POL—POLITICAL SCIENCE

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
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POL U100 Political Science at Northeastern 1 SH
Introduces first-year political science majors to the discipline, the department, and the University as a whole; familiarizes students with the skills needed for success as a university student.

POL U140 Exploring Politics and Political Science 4 SH
Introduces students to basic concepts and principles in politics and political science. Combines a study of contemporary political events with appropriate readings that provide a conceptual and theoretical context for understanding the political world.

POL U150 American Government 4 SH
Analyzes the functions of the systems of government and politics in the United States. Includes the philosophical origins and design of the Constitution, public opinion, political behavior and participation, parties and interest groups, and formal governmental institutions. Coreq. POL U151.

POL U151 Recitation for POL U150 0 SH
Provides small-group discussion format to cover material in POL U150. Coreq. POL U150.

POL U155 Comparative Politics 4 SH
Presents a comparative study of political organization and behavior in a range of countries beyond the United States. Topics include political culture, political economy, governing institutions, leadership, and political participation. Coreq. POL U156.

POL U156 Recitation for POL U155 0 SH
Provides small-group discussion format to cover material in POL U155. Coreq. POL U155.

POL U160 International Relations 4 SH
Examines major issues in the international system. Covers topics of international trade and monetary affairs; war, weapons of mass destruction, and disarmament; and international law and organizations, human rights, international and regional integration, and the impact of technology on the functioning of the international system. Coreq. POL U161.

POL U161 Recitation for POL U160 0 SH
Provides small-group discussion format to cover material in POL U160. Coreq. POL U160.

POL U300 The U.S. Congress 4 SH
Explores the structures, dynamics, and styles inherent in public policymaking within the U.S. Congress. Focuses on elections; representations of constituents' interests; the roles that participants play: the president, interest groups, and others; and how all of this is affected by the structure of Congress and the process embedded in the legislative body. Prereq. POL U150.

POL U302 Judicial Process and Behavior 4 SH
Examines the nature of the judiciary in the United States. Focuses on courts and various aspects of the judicial process, including judicial selection, judicial decision making, the impact of judicial decisions on society, and public opinion of courts. After exploring from various methodological perspectives, how and why courts behave as they do, the course turns its attention to questions about the role of courts in U.S. politics. Prereq. POL U150; POL U400 recommended.

POL U305 The American Presidency 4 SH
Examines the presidential electoral process and the constitutional and extra-constitutional powers of the U.S. President. Studies the presidential leadership styles and analyzes the relationship between the executive branch and Congress, the Supreme Court, the bureaucracy, and the media. Prereq. POL U150.

POL U307 Public Policy and Administration 4 SH
Analyzes the structure of and dynamics inherent in public policymaking and public administration in the United States. Introduces such concepts as problem definition, agenda development, policy formation, program implementation, and policy evaluation. Covers key issues in public administration including budgeting, personnel, and organizational design. Prereq. POL U150.

POL U310 Parties and Elections 4 SH
Analyzes political parties and the American system of elections. Focuses on structural and constitutional biases, the organizational aspects of the parties, mass voting behavior, the impact of elections on public policymaking, and national and state historical trends. Prereq. POL U150.

POL U315 Interest Groups and Public Policy 4 SH
Examines the roles of organized interests in American public policymaking. Examines why groups are formed, how they work, why they succeed or fail, and what cumulative impacts groups have on policy. Spans a variety of groups, from the traditional economic interests to social movements, public interest organizations, and professional lobbyists. Prereq. POL U150.
POL U320 Politics and Mass Media  4 SH  Analyzes several facets of the mass media: the role of newspapers, radio, television, and the Internet in public opinion formation; their use and effectiveness in political campaigns; their objectivity and/or bias in reporting the news; and their impact on public policymaking. Prereq. POL U150.

POL U322 Political Behavior  4 SH  Examines selected topics in political science from a political behavior perspective. Focuses on political attitude formation and change, ideology, public opinion and voting behavior, political campaigning, political violence, and empirical democracy theory. Prereq. POL U150.

