

## Studies in War and Peace

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### Mission:

The Studies in War and Peace (SWAP) program examines the origins and development of military institutions and the impact of these institutions upon the social order. Intellectually, the program promotes critical analysis of phenomena relating to military and diplomatic affairs. This academic program is equally suitable for civilian students or cadets; providing an interdisciplinary examination of the enduring and close interconnections among military, political, economic, and social institutions. The SWAP program is an extension of the Norwich University tradition of producing educated citizens who are prepared for either military or civilian pursuits, and who are knowledgeable about diplomatic and military affairs.

### Goals:

- Develop the skills which enable students to have successful and rewarding careers.
- Develop understandings of how global political, economic, and social forces affect the growth and interplay of military and political institutions.
- Acquire an understanding of how different cultures engage in warfare and seek to create the conditions for peace.

### Outcomes:

- All graduates will have a broad understanding of how global political, economic, and social developments affects the growth and interplay of military institutions.
- All graduates will have a solid understanding of critical thinking skills as demonstrated in an original research paper.
- Graduates will be satisfied with the overall quality of the program and that the program provided a good preparation for the job market and/or additional education and training.

### Careers in this Major:

- Military Officer
- Lawyer
- Historical or Political Scientist
- Teacher
- Intelligence Officer
- Any career that requires critical thinking, analytical, problem solving, and communications skills.

### B.A. Studies in War and Peace – Curriculum Map

To graduate with a degree in Studies in War and Peace, a student must fulfill SWAP Program requirements as well as the General Education (<http://catalog.norwich.edu/archives/2015-16/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals>) and Bachelor of Arts requirements (<http://catalog.norwich.edu/archives/2015-16/residentialprograms/catalog/degrees>) listed in the Curriculum Map below.

<b>Freshman</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Credits</b>
EN 101 Composition and Literature I	3	BA Arts & Humanities	3
HI 107 The History of Civilization I or 121 American History Survey I (General Education History) <sup>1</sup>	3	Modern Language 112	6
Modern Language 111	6	EN 102 Composition and Literature II	3
PO 105 American Politics (General Education Social Science) <sup>1</sup>	3	HI 108 The History of Civilization II or 122 American History Survey II <sup>1</sup>	3
	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Sophomore</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Credits</b>
EN 201 World Literature I (B.A. Requirement)	3	EN 202 World Literature II (B.A. Requirement)	3
General Education Arts & Humanities	3	External Elective <sup>2</sup>	3
General Education Math	3	General Education Math	3
HI 235 Military History I <sup>1,6</sup>	3	HI 236 Military History II <sup>1,6</sup>	3
PO 202 Introduction to Comparative Politics or 215 International Relations <sup>1,8</sup>	3	Free Elective	3
	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Junior</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Core Elective <sup>1,3,6,8</sup>	3	Core Elective <sup>1,3,6,8</sup>	3
General Education Lab Science	4	General Education Lab Science	4
International Affairs Elective <sup>1,4,6</sup>	3	General Education Literature	3
PH Elective (General Education Ethics)	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
	<b>16</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Senior</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Capstone Seminar <sup>1,5,7</sup>	3	Core Elective <sup>1,3,6,8</sup>	3
Core Elective <sup>1,3,6,8</sup>	3	International Affairs Elective <sup>1,4,6</sup>	3
International Affairs Elective <sup>1,4,6</sup>	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credits: 122</b>			

<sup>1</sup> Grade of C or higher required.

<sup>2</sup> Choose one of the following: EN 112, EC 106 EC 201, EC 202, SO 201, CM 261.

<sup>3</sup> Choose four of the following

- Chose at least one from: HI 334 HI 338 HI 339 HI 341 HI 355 HI 371 HI 372 HI 373
- Choose at least two from: PO 305, PO 310, PO 330, PO 333 PO 340, PO 348, PO 405 PO 415, SO 330
- HI Colloquia may also be used if designated as SWAP electives.

<sup>4</sup> Choose three from European History, Non-Western History, or Pre-Modern History, one of which may be a 200 level HI course and one must be either Pre-Modern or Non-Western History.

