

# DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

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## Paralegal Program

The paralegal programs offer a Bachelor of Arts degree and Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in paralegal science and an associate of arts degree in paralegal studies. The objectives of the programs are:

1. **Critical Reading/Thinking Skills:** Students will read and understand legally-related readings to apply information from those readings to solve problems and complete tasks using metacognitive strategies.
2. **Communication:** Students will be able to communicate in writing about the law in a manner characterized by proper, clear, and concise grammar, accuracy of material; effective organization of material, and adequate substantiation of conclusions/recommendations.
3. **Professional Competence:** Students will be able to perform paralegal-level tasks competently for employers based upon the coursework the student completed in the Paralegal Program.

Paralegals are paraprofessionals who must work under the supervision of an attorney. The laws of Kentucky and other states prohibit paralegals from engaging in the practice of law or providing legal services directly to the public, except as permitted by law. Therefore, completion of a major, minor, or certificate in Paralegal Studies/Sciences does not entitle one to practice law, provide legal services directly to the public, or render legal advice, except as provided by law.

## Paralegal Degree Requirements

Paralegal majors, minors, and certificates must attain a minimum grade of "C" in all major and supporting courses, a minimum grade of "C" must be earned in LAS 210 Introduction to Law before taking LAS 220 Legal Research and Writing I. A minimum grade of "C" must be earned in LAS 220 Legal Research and Writing I before being admitted to any of the other upper division requirements.

Paralegal majors, minors, and certificates must take a minimum of ten (10) semester credits of courses from Major/Minor requirements in a traditional in-person or ITV format. No courses taken in an online or web-based format can count toward this ten (10) semester credit requirement.

## Paralegal Transfer Students

Transfer students must take a minimum of 15 semester hours of paralegal (LAS) courses at EKU to earn a paralegal degree. Please see the EKU Paralegal Program website ([www.paralegal.eku.edu](http://www.paralegal.eku.edu) (<http://www.paralegal.eku.edu>)) or contact the Paralegal Program Director for more information on the transfer policy for paralegal specialty courses.

## Bachelor's

- Globalization and International Affairs, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) (<https://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/government/globalization-international-affairs-ba/>)
- Paralegal Science, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) (<https://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/government/paralegal-science-ba/>)
- Political Science, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) (<https://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/government/political-science-ba/>)

## Associate's

- Paralegal Studies, Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) (<https://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/government/paralegal-studies-aas/>)

## Minor

- Globalization and International Affairs, Minor (<https://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/government/globalization-international-affairs-minor/>)
- Legal Studies, Minor (<https://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/government/legal-studies-minor/>)
- Paralegal Studies, Minor (<https://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/government/paralegal-studies-minor/>)
- Political Science, Minor (<https://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/government/political-science-minor/>)
- Pre-Law, Minor (<https://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/government/pre-law-minor/>)
- Public Administration, Minor (<https://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/government/public-administration-minor/>)

## Certificate

- Paralegal Science, University Certificate (Post-Baccalaureate) (<https://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/government/paralegal-science-certificate-post-baccalaureate/>)

## Courses

### Legal Studies

#### LGS 300. Introduction to Legal Studies. (3 Credits)

A. Prerequisite: ENG 102, ENG 105, or HON 102. Examination of foundations and liberal arts perspectives of legal studies. Topics include comparative and historical introduction to forms, institutions, processes, and systems of law along with research methods for understanding questions of law and justice.

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**LGS 305. Special Topics:\_\_\_\_. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: LGS 300. Exploration of topics not covered in the existing LGS curriculum. May be taken for a maximum of six hours provided that subject matter is different each time.

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**LGS 306. Animals and the Law. (3 Credits)**

A. Formerly LAS 306. The study of topics that relate to the status of animals under the law. The course focuses upon cases, legislation, and cultural values toward animals world-wide. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for LAS 306.

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**LGS 349. Applied Learning for Legal Studies. (0.5-8 Credits)**

A. Prerequisites: LGS 300. Work or volunteer in an area related to Legal Studies. A minimum of 80 hours employment required for each semester hour credit. No more than 3 hours may count toward LGS program

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**LGS 400. Legal Studies Senior Seminar. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: LGS 300 and at least six hours of LGS electives. Conduct research in an area related to Legal Studies, write a research paper, and present an oral presentation on research conducted. No more than 3 hours may count toward LGS program.

