

# Political Science (POLS)

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## Courses

### **POLS 122 Political Science\* (3 Hours)**

**Prerequisites or corequisites:** RDG 126 or College Reading Readiness

This course provides students the opportunity to explore the discipline of political science and to discover how political scientists study politics in the contemporary world. 3 hrs. lecture/wk. and online.

### **POLS 122H HON: Political Science (1 Hour)**

One-credit hour honors contract is available to qualified students who have an interest in a more thorough investigation of a topic related to this subject. An honors contract may incorporate research, a paper, or project and includes individual meetings with a faculty mentor. Student must be currently enrolled in the regular section of the courses or have completed it the previous semester. Contact the Honors Program Office, COM 201, for more information.

### **POLS 124 American National Government\* (3 Hours)**

**Prerequisites or corequisites:** RDG 126 or College Reading Readiness

This course examines the components of the public policy-making process. Topics of study include American political culture, constitutional principles, intergovernmental relations, public opinion, political parties, interest groups, media, the influence of the constant campaign of candidate-centered politics, budget construction, bureaucracy, and decision-making institutions. 3 hrs./wk. and online. This course may be offered as a Learning Communities (LCOM) section, see current credit schedule for LCOM details.

### **POLS 126 State and Local Government\* (3 Hours)**

**Prerequisites or corequisites:** RDG 126 or College Reading Readiness

This course examines the executive, legislative, judicial and service functions of state and local government in the United States in general and in Kansas in particular. The course includes guest lectures by elected officials, government personnel and community activists. 3 hrs. lecture/wk. This course is typically offered only once each academic year.

### **POLS 126H HON: State Local Government (1 Hour)**

One-credit hour honors contract is available to qualified students who have an interest in a more thorough investigation of a topic related to this subject. An honors contract may incorporate research, a paper, or project and includes individual meetings with a faculty mentor. Student must be currently enrolled in the regular section of the courses or have completed it the previous semester. Contact the Honors Program Office, COM 201, for more information.

### **POLS 132 Introduction to Comparative Government\* (3 Hours)**

**Prerequisites or corequisites:** RDG 126 or College Reading Readiness

This course compares the different political structures of many of the world's most important countries, including economic development, patterns of government and administration, party structures and policy formation. 3 hrs. lecture/wk.

### **POLS 132H HON: Intro to Comparative Gov. (1 Hour)**

One-credit hour honors contract is available to qualified students who have an interest in a more thorough investigation of a topic related to this subject. An honors contract may incorporate research, a paper, or project and includes individual meetings with a faculty mentor. Student must be currently enrolled in the regular section of the courses or have completed it the previous semester. Contact the Honors Program Office, COM 201, for more information.

### **POLS 135 International Relations\* (3 Hours)**

**Prerequisites or corequisites:** RDG 126 or College Reading Readiness

This course analyzes the conflict and cooperation among nation-states. Students will study contemporary problems and how they relate to power, war, terrorism, diplomacy, international organizations and the future of the nation-state system. 3 hrs. lecture/wk.

### **POLS 135H HON: International Relations (1 Hour)**

One-credit hour honors contract is available to qualified students who have an interest in a more thorough investigation of a topic related to this subject. An honors contract may incorporate research, a paper, or project and includes individual meetings with a faculty mentor. Student must be currently enrolled in the regular section of the courses or have completed it the previous semester. Contact the Honors Program Office, COM 201, for more information.

### **POLS 200 Model United Nations\* (3 Hours)**

**Prerequisites or corequisites:** RDG 126 or College Reading Readiness

This course is designed for students who are interested in learning and understanding international organizations and participating in competitive intercollegiate Model United Nations. This course orients students with the history, structure and function of the United Nations and those facets of an assigned country. This orientation will assist students in their preparation for the Model United Nations (MUN) conference during the spring semester. 3 hrs lecture/wk.

**POLS 200H HON: Model United Nations (1 Hour)**

One-credit hour honors contract is available to qualified students who have an interest in a more thorough investigation of a topic related to this subject. An honors contract may incorporate research, a paper, or project and includes individual meetings with a faculty mentor. Student must be currently enrolled in the regular section of the courses or have completed it the previous semester. Contact the Honors Program Office, COM 201, for more information.

**POLS 245 Introduction to Public Administration\* (3 Hours)**

**Prerequisites or corequisites:** RDG 126 or College Reading Readiness

This course provides students the opportunity to explore public administration and public policy including institutional arrangements for the provision of public services and the study of those arrangements. 3 hrs. lecture/wk.

**POLS 270 Political Science Internship\* (3 Hours)**

**Prerequisites or corequisites:** By permission of the political science internship coordinator, completion of 6 credit hours in political science courses at JCCC or another college within the last two years, earning a minimum of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in those political science courses, and a written recommendation from your political science classroom instructor. Students must complete all necessary arrangements for this program the semester prior to the internship

Students augment their academic course work with an internship in an appropriate setting under instructional supervision. Internship projects are cooperative efforts between appropriate supervisors in state, local or national government settings or not-for-profit organizations and college staff and students. Internships give students the opportunity to participate in the real-world application of their academic studies. In addition, this synthesis of classroom study with practical experience provides students with skills and insights useful in selecting a career or avocation in community service. The student spends the equivalent of 10 hours per week performing internship duties over the course of the semester or a total of 150 hours.

**POLS 291 Independent Study\* (1-7 Hour)**

**Prerequisites:** 2.0 GPA minimum and department approval

Independent study is a directed, structured learning experience offered as an extension of the regular curriculum. It is intended to allow individual students to broaden their comprehension of the principles of and competencies associated with the discipline or program. Its purpose is to supplement existing courses with individualized, in-depth learning experiences. Such learning experiences may be undertaken independent of the traditional classroom setting, but will be appropriately directed and supervised by regular instructional staff. Total contact hours vary based on the learning experience.