- European History: HI 322, HI 326, HI 329HI 361, HI 431.
- Non-Western History: HI 315HI 317, HI 319, HI 345HI 363, HI 433.
- Pre-Modern History (prior to 1600 C.E.): HI 303 HI 304, HI 321 HI 362 HI 432

- <sup>5</sup> SWAP Capstone may NOT double-count as Capstone for another major. Choose one of the following: IN 410 HI 491 HI 43X SWAP designated seminar, PO 491, PO 41X SWAP designated seminar. Note: HI 490 is a pre-requisite for HI 491 and PO 490 is a pre-requisite for PO 491
- <sup>6</sup> Students must complete a 200 level HI course with a final grade of "C" or higher, or have instructor's permission to take 300 and 400 level HI courses.
- <sup>7</sup> Permission required.
- <sup>8</sup> PO 202 Comparative Politics and PO 215 International Relations are prerequisites for 300 and 400 level PO courses in Comparative Politics and International Relations.

## History Courses

### HI 107 The History of Civilization I 3 Credits

A survey providing a global perspective of the history of human cultures and institutions from earliest times to 1500 CE, focusing on Europe, Asia, and Africa. The course offers an active and participatory environment to the study of history through discussions, simulations, study of primary sources, and research assignments. Open only to first year students or by permission of department. Offered annually.

### HI 108 The History of Civilization II 3 Credits

A survey of major world civilizations that provides a global perspective of the development of the modern world from 1500 to the present. The course offers an active and participatory environment to the study of history through discussions, simulations, study of primary sources, and research assignments. Open only to first year students or by permission of department. Offered every semester.

### HI 121 American History Survey I 3 Credits

A survey of American history from the Age of Discovery to 1877. American institutions ranging from political and economic to social and cultural will be examined. Open only to freshmen and sophomores. Offered every semester.

### HI 122 American History Survey II 3 Credits

A continuing survey of multiple facets of American Civilization as presented in HI121, focusing on the period from the close of political Reconstruction in 1877 to the present. The maturation of democratic institutions and the emergence of the United States as a world power will also be examined. Open only to freshmen and sophomores. Offered every semester.

### HI 201 Ancient Greece and Rome 3 Credits

A survey of Greek and Roman civilizations from the origins of the polis to the fall of the Western Roman Empire. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher. Usually offered annually.

### HI 202 The Middle Ages: Europe 500 - 1500 3 Credits

The history of Europe from the fall of the Roman Empire to 1500. The class examines the major political, economic, social, and cultural trends in the development of a distinctive European civilization, built primarily on Christian, Greco-Roman, and Germanic foundations. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher. Usually offered annually.

### HI 209 Historical Methods 3 Credits

This course introduces students to the methods, techniques and conventions of historical research and writing, including such skills as identifying, understanding, analyzing and interpreting primary and secondary sources, compiling bibliographies, citing sources, and understanding historiography. In addition, this course approaches the issue of ethics through a discussion of the ethical responsibilities of historians, including a discussion of plagiarism. Required for all history majors. Open to sophomore history majors only or by permission of department chair. This course does not fulfill the General Education History requirement. The course must be completed by the end of the junior year. Offered annually in the fall semester.

### HI 211 Early East Asian Civilizations 3 Credits

This broad, historical survey course is about the civilizations and cultures of East Asia and the people that lived in them until the immediate post-Mongol conquest period. The core of the course will cover the areas that include modern Japan, China and Korea with reference to the inner Asian steppes. This lecture based course will be supplemented by primary source readings and discussion on Chinese and Japanese cultures, art and political philosophy. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher. Usually offered annually.

### HI 212 Modern East Asian Civilizations 3 Credits

This is a broad historical survey of the transformation of societies and states in East Asia from traditional empires to modern nation states. Rather than an exhaustive survey of facts and dates, this course is designed to introduce students to key questions in modern East Asian history. This lecture based course will be supplemented by primary source readings and discussion on Chinese and Japanese culture and politics. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher. Usually offered annually.

