



**KENTUCKY STATE
UNIVERSITY**

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POS)

POS 101: American Government

A study of the formal and informal institutions of American national government and politics, including the Constitution, the presidency, Congress, the federal court system, etc.

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

POS 160: State/Local Government

An examination of the structure and function of state and local political institutions, the forms of political participation, and various policy issues.

Prerequisite: POS 101 or consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

POS 201: Metropolitan Government

A study of municipal government and metropolitan problems, including politics, the role of the city council, the mayor, and the city manager.

Prerequisite: POS 101 or consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

POS 211: Intro to Political Science

An introduction to the study of behavior in a political context, including an analysis of behavioral concepts such as political roles, groups, and power.

Prerequisite: POS 101 or consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

POS 291: Political Science Internship I

A semester or session of supervised practical experience to complement classroom instruction. Final grade, placement, and number of semester credit hours determined by student's advisor.

Prerequisite: Political Science major or minor and consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3-12

Contact Hours: 3-12

POS 300: Statistics for BSS

This course serves as an introduction to the use of statistics as a method of describing and analyzing data from research in the behavioral and social sciences.

Prerequisite: A background in basic algebra

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

POS 301: Research Methods for BSS

This course introduces the basic logic, knowledge, and skills of research design and methodology in the behavioral and social sciences.

Prerequisite: POS/PSY/SOC 300 or consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

POS 311: Comparative Government

An analysis of the major political systems of Europe, with emphasis on Great Britain, France, the German Federal Republic, and the Soviet Union.

Prerequisite: POS 211 or consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

POS 322: Legislative Process

An analysis of the constitutional development of separation of powers, federalism, the regulation of commerce, contracts, taxing and spending, and the state police power.

Prerequisite: POS 160

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

POS 331: American Constitutional Law

An examination of western political philosophy from Plato to Marx with emphasis on Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, and Marx.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

POS 355: Class Political/Soc Theory

An examination of the dynamics of world politics, international tension, conflict, and resolution.

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

POS 361: World Politics

An analytical examination of the origins and character of the various international organizations, especially the United Nations.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

POS 363: International Organizations

Its importance, relevance, and roles as instruments for solving conflicts in the global system will be explored.

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

POS 391: Political Sci Internship II

A semester or session of supervised practical experience to complement classroom instruction. Final grade, placement, and number of semester credit hours determined by student's advisor.

Prerequisite: Political Science major or minor and consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3-12

Contact Hours: 3-12

POS 431: Constitution/Civil Liberties

An examination of constitutional development: the definition of American rights in the areas of freedom of speech, press, assembly, association, and religion.

Prerequisite: POS 160 and POS 211

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

POS 446: American Political Executive

An analytical examination of the powers, duties, and functions of American political executives in national, state, and local governments.

Prerequisite: POS 201, POS 211, and POS 331 or consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

POS 461: American Politics

An advanced political science course that addresses the American political heritage. Specific emphasis is placed on the Constitution, political behavior, and electoral systems.

Prerequisite: POS 160 or consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

POS 462: Politics of Developing Nations

A comparative analysis of political culture, processes, and problems of selected nations, the majority of which have become independent since World War II.

Prerequisite: POS 211

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

POS 464: African Politics

A survey course designed to introduce students to African political structure, its historical background, the impact of colonization, recent trends, and ideologies.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

POS 491: Political Sci Internship III

A semester or session of supervised practical experience to complement classroom instruction. Final grade, placement, and number of semester credit hours determined by student's advisor.

Prerequisite: Political Science major or minor and consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3-12

Contact Hours: 3-12

POS 495: Directed Study in Pol Sci

Course content, instructional activities, and student assignments are tailored to specific needs.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

POS 499: Senior Colloquium

This course is designed to develop analytical skills, interpretation and research; and to nurture intellectual self/reliance and critical thinking.

Prerequisite: Senior Classification

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3