resolution* (CW, SB, VA, W2)**

This course will look closely at the institutions and processes through which societies, countries, regional organizations, and the international community deal with managing and resolving armed and unarmed conflicts, and confront post-conflict challenges. By examining specific cases in-depth, topics will include: peacekeeping operations; humanitarian relief operations; the extent and limits of diplomacy, mediation and negotiation; post-conflict nation-building; and the delicate balance between demands for post-conflict justice vs. reconciliation. *Prerequisite: POLI 250 or 251, or consent of instructor.*

**POLI 371-G *Latin America* (CW, SB, W2)**

An overview of contemporary Latin American politics with in-depth examination of the policies of two or three specific countries. Relations between the United States, the Latin American region as a whole, and specific countries in the region will receive significant attention.

**POLI 372-G *China and East Asia* (CW, SB, W2)**

This course will focus primarily on Chinese politics but will also include consideration of the politics of other selected countries in Asia as well as regional issues. *Prerequisite: None, but POLI 260 or an Economics course is highly recommended.*

**POLI 373-G *Palestine, Israel, and the Middle East* (SB, CW, W2)**

This course will focus primarily on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict but will also include consideration of the politics of other selected Mid-East countries as well as regional issues. *Prerequisite: None, but POLI 260 or an Economics course is highly recommended.*

**POLI 430-G *Topics in Comparative Politics* (SB, CW, W2)**

An occasional course that will examine the politics of selected countries around the world not usually treated in either POLI 372 or 373, e.g., the European Union, Cuba, South Africa. *Prerequisite: None, but POLI 260 or an Economics course is highly recommended.*

**POLI 440-G *Topics in International Relations* (CW, SB, W2)**

Building on POLI 250, 251, and 260, this occasional course will explore in more depth issues already treated in these courses or address new ones that relate to them. Possible topics might include Technology and Politics, Revolution, Kosovo, Information Age Warfare, Peace and Conflict Resolution. *Prerequisite: Either POLI 250, 251 or 260, or consent of instructor.*