### HI 214 History of the Middle East 3 Credits

This course is a survey of a historically vital region. It will include an overview of the area known as the "Cradle of Civilizations and Monotheism," as well as the rise of the Islamic Caliphate, the rise and fall of the Ottoman Empire, and the late 19th and 20th Centuries European imperialism and colonialism. The greatest emphasis, however, will be on the modern period. In order to fully comprehend the contemporary situation, it is necessary to include an historical examination of the cultural and religious diversity, as well as the political complexity of the people and states which comprise the so-called Middle East. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher. Offered in the spring semester.

### HI 215 Vermont Regional Material Culture 3 Credits

A survey of the human-manipulated landscape of Vermont from the time of European settlement in the mid-18th century to the present. The course will trace the impact of economic, social, cultural, and technological forces on the landscape. Students will observe, through extensive field observations, how those forces have shaped the environment of the region. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher and permission of the instructor. 3 lecture hours.

### HI 218 Survey of Sub-Saharan Africa 3 Credits

This course encompasses the history of sub-Saharan Africa from approximately 1800 to the end of the so-called "Cold War." It is a comprehensive introduction to the numerous and diverse cultural, political, and economic entities comprising this complex area of the world. The central themes of the course, however, will be the related phenomena of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, European colonialism, and western neo-colonialism and their varying impact upon the different regions. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.

**HI 223 Europe's Age of Revolution. 1500 -1800 3 Credits**

This course traces Europe's path from medieval to modern by examining a series of political, intellectual, and technological revolutions between 1500 and 1800. Topics will include the Reformation, Scientific Revolution, Enlightenment, American and French Revolutions, and the Industrial Revolution, all discussed within the broader context of cultural change, social reform, and technological development, Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher. Offered annually.

**HI 224 Modern European History 3 Credits**

This course examines the political, military, and social history of Europe in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The nineteenth century witnessed remarkable changes in European society and politics. It was an age of romantics and reactionaries, liberals and imperialists, revolutionaries and racists, nationalists and irrationalists. At the beginning of the twentieth century, Europe dominated the world. However, two world wars, the rise and fall of fascism and communism, the concept of superpowers, and the growth of mass consumer society destroyed the old European hegemony and led to a new and evolving idea of "Europe". Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher. Offered alternate years.

**HI 227 Modern British History, 1688 - Present 3 Credits**

The history of the British Isles from the "Glorious Revolution" of 1688 to the region's current struggles with maintaining national identity at the dawn of the twenty-first century. Emphasis will be on the decline of the monarchy, the establishment of parliament as a truly representative body, and the rise and fall of the British Empire. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher. Offered alternate years.

**HI 228 Norwich University History 3 Credits**

The history of Norwich University placed within the context of the history of higher education and the wider framework of U.S. cultural history. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher. Offered on occasion. 3 lecture hours.

**HI 235 Military History I 3 Credits**

This course provides an examination of the major issues evident in the study of military affairs from the dawn of time to the present day. Using a modular approach, this course will explore the following topics: mobile warfare, urban warfare, child soldiers, war in the air, civilians in the path of war, women in war, and the unintended consequences of warfare. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher. Offered every semester.

**HI 236 Military History II 3 Credits**

This course provides an examination of the major issues evident in the study of military affairs from the dawn of time to the present day. Using a modular approach, this course will explore the following topics: the origins of war, total war, soldiers in war, military theory, insurgency & counterinsurgency warfare, military revolutions, and static warfare. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher. Offered every semester.

**HI 260 Topics in History 3 Credits**

Topics will vary.

**HI 303 Colloquium in Ancient History 3 Credits**

A reading and writing intensive course, emphasizing historical research and analytical skills. Possible topics include, but are not limited to, the development of historical writing, the Roman Empire, women in antiquity, pagans and Christians, etc. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission. May be repeated for credit with a different topic. Offered annually.

**HI 304 Colloquium in Medieval History 3 Credits**

A reading and writing intensive course, emphasizing historical research and analytical skills. Possible topics include, but are not limited to, the Crusades, medieval Christianity and medieval women. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission. May be repeated for credit with a different topic. Offered annually.

