

POLS 3660 Comparative Public Administration (3,2,1) (E)

Prerequisite: *For ES major:* EURO 2140 The Political Economy of the European Union

For GIS major: (1) POLS 1510 Foundations of Political Science, POLS 1520 Government and Politics of China, POLS 1530 Government and Politics of Hong Kong; and (2) POLS 2160 European Politics and Society: French Political and Government System, or POLS 2170 European Politics and Society: German Political Systems and Society, or POLS 2180 Government and Politics of the United States, or POLS 2190 Government and Politics of the United Kingdom

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 like the USA, China and other Asian countries, such as Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Singapore or Indonesia. Case studies from those countries taught in the "Government and Politics of ____" series offered by the department 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 presented. This course is open to GIS and European Studies majors only.

POLS 3670 Topics in Asian Politics (3,2,1) (E)

Prerequisite: POLS 1510 Foundations of Political Science and Year III standing in GIS major
Depends on the course offering.

POLS 3680 Topics in Comparative and Global Politics (3,2,1) (E)

Prerequisite: POLS 1510 Foundations of Political Science and Year III standing in GIS major
Depends on the course offering.

POLS 3690 Topics in European Politics (3,2,1) (tbc)

Prerequisite: *For ES major:* EURO 1111-2 Europe: Unity and Diversity
For GIS major: POLS 1510 Foundations of Political Science

Depends on the course offering.

POLS 3710 Theories of International Relations (3,2,1) (E)

Prerequisite: POLS 1510 Foundations of Political Science and POLS 2130 Foundations of International Relations

This course aims to investigate the various theoretical and analytical frameworks in the field of international relations. In an interdependent world where the new world order is yet to be established, a review of the dominant paradigms in international relations will facilitate a better understanding among students of the role of Hong Kong and China in the world. This course is open to GIS majors only.

POLS 3720 China and the World (3,2,1) (E)

This is a course designed to provide students with knowledge of Chinese foreign policies during the Cold War and post-Cold War era. It will examine how China, as a socialist country with a strong nationalistic posture, situates herself in the world arena, and how she has shifted her foreign policies from a pro-Soviet stance (1950s) to isolation (1960s) before opening up to the West (1970s). The efforts to construct a "Chinese Theory of International Relations" by Chinese policy analysts will also be studied. This course is open to GIS, China Studies majors and GIS minors (Year III standing) only.

POLS 3730 Democratization in East and Southeast Asia (3,2,1) (E)

Prerequisite: *For GIS major:* POLS 1510 Foundations of Political Science and POLS 1520 Government and Politics of China

For GIS minor: Year III standing

Recent decades have witnessed a world-wide explosion of democracies, transforming political systems in former communist and non-communist authoritarian countries. This course examines the process of democratization in East and Southeast Asia. Comparisons will be made with current situations in Taiwan, Hong Kong, South Korea, ASEAN states and Cambodia. 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 evidence from a range of countries in East and Southeast Asia.

POLS 3740 Social and Political Developments (3,2,1) (tbc) in Contemporary China

Prerequisite: POLS 1510 Foundations of Political Science and POLS 1520 Government and Politics of China

Post-Mao reforms have fundamentally changed Chinese society, making it an excellent "laboratory" for the study of social and political development in transitional societies. This course examines the social and political dynamics of China's reform. It will begin with an conceptual overview of transition politics in a comparative perspective. It then will analyse political context and reform strategies. The main part of this course will focus on issues such as rural and industrial reform, political and administrative reform, ideological debates and intellectual political thinking. Social consequences of reforms will be critically assessed.

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

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) (E)

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) (tbc)

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,