POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSE OFFERINGS FOR
FALL 2020

POLSI0000-001 Politics and Civic Engagement (3)
This course is an introduction to the various aspects of politics and political life. Students will learn about ideologies, political systems, types of political participation, current policy issues, and managing conflict.

POLS20000 American National Government (3) Sections 1 (ROM), 2 (online), 4 (ROM), 5 (online)
A comprehensive survey of the basic premises, permanent institutions and policymaking processes of the American national government is presented.

POLS21000 State and Local Government (3) Sections 1 (online) & 2 (ROM)
A review of the institutions, functions and operations of state and local government, this class takes a comparative approach, examining the similarities and differences of political institutions in the 50 states.

POLS30602 Special Topics: Social Welfare Policy (3)
Introduction to social welfare systems from a macro perspective, including both historical and contemporary issues. Provides students with an analytic framework for identifying social welfare policies and the processes through which these policies are formulated and implemented.

POLS32100 Comparative Government (3)
This course analyzes the politics of the U.K., Germany, France, Japan, China, Mexico, Russia, Nigeria, India, and Iran, among others. In the course, students compare democracies, dictatorships, the role of religion in politics, and economic development across countries.

POLS32700 Mediation I (3)
Participation in mediation helps undergraduate students understand the value of resolving disputes through mediation (peacemaking) so that they can apply these principles and methods to their personal and professional lives. This course will teach students about mediation and advocacy, and how to use the various tools and skills through class simulations, practices, assignments, and exams. Professional, ethical, and collegial behavior is expected at all times. Students may take this course for more than one semester. Prerequisites: Consent of the instructor

POLS32800 Model United Nations (3)
This course provides students with a hands-on exploration of the organization and activities of the United Nations and an in-depth understanding of modern diplomacy. Students will learn about the UN's creation and development.

POLS35600 Campaigns and Elections (3):
This course analyzes the role of campaigns and elections in the American political system at the national, state, and local levels. The course covers issues such as campaign strategy, campaign finance, advertising, canvassing, voter targeting, and surveying. In addition, it identifies and assesses the roles of parties, interest groups, and the media. Finally, significant time is spent on the behavior of citizens in the elections, such as turnout and vote choices.

POLS36100 Western Political Thought I (3)
This course analyzes the role of campaigns and elections in the American political system at the national, state, and local levels. The course covers issues such as campaign strategy, campaign finance, advertising, canvassing, voter targeting, and surveying. In addition, it identifies and assesses the roles of parties, interest groups, and the media. Finally, significant time is spent on the behavior of citizens in the elections, such as turnout and vote choices.

POLS38200 Issues in Public Policy (3)
This course analyzes the role of campaigns and elections in the American political system at the national, state, and local levels. The course covers issues such as campaign strategy, campaign finance, advertising, canvassing, voter targeting, and surveying. In addition, it identifies and assesses the roles of parties, interest groups, and the media. Finally, significant time is spent on the behavior of citizens in the elections, such as turnout and vote choices.

POLS41000 International Relation Capstone (3)
This course integrates all aspects of the learning experience for those students taking the International Relations major, and should be one of the final courses taken in the program and would normally be taken in the senior year. The course offers advanced analysis and application of knowledge evaluation. This course is an intensive advanced writing course that satisfies the advanced writing requirement for General Education.