**HI 315 Modern China 3 Credits**

A standard reading and lecture course, Modern China introduces students to the major processes shaping twentieth century Chinese history. The course emphasizes regional knowledge, historical research and analytical skills building. Major topics will include in all cases an overview of Chinese history since 1700 (late imperial and twentieth century "modern" China) with emphasis on political, social history and environmental developments. Other sub-topics in the course include, but are limited to, nation building/nationalism, gender issues, and border/Central Asia relations. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission. Offered annually.

**HI 317 Modern Japan 3 Credits**

A standard reading and lecture course, Modern Japan introduces students to the major processes of shaping twentieth century Japanese history. The course emphasizes regional knowledge, historical research and analytical skills building. Major topics will include in all cases an overview of Japanese history since 1868 (Tokugawa dissolution through the late twentieth century) with emphasis on political and economic history. Other sub-topics in the course include, but are not limited to, Japan-in-the-world (international relations), gender issues, ethnic relations and the environment. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission. Offered on occasion.

**HI 319 Colloquium in Chinese History 3 Credits**

This is a thematic, reading and writing intensive course, emphasizing historical research and analytical skills. Possible topics include, but are not limited to, the development of ethnicity and ethnic visions of regional history in China, China's military history, frontier/border history, Ancient China and Greece, etc. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission. May be repeated for credit with a different topic. Offered alternate years.

**HI 321 Reformation Europe 3 Credits**

The years immediately following the 1517 publication of Martin Luther's Ninety-Five Theses saw a sudden and unprecedented upheaval in European society. This course will examine the social, political, and spiritual context of late medieval Europe, then consider the implications of the Reformation for politics, gender and the modern world. Original sources in translation will form the basis for discussion, supplemented by lecture and secondary materials. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission. Offered alternate years.

**HI 322 Colloquium in Early Modern European History 3 Credits**

A reading and writing intensive course covering a specialized topic within the history of Early Modern Europe. Topics could include the Thirty Years War, Crime and Deviance, the Enlightenment, the French Revolution, or Persecution and Tolerance. Designed for history majors in their junior or senior years. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission. May be repeated for credit with a different topic.

**HI 326 Nazi Germany and the Holocaust 3 Credits**

This course examines the political, military, cultural and social history of Germany during the period of Nazi rule, 1933-1945. Special attention is given to the sources of support for Nazism, the structure of the National Socialist state, the role of Adolf Hitler, and the Holocaust. Offered alternate years.

**HI 329 Modern Russian History, 1917 to the Present 3 Credits**

This course examines the political, military, and social history of Russia and the Soviet Union from the birth of the Soviet state through the present day. The foundations of the Soviet state - ideological, industrial, and social - proved too shaky to support the needs and expectations of a modern society. From Nicholas II to Lenin, Stalin to Yeltsin, this course examines the unique and dynamic leadership of Russia, as well as the lives of ordinary people in this fascinating culture. Offered alternate years.

**HI 331 The Colonial Period of American History 3 Credits**

A study of the settlement and development of the British colonies from their origins to 1763. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission. 3 lecture hours.

**HI 332 The American Revolution 3 Credits**

A study of the separation of the 13 British colonies from the mother country and establishment of the United States as an independent nation in the period 1763-1789. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission. 3 lecture hours.

**HI 333 Colloquium in Early American History 3 Credits**

An intensive reading, research and writing course focusing on selected topics relating to early American history. The chronological range of possible topics extends from the Age of Discovery in the sixteenth century through the American Revolution and the ratification of the U.S. Constitution in 1789. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission. May be repeated for credit with a different topic.

**HI 334 The Citizen-Soldier in American History 3 Credits**

An examination of the evolution of American military policy from the colonial era through the Vietnamese War, giving special attention to the perennial conflict between the advocates of a professional army and the proponents of a civilian soldiery. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission. 3 lecture hours.

