

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 3630 Advanced Research Methods (3,2,1)**

Prerequisite: POLS 2110 Statistical and Survey Methods for Political Science

An elective course devoted to applied research methods, research design, theory building, advanced quantitative and qualitative analysis—particularly computer applications and methods appropriate for advanced work—network analysis, research methods for sensitive topics, and cross-sectional, longitudinal, and multi-method approaches. The use of data gathered from electronic databases and fieldwork will be emphasized. This course is open to GIS and European Studies majors only.

**POLS 3650 International Organizations and Regimes (3,2,1)**

Prerequisite: POLS 1120 Introduction to Political Economy, POLS 1510 Foundations of Political Science and POLS 2130 Foundations of International Relations

Increasingly over the last century, nation-states have agreed to found, fund, and join international organizations whose task is to oversee and organize the myriad global interactions which have increasingly become a part of daily life. From transport to environmental pollution, from drug smuggling to AIDS, international organizations play a vital part in protecting life and imparting order to international intercourse. This course examines these international organizations and regimes which play such a vital role in today's world. This course is open to GIS majors only.

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

Prerequisite: *For European Studies majors:* EURO 2140 The Political Economy of the European Union  
*For GIS majors:* POLS 1510 Foundations of Political Science, POLS 1520 Government and Politics of China, POLS 1530 Government and Politics of Hong Kong, and (1) POLS 2160 European Politics and Society: French Political and Government System, or (2) POLS 2170 European Politics and Society: German Political Systems and Society, or (3) POLS 2180 Government and Politics of the United States, or (4) 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)**

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)**

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)**

Prerequisite: *For European Studies majors:* EURO 1111-2 Europe: Unity and Diversity

*For GIS majors:* POLS 1510 Foundations of Political Science

Depends on the course offering.

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

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)**

This is a third year 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)**

Prerequisite: POLS 1510 Foundations of Political Science and POLS 1520 Government and Politics of China (for GIS majors); or GIS minors (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 in Contemporary China (3,2,1)**

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 (3,3,0)**

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