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**Paralegal**

**LAS 210. Introduction to Law. (3 Credits)**

I, II. General study of the purpose, function, and history of law; law-related occupations; court systems; case law analysis; professional ethics; the adversary system; and the major areas of law.

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**LAS 220. Legal Research and Writing I. (3 Credits)**

I, II. Prerequisite: LAS 210 or director approval. The sources and techniques of legal research; their application to specific legal problems and the use of legal authority to construct a written legal argument.

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**LAS 300. Legal Research and Writing II. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: LAS 220. The sources and techniques of advanced legal research and writing, the use of computer-assisted legal research methods and their application. Credit will not be awarded for both LAS 300 and LAS 300W.

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**LAS 305. Special Topics in the Law. (1-3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: director approval. A course offered periodically covering topics and issues of current or special interest concerning the law. May be retaken to a maximum of six hours provided topics vary.

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**LAS 306. Animals & the Law. (3 Credits)**

A. The study of topics that relate to the status of animals under the law. The course focuses upon cases, legislation, and cultural values toward animals world-wide. Does not count toward paralegal requirements.

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**LAS 325. Real Estate Practice. (3 Credits)**

I, II. Prerequisite: LAS 220. Paralegal practice and procedure for general law office; real estate transactions and documents, title searches, title insurance, loan closings, leases, wills, affidavits of descent, and foreclosures.

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**LAS 330. Family Law Practice. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: LAS 220. Paralegal practice in family law including forms, documents, and procedures for: marriage, divorce, separation, annulment, alimony, legitimacy of children, custody, adoption, community property, and juvenile law. Credit will not be awarded for both LAS 330 and LAS 330S.

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**LAS 340. Criminal Law Practice and Procedure. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: LAS 220 or director approval. An introduction to criminal law and procedure; criminal law forms and documents, and preparation for criminal litigation using the systems approach.

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**LAS 350. Litigation: Complaint to Discovery. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisites: LAS 220 or director approval. Study of legal principles and paralegal practice in substantive civil law. Incorporates procedural aspects of the early stages of civil litigation including evidence and investigation, pleadings, and the discovery/disclosure process.

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**LAS 355. Litigation: Pre-Trial to Appeal. (3 Credits)**

I, II. Prerequisite: LAS 220 or Director Approval. Study of legal principles and paralegal practice in substantive civil law. Incorporates procedural aspects of the latter stages of civil litigation including settlement and ADR, trial preparation, trial, post-trial practice, and appeal.

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**LAS 360. Wills, Trusts, Estates, & Elder Law. (3 Credits)**

I, II. Prerequisite: LAS 220 or director approval. Paralegal probate practice including initial steps, asset accumulation, debt management, court procedure, estate-related tax issues and forms. A systems approach will be emphasized.

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**LAS 370. Corporations and Business Organization Practice. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: LAS 220. Documents, forms, and procedures essential to the corporate paralegal. Development of skills concerning business formations, incorporation, corporate finance, employees, corporate operation, securities, regulatory compliance, merger, acquisitions, sales and terminations.

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**LAS 380. Administrative Agency Practice. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: LAS 220. Practical paralegal skill development in administrative law and procedure. Forms, documents, pleadings, and techniques for administrative regulatory compliance; case processing; informal and formal administrative advocacy, emphasizing the systems approach.

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**LAS 385. Legal Administration and Computer Applications. (3 Credits)**

I, II. Prerequisites: LAS 220. The study of law office administration and the utilization of specific law office computer applications.

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**LAS 399. Paralegal Internship. (4 Credits)**

I, II. Prerequisites: completion of 18 hours of major (LAS) courses including LAS 300 or director approval (prior written application is required).

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**LAS 410. Paralegal Seminar. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: completion of 18 hours of major (LAS) courses or director approval. Professional ethics, analysis of the internship experience, transition to the law office and current issues facing the paralegal profession.

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**LAS 450. Mediation. (3 Credits)**

The study of mediation as an alternative dispute resolution technique. Involves the analysis and practice of communication skills applicable to the mediation process. Extensive mediation role-plays are an integral part of the course. (Credit will not be awarded for both CMS 450 and LAS 450).

