

**POLS 3750 Public Affairs and Public Policy (3,2,1)**

Prerequisite: Year II standing

This course introduces students from all majors to public affairs understood as relations between governments and different segments of society such as business firms, professional interests, social and civic organizations, and local communities. The main policy issues faced by contemporary governments such as economic growth, social inequalities, urban development, environment protection, sanitary security and globalization are described. Hong Kong policy issues are positioned in an international perspective. Analytical methods are mobilized to identify the main resources and constraints of policy-makers, to review the relations between public opinion and public policy, and to assess governmental accountability.

**POLS 3760 Security Studies (3,2,1)**

Prerequisite: POLS 2130 Foundations of International Relations

This course is designed for second- or third-year GIS major students or advanced master candidates. It seeks to deepen their knowledge in important fields of IR that are security and strategy. The course will address five main areas of security studies: theoretical approaches to security, key concepts of security, institutions of security, contemporary challenges to security and strategy in general.

**POLS 4005 World Order Issues (3,2,1) (E)**Prerequisite: *For GIS/ES major and GIS minor.* Year IV standing

As the world grows more integrated, as communication and business speed up the changes in our daily lives, the impact of events on our lifestyles deepens, and the necessity to understand and react intelligently to events and forces affecting us becomes more imperative. This course is the capstone required experience for graduating GIS majors. Guest lectures are used to inform and provoke students to apply concepts and data acquired in their time of study to current problems facing the global order, and thus, to themselves, their families, and their careers. The personal and the corporate, the local and the global, the present and the future are intended to be brought together in this issue-oriented course which focuses the life experience and academic study of students on their world and the events and forces changing it on a daily, if not hourly, basis. The first few weeks examines the development of world systems and globalization in order to provide a context for present issues and concerns. News analysis skills are taught, then applied in a role-playing, debate format adapted from UN-sponsored forums for a real time experience in negotiating issues of our time. Students choose the topics of debate, and prepare and negotiate proposals to address those issues.

**POLS 4006 International Political Economy (3,2,1) (E)**Prerequisite: *For GIS major:* POLS 1005 Foundation of Political Science, POLS 2006 Introduction to Political Economy and POLS 2017 Foundation of International Relations

*For ES major:* (1) POLS 1005 Foundation of Political Science; and (2) POLS 2205 European Politics and Society: French Political and Government System, or POLS 2206 European Politics and Society: German Political Systems and Society, or POLS 3207 Government and Politics of the United Kingdom, or POLS 3215 Government and Politics of the United States

This course examines the intertwining and interaction of economics (wealth creation) and politics (political power) in international and global affairs. The nineteenth century term “political economy” is used here because economic and political forces are always enmeshed with each other. The course provides students with an overview of theories and issues of international political economy. In the first part of the course, we discuss the major theoretical perspectives (economic liberalism, economic nationalism, Marxist theory, etc.) that contend for recognition in international political economy. In the second part, we focus on substantive policy issues that concern the operations of international political economy. These issues include international

trade and monetary system, foreign investment and multinational corporations, foreign aid and debt, and North-South relations. They will be examined against the backdrop of the changing global political order.

**POLS 4206 China and the World (3,2,1) (E)**

This course is designed to provide Government and International Studies majors and China Studies students with knowledge of Chinese foreign policies during the Cold War and Post-Cold War era. Being a socialist country with a strong nationalistic posture, how China situates herself in the world arena, and shifts her foreign policies from pro-Soviet stance (1950s) to isolation (1960s) then opening up to the West (1970s), will be thoroughly examined. The efforts of constructing a “Chinese Theory of International Relations” by Chinese policy analysts will also be studied.

**POLS 4207 Comparative Public Administration (3,2,1) (E)**Prerequisite: *For GIS major:* (1) POLS 1005 Foundations of Political Science, POLS 3017 Government and Politics of China and POLS 2015 Government and Politics of Hong Kong; and (2) POLS 2205 European Politics and Society: French Political and Government System, or POLS 2206 European Politics and Society: German Political Systems and Society, or POLS 3207 Government and Politics of the UK, or POLS 3215 Government and Politics of the US

*For ES major:* EURO 2007 The Political Economy of the European Union

This course aims to examine critically the major concepts and theories of public administration within a comparative framework. It compares the European model with those of other countries such as USA, China and other Asian countries. Case studies from those countries will be used in lectures, tutorials, and as research foci for students. Problems in the stages of policy formulation and implementation will be studied with emphasis on two major variables, the civil service and the legitimating ideology of the state concerned. Comparative policy formulation, implementation, ethics, problems, and politics-bureaucracy relations will be discussed with a specific reference to its application in the Hong Kong settings.

**POLS 4215 Contemporary Europe and Asia (3,2,1) (E)**

This is a course designed to integrate the study of Europe with a knowledge of Europe’s relations with Asia since 1945. Emphasis is on the post-colonial development of Asian states’ ties with Europe, and with Europeans’ economic, political, and cultural exchanges with Asia. The problems posed to Euro-Asian relations by relict anti-colonialism, by Cold War rivalries and by geo-strategic political economic competition will be examined within the framework of both continents’ internal/external dynamics and the development of world trade, communication, and cultural interchange. The increased movement of Asian peoples to Europe and Europeans’ renewed movement into Asia as part of the global processes and trends of the forecast “Asia-Pacific 21st Century” will be examined.

**POLS 4216 Democratization in East and Southeast Asia (3,2,1) (E)**Prerequisite: *For GIS major:* POLS 1005 Foundations of Political Science and POLS 3017 Government and Politics of China

This course examines the theories on democratic transition and process of democratization in East and Southeast Asia. Comparisons will be made with current situations in Taiwan, South Korea, China, ASEAN states, etc. China’s prospect of democratization will be a major focus, too. The course exposes students to the theoretical debate on the universality of liberal democracy by exploring conceptual issues such as “Asian values and democracy” and “illiberal democracy”. The course will use a broadly comparative methodology incorporating evidences from a range of countries in East and Southeast Asia.