POL U324 Law and Society  4 SH  Examines the sociological understanding of legal phenomena. Places special emphasis on the role of the law in cultural and social conflicts in American society. Prereq. 64 SH toward degree or junior or senior standing.

POL U326 Premodern Political Thought  4 SH  Presents an analytical and historical examination of the great political thinkers and the main trends of political thought from classical Greece to the Renaissance. Prereq. 64 SH toward degree or junior or senior standing.

POL U328 Modern Political Thought  4 SH  Presents an analytical and historical examination of the great political thinkers and the main trends in political thought from the Renaissance to the twentieth century. Prereq. 64 SH toward degree or junior or senior standing.

POL U330 American Political Thought  4 SH  Analyzes the main streams in American political thought including liberalism, neoliberalism, conservativism, and nationalism. Examines the historic roots of each viewpoint and their impact on American politics. Explores the ongoing interaction of political thought and the political process in contemporary American society. Prereq. POL U150 is recommended; 64 SH toward degree or junior or senior standing.

POL U332 Contemporary Political Thought  4 SH  Analyzes current ideals, ideologies, ethics, and political values including, but not limited to, issues of economic and social power; competing views on ethnic, racial, and sexual identity; and animal rights. Prereq. 64 SH toward degree or junior or senior standing.

POL U334 Bureaucracy and Government Organizations  4 SH  Examines the general principles underlying the structures, processes, and operation of public organizations. Examines the role of bureaucracies within the larger political system as well as how public agencies develop and change over time. Prereq. POL U150.

POL U335 Budgeting and Taxation  4 SH  Focuses on the politics of budgeting and taxation in the United States, with a particular emphasis on the federal government. Analyzes budgetary processes, participants, and outcomes as well as policy reforms. State, local, and comparative budgeting are also discussed. Prereq. POL U150.

POL U340 Business and Government  4 SH  Surveys the relationship between economics and politics in the United States. Considers the role of government in a market economy including the efforts to manage economic growth, prevent monopoly, promote social welfare, and balance the power of business with the demands of democracy. Prereq. POL U150.

POL U344 Contemporary Black Politics  4 SH  Analyzes the evolution of black political thought in America and examines the sociopolitical contexts that have served as catalysts to modern black political movements. Same as AFR U344. Prereq. Sophomore standing or above.

POL U345 Urban Policies and Politics  4 SH  Analyzes the political, administrative, economic, and social dynamics of urban areas. Highlights the diversity of political institutions and practices in American cities. Introduces key policy areas at the city level such as land use, economic development, and education. Prereq. POL U150.

POL U350 State and Local Politics  4 SH  Examines the political and administrative context of the state and local government in the United States; surveys the structure, function, and politics of states and localities within the context of the U.S. federal system; and highlights the diversity of political institutions and practices at the state and local levels. Prereq. POL U150.

POL U355 Intergovernmental Relations  4 SH  Analyzes the relationship among national, state, and local levels of government in the United States and the changing patterns of those relationships. Highlights the political, legal, and fiscal nature of intergovernmental relations. Prereq. POL U150.

POL U357 Growth and Decline of Cities and Suburbs  4 SH  Introduces students to the field of urban studies. Focuses on these central issues: how cities and suburbs evolve, what makes a city or suburb a good place to live, and how cities and suburbs are (or are not) planned. Students review the ways in which urban scholars and practitioners study cities and suburbs, their research methodologies, definition of issues, and division of labor among different disciplines. Students explore the roles of individuals, communities, the private sector, and government in planning and shaping the city. Same as INT U357 and SOC U357. Prereq. Sophomore standing or above.
POL U358 Current Issues in Cities and Suburbs 4 SH
Introduces students to pressing urban issues: urban sprawl, poverty, education, transportation, economic development, and housing, through an intensive analysis of the Boston metropolitan area. The course is co-taught by university faculty and practitioners in government, community, and nonprofit organizations throughout the metropolitan area. Offers students the opportunity to analyze Boston data, go on outings to see development in progress, talk with urban practitioners about what they do, and conduct research on an urban issue of their choice. Same as INT U358 and SOC U358. Prereq. Sophomore standing or above.