**HI 335 20th Century U.S. History 3 Credits**

A reading and writing intensive course, emphasizing historical research and analytical skills. Possible topics include, but are not limited to, the rise of political parties in the United States, the Gilded Age, etc. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission. May be repeated for credit with a different topic.

**HI 338 U.S. Diplomatic History, 1776-1914 3 Credits**

A study of the foreign relations and foreign policies of the United States from the American Revolution up to the First World War. Topics include territorial expansion, the War of 1812, the Mexican-American War, the expansion of American trade, and the Spanish-American War. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission. 3 lecture hours.

**HI 339 U.S. Diplomatic History, 1914-present 3 Credits**

A study of the foreign relations and foreign policy of the United States from the First World War to the present. Topics include the two World Wars, the Cold War, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and post-cold war policy. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission. 3 lecture hours.

**HI 340 Colloquium in Twentieth Century United States History 3 Credits**

A reading and writing intensive course, emphasizing historical research and analytical skills. Possible topics include, but are not limited to, World War I, the Great Depression, the 1960's, and the Rise of the Modern Conservative Movement. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission. May be repeated for credit with a different topic.

**HI 341 U.S. Civil War Era, 1848-1877 3 Credits**

This course examines the causes of the American Civil War, the course of the conflict, and the subsequent period of reconstruction through 1877. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission. 3 lecture hours.

**HI 345 Colloquium in the History of the Middle East & Northeast Africa 3 Credits**

The colloquium will be an intensive reading, research and writing course focusing on selected historical topics relating to this region of the world. Possible topics include, but are not limited to, the rise and expansion of Islam, the Medieval Middle East, the Axum Empire, European Imperialism and Colonialism, the Ottoman Empire, and the Arab-Israeli Conflict. Prerequisite: C or higher in one 200 level history course or instructor permission. May be repeated for credit with different topic.

**HI 355 Colloquium in Modern Military History 3 Credits**

A reading and writing intensive course, emphasizing historical research and analytical skills. Possible topics include, but are not limited to, the First World War, the Second World War, the military history of Russia, etc. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission. May be repeated for credit with a different topic.

**HI 360 Topics in U.S. History 3 Credits**

Topics vary. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission.

**HI 361 Topics in Modern European History 3 Credits**

Topics vary. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission.

**HI 362 Topics in Pre Modern History 3 Credits**

Topics vary. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission.

**HI 363 Topics in Non-Western History 3 Credits**

Topics vary. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission.

**HI 371 Nation-Building 3 Credits**

This course provides an exposure to the challenges of creating or re-creating nations after a period of crisis and upheaval. Whether following wars, grants of independence from foreign rule, or human rights atrocities, countries must undertake political, economic, and social reforms to construct stable, popularly accepted, and economically viable polities. How have nations tried to accomplish this complex task in the past hundred years? Historical case studies may be drawn from Africa, the Caribbean, Europe, and Asia. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission. Offered alternate years.

**HI 372 Military History of the United States I, 1775-1902 3 Credits**

This course will trace the evolution of American military power from the early days of frontier and revolutionary conflict to an era of American imperial ambition at the end of the nineteenth century. Particular attention will be given to strategic challenges of protecting/expanding the American state, the tactical innovations and failures of nineteenth century warfare, and the formulation of the civil-military relationship in American politics and society. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission.

**HI 373 Military History of the US 3 Credits**

This course will explore the evolution of the American military from its days as a small frontier force at the turn of the twentieth century to its present status as a multi-tasking, global power. Specifically, this course will examine the struggle of American political and military leaders to work together in developing strategies and tactics capable of tackling the complex challenges of modern warfare. Prerequisite: C or better in one 200 level history course or instructor permission.

**HI 400 Independent Study 3 Credits**

An opportunity for qualified upperclass students to engage in an intensive reading or research program in fields of interest not satisfactorily covered by regular course offerings. Periodic conferences will be required. Prerequisites: written consent of the instructor to a specific project presented by the applicant. Offered as occasion demands.