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1. 1 Evaluate negotiation styles and their relationship to the mediation process.
2. 2 Analyze the mediation process, structure, and foundations for successful negotiation.
3. 3 Appraise barriers to settlement and conflict resolution and develop process skills to overcome these barriers.
4. 4 Identify ethical and legal requirements for mediators, third-party neutrals, and parties engaged in mediation.
5. 5 Prioritize facilitative and evaluative models of mediation by third-party neutrals to achieve conflict resolution.
6. 6 Role-play advocacy skills to represent clients and interests of parties in multi-party mediation conferences.

**LAS 460. Estate Planning & Procedure. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: LAS 360 or director approval. The study of law, forms, documents, and procedures essential to the paralegal involved in the drafting of wills, trusts, and estate plans. The systems approach will be emphasized.

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**LAS 490. Independent Study of the Law. (1-3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: director approval. Individual research, skill development, and study in an area of law or paralegal practice. Student must have independent study proposal form approved by faculty supervisor and departmental chair prior to enrollment. May be retaken to a maximum of six hours.

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## Political Science

### **POL 100. Principles of Politics and Government. (3 Credits)**

I, II. An introductory social science course focusing on the political and governmental aspects of societies. Does not count toward political science major requirements. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for POL 100S.

#### **View Course Learning Outcomes**

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### **POL 101. Introduction to American Government. (3 Credits)**

I, II. Principles, functions, and basic political institutions of the American system of government at the national level. Gen. Ed. VB, VC, or VII (SBS). [SB] E-5A, E-5B. Credit will not be awarded for both POL 101 and POL 101S.

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### **POL 101S. Intro to Amer Govt: Svc Lrning. (3 Credits)**

A. Principles, functions, and basic political institutions of the American system of government at the national level enhanced with a service-learning component. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for POL 101. Gen. Ed. VB, VC, or VII (SBS).

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### **POL 201. Short Topics in Political Science. (1-3 Credits)**

A. A maximum of three short topics offered during any semester. The student may take any or all topics. May be retaken to a maximum of six hours when topics vary.

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### **POL 212. Introduction to Comparative Politics. (3 Credits)**

I, II. A study of the purpose, concepts, and methods used in the cross-national study of politics and government with a focus on selected countries. Gen. Ed. E#5A or 5B [SB].

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### **POL 220. Introduction to World Politics. (3 Credits)**

(3) I, II. The study of the political interactions of countries and organizations relating to politics, economics, the environment, technology, culture and society on a global level. Gen. Ed. VB, VC, or VII (SBS).

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### **POL 250. Introduction to Political Philosophy. (3 Credits)**

(3) I, II. Examination of Western political theory from the ancient Greeks to the contemporary era with a focus on selected philosophers. Gen. Ed. Elements 3B and 5B.

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### **POL 256. African American Pol Thought. (3 Credits)**

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### **POL 280. Research and Writing in Political Science. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: majors, minors, or departmental approval. Practical application of techniques and methods used in collection, analysis, and written presentation of political data. No more than 6 hours of POL courses numbered 300 or above may be taken prior to completing POL 280.

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### **POL 310. Latin American Governments. (3 Credits)**

A. A study of the political institutions and issues facing the people and governments of Latin America.

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### **POL 312. Politics in China. (3 Credits)**

A. Analysis of political development, organizational structure, and operation of Chinese political systems with particular emphasis on Chinese Communism, foreign policies, and contemporary problems in China.

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### **POL 314. Politics of South Asia. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: ENG 102, ENG 105(B), or HON 102. Studies and analyzes the political situations of South Asia. Course focuses on the politics of Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India; however, instructor may focus on additional countries or regions as well.

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### **POL 315. European Politics. (3 Credits)**

A. Examination of the politics and public policies of the European Union and selected European countries.

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**POL 316. Politics in Russia. (3 Credits)**

A. Nature and development of Russia's political system since the end of the USSR and fall of communism; impact of the Soviet era; development of political parties and civil society; superpresidentialism; nationalism; federalism and ethnic politics.