POL U360 Politics of Poverty 4 SH
Explores how and why there is poverty, how it affects people’s lives, and how it can be eliminated. Examines the relations between poverty, racial and ethnic factors, and the economic, political, and administrative systems. Evaluates a number of alternatives and provides an opportunity for clarifying individual assumptions and feelings about poverty. Same as AFR U360. Prereq. POL U150 is recommended.

POL U365 Blacks and Jews 4 SH
Compares the black and Jewish experiences in the United States. Themes include remembered slavery and commemoration of freedom; Holocaust and genocide; religious expressions of politics; black-Jewish relations; and black Judaism. Same as AFR U365. Prereq. POL U150 is recommended or any other introductory social science course.

POL U370 Religion and Politics 4 SH
Explores the role of religion to domestic and international politics. Examines religion as a source of political tension and strife. Draws examples from the United States and the developing world. Covers Islamic fundamentalism in Africa and the Near East, Orthodox Jewish parties in Israel, Catholic liberation theology in Latin America, and Protestant fundamentalism and the religious right in the United States. Prereq. POL U150.

POL U375 Gender and Politics 4 SH
Explores the relation between what is and what ought to be and why-in the roles of women in American politics. Examines the traditional roles of women in politics, the suffrage movement, the woman as citizen and voter, the role of gender in achieving power and in political efficacy, and the place of women in politics. Also covers political action to promote women’s issues and modern feminism. Prereq. POL U150 is recommended.

POL U380 Latino Politics in the United States 4 SH
Focuses on the largest minority in the United States, Latinos. Explores the unique aspects of this group within the U.S. political system in addition to shared experiences with other minority groups, particularly African Americans. Topics include bilingualism, immigration, relations with other racial and ethnic groups, and relations with other countries of origin. Prereq. POL U150.

POL U385 U.S. Health and Welfare Policy 4 SH
Examines social welfare policy with an emphasis on the United States. Reviews theoretical framework for analyzing social welfare policymaking, then focuses on the areas of welfare and poverty, health care, mental health, and social security. Is concerned both with substantive program issues and the design, administration, and implementation of policy in the American sociopolitical context. Prereq. POL U150.

POL U390 Science, Technology, and Public Policy 4 SH
Considers the effects of science and technology on politics and policymaking, and how politics influences science and technology. Focuses on the differences between scientific and democratic values and definitions of rationality, the nature of problems, and why some problems are easier to “solve” than others. Examines such issues as nuclear power, genetics, and computer technology. Prereq. POL U150.

POL U395 Environmental Politics 4 SH
Examines the policymaking processes, historical and socioeconomic factors, political forces, governmental institutions, and global trends that shape environmental policy at national and subnational levels in the United States. Gives attention to a wide range of environmental policy areas, with comparisons made between the United States and other nations. Prereq. POL U150 is recommended.

POL U399 Research Methods in Political Science 4 SH
Offers an opportunity to explore the range of research methods and designs used in political science and to examine the logic of social scientific inquiry. Topics include experimental research, comparative methods, case studies, interviewing, surveys, research ethics, and other topics relevant to research in the discipline. Places political science within the broader social science and liberal arts tradition. Requires students to complete an intensive writing assignment as part of the course. Prereq. At least two of the following courses: POL U150, POL U155, and POL U160.

POL U400 Quantitative Techniques 4 SH
Teaches methods of quantitative analysis including descriptive statistics, hypothesis testing, cross-tabulation, regression, and multiple regression. Develops computer skills through use of the SPSS program. Practical applications of statistical techniques are emphasized by means of examples in political behavior, public policy analysis, public opinion, and others. Coreq. POL U401. Prereq. MTH U115 or MTH U141.
POL U401 Recitation for POL U400 0 SH
Provides small-group discussion format to cover material in POL U400. Coreq. POL U400.