**HI 405 History Internship 3-12 Credit**

Supervised experience at a museum, archives, historical society, or restoration project involving research or field work. Direct participation in such activities as the editing of manuscripts, the interpretation of artifacts, or the preservation of historic structures. Prerequisite: permission of department chair. Normally open only to seniors. Offered as occasion demands.

**HI 430 Capstone Seminar in United States History 3 Credits**

A semester course for advanced students, primarily for senior History or Studies in War & Peace majors. Topics vary from semester to semester. Prerequisite: Completion of one history colloquium with a grade of C or higher and permission of the instructor.

**HI 431 Capstone Seminar in Modern European History 3 Credits**

A semester course for advanced students, primarily for senior History or Studies in War & Peace majors. Topics vary from semester to semester. Prerequisite: Completion of one history colloquium with a grade of C or higher and permission of the instructor.

**HI 432 Capstone Seminar in Pre-Modern History 3 Credits**

A semester course for advanced students, primarily for senior History or Studies in War & Peace majors. Topics vary from semester to semester. Prerequisite: Completion of one history colloquium with a grade of C or higher and permission of the instructor.

**HI 433 Seminar in Non-Western History 3 Credits**

A semester course for advanced students, primarily for senior History or Studies in War & Peace majors. Topics vary from semester to semester. Prerequisite: Completion of one history colloquium with a grade of C or higher and permission of the instructor. 3 lecture hours.

**HI 490 Honors in History I 3 Credits**

First semester of a two semester sequence honors thesis project. The first semester is devoted primarily to research. Not repeatable for credit. Does not fulfill distribution requirement for major.

**HI 491 Honors in History II 3 Credits**

Second semester of a two semester sequence. The second semester is devoted to writing and defending the honors thesis. Not repeatable for credit. Does not fulfill distribution requirement for major. Prerequisite: A grade of "B" or higher in HI 490 and permission of the program director and department chair. 3 lecture hours.

**International Studies Courses**

**IN 101 Introduction to International Studies 3 Credits**

Drawing upon the major disciplines within the social sciences, this course provides a multidisciplinary understanding of the forces that shape and affect relationships among human communities. Among the topics considered are: Ethics and human rights, geography and spatial analysis, the role of culture, and the independent and combined effects of politics and economics. In addition, the course introduces students to the methods used to address the questions and problems with which the discipline is concerned.

**IN 350 Topics in International Studies 3 Credits**

Selected Topics in international studies to be used to cover subjects not included in the regular offerings. The course can be offered and taught by faculty in other disciplines upon prior approval of the History & Political Science Department Chair. The course seeks to enhance an appreciation for the multidisciplinary nature of international studies. 3 lecture hours.

**IN 410 Seminar in International Studies 3 Credits**

This capstone course is a reading and writing intensive course designed to introduce students to graduate level work in International Studies. Seminar topics will be determined by the instructor. Prerequisite: Senior standing or permission of the instructor.

**IN 490 Honors in International Studies 3 Credits**

This course is intended for senior students who have demonstrated superior research and writing skills. It requires the commitment of an entire academic year. Topic determined by the student and faculty member. Prerequisite: Senior standing and permission of the instructor.

**Political Science Courses**

**PO 105 American Politics 3 Credits**

A study of the theoretical, institutional, and behavioral elements of the U.S. political system. Offered both semesters. Open freshman only, except by permission of department chair or unless a major requirement for another program or major. Open to students with freshmen and sophomore standing only, otherwise instructor permission.

**PO 106 Introduction to Public Policy and Administration 3 Credits**

An introductory examination of theoretical and practical approaches to policymaking and administration, the essential steps in the process, and the roles of key actors at all levels. This course prepares students for more in-depth study of all other facets of the political realm. Open to students with freshmen and sophomore standing only, otherwise instructor permission.

**PO 202 Introduction to Comparative Politics 3 Credits**

An introductory course that acquaints students with the comparative study of politics. The course will compare executive and legislative relationships, electoral systems, ideologies, and political parties. Various countries from around the world will be used to illustrate the application and consequences of different institutions and ideas. Open to students with freshmen and sophomore standing only, otherwise instructor's permission.