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**POL 318. Politics of the Middle East. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: ENG 102, ENG 105(B), or HON 102. Studies and analyzes the politics of the countries of the Middle East and North Africa, with a focus on historical legacies, contemporary challenges to political and economic development, and international affairs. Credit will not be awarded for both POL 318 and POL 410: Politics of the Middle East.

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**POL 321. American Foreign Policy. (3 Credits)**

II. Prerequisite: three hours of POL or instructor approval. Analysis of the internal processes and external factors which affect U.S. foreign policy, with emphasis on the post-World War II period. Case studies in decision-making.

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**POL 325. Global Security. (3 Credits)**

(3) I. Prerequisite: ENG 102, ENG 105(B) or HON 102. Analysis of major problems of global and human security, the role of military with emphasis on military-security policies of global import.

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**POL 327. Internat Law & Organization. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: three hours of POL or instructor approval. Analysis of the development of the U.N.; functional and regional approaches to peace, security, economic cooperation, social welfare, and law in international relations.

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**POL 331. Urban Politics. (3 Credits)**

A. Political processes of urban areas including comparisons of alternative structures of urban and other local government.

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**POL 332. Kentucky Government and Politics. (3 Credits)**

I, II. An overview of the Kentucky political system: major institutions, processes and political leaders, with emphasis on recent events and developments.

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**POL 333. American State and Local Government. (3 Credits)**

A. Study of the institutions and processes of government of the fifty states and of cities and counties.

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**POL 340. Political Parties and Interest Groups. (3 Credits)**

(3) A. Prerequisite: ENG 102, ENG 105(B) or HON 102. An overview of the informal political institutions of American government; functions, organization, financing of political parties, interest groups and their relationship to democracy.

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**POL 341. The U.S. Congress. (3 Credits)**

(3) A. Prerequisite: ENG 102, ENG 105(B), or HON 102. A systematic examination of the decision-making process in Congress.

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**POL 342. The American Presidency. (3 Credits)**

(3) A. Prerequisite: ENG 101, ENG 105(B) or HON 102. An examination of the power and functions of the offices of the President. Recent developments affecting the American President will be emphasized.

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**POL 343. Campaigns and Elections. (3 Credits)**

(3) A. Prerequisite: ENG 102, ENG 105(B) or HON 102. An examination of U.S. campaigns and elections including topics in campaign organization and planning, voting behavior, campaign finance and election laws for presidential, congressional and state/local campaigns.

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**POL 345. Minority Group Politics. (3 Credits)**

A. Cross listed as AFA 345. Examination and comparison of various theories, strategies, forms of participation, leadership styles, and concepts (e.g., Black Power) of minority group politics. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for AFA 345. Gen. Ed. VIII.

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**POL 346. Religion and Politics in the World. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: ENG 102, 105(B), or HON 102. Examines the relationship between religion and politics in the world from such different perspectives as public opinion, voting behavior, institutional structures, political economy, and/or policy-making.

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**POL 347. Politics and Religion in the U.S.. (3 Credits)**

A. Interaction of government, politics, and religion in the U.S.: role of Supreme Court and Constitution in defining church-state separation and religious freedom; religious organizations as pressure groups; religion in electoral politics and foreign policy-making; religion and public schools.

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**POL 349. Applied Learning in Political Science. (0.5-8 Credits)**

A. Work in placements related to academic studies. One to eight hours credit per semester or summer. Total hours: eight, associate; sixteen, baccalaureate. A minimum of 80 hours employment required for each semester hour credit. No more than six hours may count toward this major. No more than three hours may count toward this minor.

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**POL 349A. Cooperative Study: Political Science. (1-8 Credits)**

A. Work in placements related to academic studies. One to eight hours credit per semester or summer. Total hours: eight, associate; sixteen, baccalaureate. A minimum of 80 hours employment required for each semester hour credit. No more than six hours may count toward this major. No more than three hours may count toward this minor.

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**POL 349B. Cooperative Study: Political Science. (1-8 Credits)**

Work in placements related to academic studies. No more than 6 hours can apply to major.

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**POL 349C. Cooperative Study: Political Science. (1-8 Credits)**

Work in placements related to academic studies. No more than 6 hours can apply to major.