POL U402 Survey Research and Polling 4 SH
Teaches how to conduct data collection via survey research including research design, sampling, survey instrument construction, and interviewing. Emphasizes survey research in the social and behavioral sciences, culminating in a survey conducted by the class. Prereq. POL U400 or similar course in statistics recommended.

POL U405 International Political Economy 4 SH
Focuses on international political and economic relations. Examines how nations interact in such areas as trade, finance, and labor relations. Includes such topics as the International Monetary Fund, multinational corporations, economic sanctions, military interventions, technology transfer, and foreign aid. Prereq. POL U400 or similar course in statistics recommended.

POL U407 International Organizations 4 SH
Examines the powers, functions, and effectiveness of international institutions in the context of the growing interdependence of states. Examines international organizations such as the United Nations and European Union in their roles as part of international regimes that address issues such as international security, the international political economy, and human rights. Prereq. POL U400 or similar course in statistics recommended.

POL U408 International Security 4 SH
Examines pressing problems in international security that are on the agenda of nation-states and international and nongovernment organizations. Examples include armed violence, terrorism, organized crime, nuclear proliferation, poverty, infectious diseases, energy security, and environmental degradation. Responses are typically sought through international cooperation and the establishment of international norms that apply to complex problems reaching beyond the borders of any one state. Prereq. POL U400 or similar course in statistics recommended.

POL U415 Ethnic Conflict in Comparative Politics 4 SH
Analyzes, from a comparative perspective, the causes and consequences of contemporary ethnic political violence. Uses Northern Ireland as a major example and also includes such cases as Bosnia, Canada, Iraq, Rwanda, Russia, Sudan, and Sri Lanka. Considers various policies for preventing and resolving ethnic political violence. Prereq. POL U400 or similar course in statistics recommended.

POL U420 National Security, War, and Political Violence 4 SH
Analyzes the causes of war and ways to prevent it from a U.S. national-security perspective. Includes analysis of terrorism and counterterrorism. Considers and analyzes various international wars and examples of political violence. Prereq. POL U400 or similar course in statistics recommended.

POL U425 U.S. Foreign Policy 4 SH
Examines the formulation and conduct of U.S. foreign and national security policy, with major emphasis on the period following the end of the Cold War. Prereq. POL U150 or POL U160.

POL U435 Politics in Western Europe 4 SH
Offers a comparative survey of the societies, economies, and political systems in the democracies of Western Europe. Examines governing structures and major political developments within the major European states, as well as major policy issues (such as nationalism, federalism, and environmentalism) and issues of European integration within the European Union. Prereq. POL U150.

POL U440 Politics in Northern Ireland 4 SH
Analyzes contemporary politics in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Emphasizes the conflict in Northern Ireland with particular attention paid to the roles played by the United States and Great Britain. Considers lessons for other countries. Prereq. POL U155.

POL U441 Third World Political Relations 4 SH
Offers a comparative regional analysis of the political systems of Third World nations of Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Emphasis is on development strategies; problems of development including national identity, political socialization and participation, national defense, and urbanization; and the positions of Third World nations in the international community. Same as AFR U441. Prereq. Sophomore standing or above.

POL U445 Politics in Central and Eastern Europe 4 SH
Studies the six former Soviet bloc socialist countries, as well as Albania and Yugoslavia, and examines political, economic, social, and international problems of postcommunist development. Prereq. POL U155.

POL U450 Government and Politics in Russia 4 SH
Examines from a comparative perspective, the causes and consequences of political violence. Uses Russia as a major example and also includes such cases as Bosnia, Canada, Iraq, Rwanda, Russia, Sudan, and Sri Lanka. Considers various policies for preventing and resolving ethnic political violence. Prereq. POL U155.