**PO 215 International Relations 3 Credits**

An inquiry in assumptions, theories, and dogmas of the modern state system. Examination and evaluation of such topics as realist theory; conflict resolution; game theory; decision-making theory; and ecopolitics. Open to students with freshmen and sophomore standing only, otherwise instructor's permission.

**PO 220 Research Methods 3 Credits**

An introduction to the methods of political analysis, standard nomenclature, and basic research methods relied upon in the study of politics. Emphasis is placed on quantitative methods and ethical issues in conducting research. Not open to freshman without instructor's permission.

**PO 300 Special Topics in Politics 3 Credits**

Select topics offered on occasion. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

**PO 301 Special Topics in International Relations 3 Credits**

Select topics in the area of International Relations offered on occasion. Topics courses may be repeated for credit as long as a different topic is offered. 3 lecture hours. pre-req of PO 215, C or higher; open to all students.

**PO 303 Political Philosophy 3 Credits**

After introducing the political philosophies of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle, this course explores the ideas of major Western thinkers from the Renaissance through the Industrial Revolution. The course not only examines each philosopher's understandings of power, justice, equality and freedom, but also contemporary applications and implications of these ideas. Open to Sophomore 2 and above, otherwise instructor permission.

**PO 305 Geopolitics 3 Credits**

Geopolitics will give students an increased appreciation of the influence of geography on political decision-making. This course will help students "visualize" world politics and understand how geography affects both national and transnational political behaviors. Students will learn to think and write critically about such issues and forces as globalization, development, and conflict. Students will develop an understanding of how interests and perceptions are shaped by geography. Pre-req of PO 202 or PO 215, C or higher; open to all students.

**PO 310 European Politics 3 Credits**

A study of the political systems, cultures, and issues of selected countries from western, northern and southern Europe as well as Russia and the European Union. This course will also consider the relationship between domestic and foreign policies and the relationship between the United States and Europe. Pre-req of PO 202, C or higher; open to all students.

**PO 312 The Presidency 3 Credits**

A study of the presidential office and its relationship with the major American political institutions. Pre-req of PO 105, C or higher; open to all students.

**PO 313 Political Parties and Interest Groups 3 Credits**

A study of political parties and interest groups as they influence the decision making process, the formulation of government policy, and the selection of official personnel. Pre-req of PO 105, C or higher; open to all students.

**PO 314 The Legislative Process 3 Credits**

A study of the national and state legislatures in the United States through a combination of lectures, readings, contact with legislators, and actual investigations on the state legislative scene itself. Pre-req of PO 105, C or higher; open to all students.

**PO 315 Public Opinion and Political Behavior 3 Credits**

A study of the development of political attitudes and the formation of public opinion; the influence of public opinion on governmental policy through its relationship to political participation representation and leadership. Pre-req of PO 105, C or higher; open to all students.

**PO 320 Topics in Area Studies 3 Credits**

Selected topics in area studies will be offered on occasion. This course will be used to cover subjects not included in the regular offerings in comparative politics. Topics may include the politics of a particular country or region such as Latin America, Africa, Eastern Europe, or the Middle East. A topics course may also be offered on a particular issue area such as foreign and defense policy, healthcare policy, welfare policy, or environmental policy. Pre-req of PO 202, C or higher; open to all students.

**PO 321 U.S. Constitutional Law 3 Credits**

Introduction to the evolution and structure of the American constitutional system, focusing on the federal relationship, the separation of powers, and judicial review, relying primarily upon the case method of analysis. Open to Sophomore 2 and above, otherwise instructor permission.

**PO 324 Civil Liberties 3 Credits**

An examination of the relationship of individuals to government, relying primarily upon the case method of study, with specific consideration of problems of equal protection, due process, privacy, and freedoms of speech and religion. Open to Sophomore 2 and above, otherwise instructor permission.