POL U455 Russian Foreign Policy 4 SH
Examines the formulation and conduct of U.S. foreign and national security policy, with major emphasis on the period following the end of the Cold War. Prereq. POL U150 or POL U160.
POL U460 Contemporary Government and Politics in Africa 4 SH

POL U465 Government and Politics in the Middle East 4 SH
Approaches the political, economic, military, and ideological factors within the Arab states and Israel, inter-Arab politics, Pan-Arabism, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the great power rivalry in the region. Prereq. POL U155.

POL U470 Arab-Israeli Conflict 4 SH
Analyzes the effects of the Arab-Israeli confrontation on the internal politics of the Arab states and Israel, Pan-Arab politics, and the role of the great powers in the region. Prereq. POL U160.

POL U475 Government and Politics in Latin America 4 SH
Focuses on political change in governmental systems, political parties, socioeconomic problems, and foreign policies of Latin American states. Prereq. POL U155.

POL U480 Government and Politics in Japan 4 SH
Focuses on the development of Japan’s political system since World War II. Examines Japan’s political institutions and practice of democracy in the context of its political culture; the interrelationship between business and government; Japan’s foreign policy; and business practices and organization. Raises issues concerning Japan’s extraordinary economic success and the limitations of Japan as a model for other countries. Prereq. POL U155.

POL U485 Government and Politics in China 4 SH
Focuses on China’s political system and addresses issues facing its government including leadership recruitment and succession, economic policies, class and class struggle, political culture, education, and China’s participation in the international system. Examines how ideology, development, and culture affect these issues. Prereq. POL U155.

POL U487 Politics of Developing Nations 4 SH
Examines the political, governmental, social, economic, cultural, environmental, and geopolitical dimensions of change in nations regarded as “developing” by international standards. Covers a broad spectrum of types of nations including those in Eastern and Central Europe but pays particular attention to those in Asia, Africa, and Central and South America. Prereq. POL U155.

POL U488 Niger—Study in Boston, Explore in Africa 4 SH
Studies the political, cultural, and economic conditions prevailing in Niger, one of the poorest countries of the world. Class sessions during the academic term are followed by a study tour to Niger to learn firsthand about political and economic development in the country. Travel may entail additional expenses. Prereq. Permission of instructor.

POL U500 U.S. Constitutional Law 4 SH
Uses United States Supreme Court decisions and other reading materials to analyze some of the theoretical, structural, and substantive issues inherent in and relevant to the American constitutional system. Prereq. POL U150 and junior or senior standing.

POL U505 U.S. Civil Liberties 4 SH
Uses United States Supreme Court decisions and other reading material to examine the substantive and procedural guarantees of the Bill of Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment and their relation to a liberal democratic society. Prereq. POL U150 and junior or senior standing.

POL U510 International Law 4 SH
Focuses on public international law and its key policymaking institutions including the United Nations and the International Court of Justice. Also explores the influence of key regional organizations such as the European Union, Arab League, NATO, and the Organization of American States. Topics include state sovereignty, human rights, diplomatic relations, and treaties. Prereq. POL U160 and junior or senior standing.

POL U515 Democracy in Comparative Politics 4 SH
Assesses the development of democracy in a variety of nations and examines the fundamental problems facing nations in establishing and maintaining democratic forms of government. Explores ways to evaluate democratic institutional performance and the difficulties inherent in making the transition from nondemocratic to democratic systems. Prereq. POL U150 or POL U155 and junior or senior standing.

POL U530 Revolution and International Conflict 4 SH
Examines the causes and consequences of revolution, with cases including Russia, China, and Cuba. Also considers internal conflicts, such as civil wars and military overthrows, and analyzes the policy implications for the United States and the international system. Prereq. POL U160 and junior or senior standing.
POL U544 Seminar in Black Leadership 4 SH
Enables students to conduct in-depth studies of significant black leaders—male and female—in a wide range of fields. The main focus is on black leadership in the political arena as elected officials, leaders of pressure groups, leaders of protest organizations, black nationalist organizations, and feminist/womanist groups, and as advisers to political parties and presidential administrations. Same as AFR U544. Prereq. 64 SH toward degree.