**PO 330 American Citizenship 3 Credits**

Using the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights as a foundation, this course examines what it means to be a citizen of the United States. The course addresses such questions as: What are citizens entitled to and what do they owe the state and each other? Is there an obligation to obey political authority? Is there ever an obligation to disobey authority? An important consideration is the role of the military in American political life and in particular, the relationship between the military ethic and republican values. Pre-req of PO 105, C or higher; open to all students.

**PO 331 State and Local Politics 3 Credits**

The primary objective of this course is to gain an understanding of the role of the state and local political institutions within the context of American federalism. Emphasis is placed on procedural and policy differences as well as political issues in state, regional, and local governments. Pre-req of PO 105, C or higher; open to all students.

**PO 333 American Foreign Policy 3 Credits**

Through studies of the three "levels of analysis" personal political psychology, bureaucratic politics, and international relations-this course examines the processes of American foreign policy formulation and execution; it explores the objectives, methods, and consequences of major U.S. foreign and military policies. If practicable, students will take part in role-playing simulations. Pre-req of PO 105 or PO 202, C or higher; open to all students.

**PO 340 Revolution and Forces of Change 3 Credits**

A critical analysis of several revolutions that will examine causes, outcomes, and accepted explanations in an attempt to discern generalities applicable to all revolutions. Pre-req of PO 202, C or higher; open to all students.

**PO 348 Asian Politics 3 Credits**

A study of the political systems, cultures, and issues of the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, Japan, North and South Korea, Vietnam, Indonesia, Pakistan, and India. This course will pay particular attention to the relationship between the West and Asia, the processes of "modernization," and the role of Asia in contemporary international relations. Pre-req of PO 202, C or higher; open to all students.

**PO 400 Independent Study 3 Credits**

An opportunity for qualified upperclass students to engage in an intensive reading or research program in fields of interest not satisfactorily covered by regular course offerings. Periodic conferences will be required. Prerequisite: written consent of the instructor to a specific project presented by the applicant. Offered as occasion demands. Open to upperclassmen, otherwise by permission of the instructor.

**PO 403 Internship 3-15 Credit**

Direct participation in the practical workings of state, municipal, and Federal government. Ordinarily open only to seniors. Offered on availability to internships. Credits to be determined by instructor. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

**PO 405 International Organizations 3 Credits**

This course focuses on the increasingly influential and varied roles international organizations play in the world today from peace and security to international development, human rights, and environmental protection. It traces the evolution of the thinking behind, and efforts to establish international organizations, and analyzes not only their promise and challenges, but also their successes and failures to date. Although particular attention is paid to the United Nations and its many affiliated bodies, regional organizations (e.g. European Union, Organization of American States, African Union, NATO), international non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and multi-national corporations are also assessed. Offered alternate years. pre-req of PO 215, C or higher; open to all students.

**PO 410 Capstone Seminar in Political Science 3 Credits**

A research and writing course designed to introduce students to graduate standards of original research and critical writing in political science. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

**PO 412 War and Peace 3 Credits**

An inquiry into the ostensible causes of war-- biological, economic, psychological, strategic, and theological; and an examination of the purported causes of war -- personal probity, military counterpoise, political utopia, and world government. Preparation of a substantial paper is required. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

**PO 415 International Law 3 Credits**

This course examines the development of international law, and assesses its effectiveness in governing the relations among nation-states. The course examines early as well as more recent efforts to build a body of such law. It compares international law with domestic law, and explores the principal sources of international law. The course uses cases to analyze the development of international law in areas such as extraterritorial jurisdiction, the range of sovereignty, diplomatic relations, the treaty system, arbitration and adjudication, the use of force, human rights, the environment, and economic relations. Offered alternate years. Pre-req of PO 215, C or higher; open to all students.

**PO 490 Honors in Political Science 3 Credits**

A substantial, sequential, research and writing project. See description of department honors program. Offered as occasion demands. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

**PO 491 Honors in Political Science 3 Credits**

The second semester of honors in political science. Devoted to writing and defending the honors thesis. Prerequisite: Student must earn a grade of B or higher in PO 490 and permission of the instructor and program coordinator.