POL U575 Special Topics: U.S. Politics 4 SH
Analyzes the constitutional, political, economic, and societal dimensions of selected contemporary public issues in U.S. politics. Prereq. POL U150 and junior or senior standing.

POL U580 Special Topics: Comparative Politics and International Relations 4 SH
Analyzes the constitutional, political, economic, and societal dimensions of selected contemporary public issues in comparative politics and international relations. Prereq. POL U155 or POL U160 and junior or senior standing.

POL U600 Seminar in U.S. Government 4 SH
Offers an in-depth study of selected topics in government and politics in the United States. Prereq. POL U150 and junior or senior standing.

POL U605 Seminar in Comparative Politics 4 SH
Offers an in-depth study of selected topics in comparative politics. Prereq. POL U155 and junior or senior standing.

POL U610 Seminar in International Relations 4 SH
Offers an in-depth study of selected topics in international relations. Prereq. POL U160 and junior or senior standing.

POL U615 Seminar in Public Law 4 SH
Examines how law advances political justice and ensures that citizens are free and equal. After focusing on the theoretical problems of law, liberty, and morality in the United States, special emphasis is placed on attempts to render substantive justice in several areas of law, such as privacy and personal autonomy, freedom of thought, conscience and expression, and equal protection. Prereq. Junior or senior standing.

POL U620 Literature and Politics 4 SH
Uses a variety of fictional readings to gain fresh insight into basic political concepts such as power, leadership, socialization, corruption, and electoral competition. Attention is also given to contemporary issues ranging from minority rights to tobacco control, abortion, or gun control. Prereq. Junior or senior standing.

POL U625 Seminar in Political Science 4 SH
Offers an in-depth study of selected topics in political science. Prereq. Senior standing in political science or permission of instructor.

POL U700 Experiential Education Reflection 2 SH
Emphasizes experiential education and “lessons learned” in the workplace and classroom. Helps students understand the connections between work experience and classroom learning as they prepare for school and employment after graduation. Prereq. Senior standing in political science only.

POL U701 Political Science Senior Capstone 4 SH
Integrates and assesses the concepts and skills developed by students throughout the political science curriculum, including both experiential and classroom-based components. Requires extensive reflection by students on their various educational experiences as well as research projects involving individual and group presentations. Topics include contemporary political issues and relevant literature in the discipline of political science. Consideration is also given to career options for political science students. Required for political science majors and fulfills part of the experiential education requirement. Prereq. Senior standing in political science.

POL U900 Special Topics 4 SH
Studies selected topics in government and politics.

POL U905 Moot Court 4 SH
Offers students the opportunity to participate in a simulation in which they research existing legal controversies, prepare legal briefs, and present their respective cases before a mock judicial panel. Prereq. POL U500 or POL U510.

POL U910 Model United Nations 4 SH
Offers students the opportunity to participate in teams that research assigned nations and represent those nations in a model United Nations role-playing exercise.

POL U915 Model Arab League 4 SH
Offers students the opportunity to participate in teams that research assigned nations and represent those nations in a model Arab League role-playing exercise. Prereq. Permission of instructor.

POL U917 Model European Union 4 SH
Offers students the opportunity to participate in teams and conduct research on political issues in assigned nations and then represent those nations in a model European Union role-playing exercise. Prereq. Not open to freshmen; permission of instructor.
POL U919 National Model OAU/African Union 4 SH
Offers students the opportunity to participate in teams and conduct research on political issues in assigned nations and then represent those nations in a model African Union role-playing exercise in Washington, D.C. Focuses on intra-African relations and the roles of Africans in international affairs, emphasizing the new African Union (AU) that replaced the Organization of African Unity (OAU). Examines the Pan-Africanist origins, challenges, and achievements of the African Union. Same as AFR U645. Prereq. 64 SH toward degree or junior or senior standing.

POL U921 Directed Study 1 SH
POL U922 Directed Study 2 SH
POL U923 Directed Study 3 SH
POL U924 Directed Study 4 SH
Offers independent work under the direction of members of the department on a chosen topic. Course content depends on instructor. Prereq. Junior or senior standing.

POL U937 Government and Politics—Learning Abroad 4 SH
Examines government and politics in another country or region of the world through faculty-led travel to that country or region. Offers students an opportunity to enhance their knowledge of government and politics by attending and participating in various educational activities in the country of study. The course begins in the United States with an introduction to the country or region and concludes with activities that facilitate reflection and learning related to the experience abroad. Prereq. POL U155 and permission of instructor.

POL U938 International Politics—Learning Abroad 4 SH
Examines issues in international politics through faculty-led travel outside the United States. Offers students an opportunity to enhance their knowledge of international politics by attending and participating in various educational activities in another country. Course topics cover a range of interconnected global issues that go beyond states’ borders, possibly including armed conflict, terrorism, organized crime, poverty, environmental degradation, the spread of nuclear weapons, and others. The course begins in the United States with an introduction to the relevant topics in international politics and concludes with activities that facilitate reflection and learning related to the experience abroad. Prereq. POL U160 and permission of instructor.

POL U940 Internship in Politics 4 SH
Gives students the opportunity to engage in a political or governmental internship under the supervision of a faculty member with departmental approval. Prereq. 64 SH toward degree.

POL U941 Student Leadership Practicum 4 SH
Considers how undergraduate students make pivotal contributions to governance, services, and the quality of daily life at Northeastern University through student government and other activities, ranging from residential services to publication of the campus newspaper. Gives students involved in such on-campus leadership roles an opportunity to participate in a course-based seminar related directly to their service. The objective is to incorporate student leadership into the general framework of experiential education by such means as reflective discussions, meetings with University administrators, group projects, and exposure to academic perspectives on leadership. As part of this practicum, students participate in parts of the “President’s Leadership Institute,” a module-based exploration of leadership principles within both educational and community settings. Same as INT U940. Prereq. Permission of instructor.

POL U942 Internship in American Government 4 SH
Gives students the opportunity to engage in a political or governmental internship under the supervision of a faculty member with departmental approval. Prereq. 64 SH toward degree.

POL U943 Community-Based Research Practicum 4 SH
Involves students in applied social research projects that are defined in partnership with local civic, public affairs, and social service groups. Students collaborate on a final report that is presented to the community partner at the end of the course. Same as INT U943. Prereq. Permission of instructor.

POL U944 Group Internship 4 SH
Offers group internship experience based at varying agency sites as available. Readings and seminar meetings including agency staff and political science faculty members supplement student’s organizational assignments. Prereq. 64 SH toward degree.

POL U946 Internship in State Government 4 SH
Combines academic studies with part-time work experience in a state or local government agency. Students complete the requirements of an internship in a government office and also attend periodic classes in which work experience and related readings are discussed. Prereq. 64 SH toward degree.

POL U951 Experiential Education Directed Study 1 SH
POL U952 Experiential Education Directed Study 2 SH
POL U953 Experiential Education Directed Study 3 SH
POL U954 Experiential Education Directed Study 4 SH
Draws upon the student’s approved experiential activity and integrates it with study in the academic major. Restricted to those students who are using it to fulfill their experiential education requirement. Prereq. Permission of instructor.
POL U970 Junior/Senior Honors Project 1 4 SH
Focuses on in-depth project in which a student conducts research or produces a product related to the student's major field. Culminating experience in the University Honors Program. Combined with Junior/Senior Project 2 or college-defined equivalent for 8-credit honors project. Prereq. Honors program participation.

POL U971 Junior/Senior Honors Project 2 4 SH
Focuses on second semester of in-depth project in which a student conducts research or produces a product related to the student's major field. Culminating experience in the University Honors Program. Prereq. POL U970 and honors program participation.