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**POL 349D. Cooperative Study: Political Science. (1-8 Credits)**

Work in placements related to academic studies. No more than 6 hours can apply to major.

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**POL 349E. Cooperative Study: Political Science. (1-8 Credits)**

Work in placements related to academic studies. No more than 6 hours can apply to major.

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**POL 349F. Cooperative Study: Political Science. (1-8 Credits)**

Work in placements related to academic studies. No more than 6 hours can apply to major.

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**POL 349G. Cooperative Study: Political Science. (1-8 Credits)**

Work in placements related to academic studies. No more than 6 hours can apply to major.

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**POL 349H. Cooperative Study: Political Science. (1-8 Credits)**

Work in placements related to academic studies. No more than 6 hours can apply to major.

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**POL 356. African American Political Thought. (3 Credits)**

(3) A. Cross-Listed with AFA 356. Pre-requisite: ENG 102, 105 (B) or HON 102. Examination of political ideas espoused by African Americans activists from the nineteenth century to the present. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for AFA 256. Gen. Ed. E-5B [SB]

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**POL 357. American Political Thought. (3 Credits)**

A. Study of the political philosophy and values that have shaped the American political system. Emphasis given to problems in democratic theory and to competing ideologies within the American political system.

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**POL 360. Judicial Process. (3 Credits)**

A. Study of legal and judicial systems in the United States and their role in the American political process.

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**POL 370. Introduction to Public Administration. (3 Credits)**

A. Survey of organization, authority, decision-making, intra-organization communications, and application of principles of the American bureaucracy by case studies.

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**POL 373. Politics of Development in Appalachia. (3 Credits)**

A. Cross listed as APP 373. Prerequisite: ENG 102, 105 (B), or HON 102 This course examines community and economic development in the Appalachian region with special emphasis on Kentucky. Focus will be on the political, economic and social aspects affecting development. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for APP 373. Gen. Ed. E-5B [SB]

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**POL 374. Introduction to Public Policy. (3 Credits)**

A. Introduction to the role of federal, state, and local governments in the formulation, implementation, and evaluation of public policies. Examples of policy decisions which might be covered include, energy, housing, environmental quality, and social services.

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**POL 376. Public Human Resources. (3 Credits)**

A. Policies and practices for human resources management in public services. Civil Service systems and reforms, diversity and affirmative action, managing, compensating, and motivating employees.

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**POL 377. Public Budgeting. (3 Credits)**

A. The political consideration of budget formulation, budget strategy, and budget execution. An analysis of the role of taxes, spending, program evaluation, and planning in the budgeting process at the federal, state, and local levels.

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**POL 400. Capstone Course in Political Science. (3 Credits)**

I, II. Prerequisites: POL 101, POL 212, POL 220, POL 250, and POL 280; ENG 102 or ENG 105(B) or HON 102. Culminating, integrative course for political science majors. Requires advanced analysis integrating subfields of the discipline. Students will complete a major paper assignment, writing in stages with instructor feedback and revisions.

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**POL 405. Special Topics in Political Science. (3 Credits)**

A. Exploration of a particular topic; theorist, institution, process, policy, writings, or their combinations. Prerequisites set by the department. May be retaken to a maximum of six hours provided subject matter is different each time.

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**POL 412. Politics of Mexico. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: ENG 102, ENG 105(B), or HON 102. Study of the politics of Mexico, with a focus on historical legacies, contemporary challenges to political and economic development, and key issues in U.S.-Mexico relations. Credit will not be awarded for both POL 412 and POL 410: Politics of Mexico.

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**POL 415. Terrorism and Political Violence. (3 Credits)**

A. Examines terrorism and political violence as causes and consequences of cultural, social and political change.

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**POL 421. The U.S. and Latin America. (3 Credits)**

A. Examines U.S. foreign policy in Latin America and the Caribbean; Latin American foreign policies; key hemispheric issues such as the war on drugs, immigration, foreign aid, and trade.

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**POL 440. Public Opinion & Voting Behavior. (3 Credits)**

(3) A. Prerequisite: ENG 102, ENG 105(B) or HON 102. Survey of recent literature in the field of voting behavior in the U.S. Topics include public opinion, polling, participation, and campaign behavior. Attention paid to methodologies and techniques.

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**POL 446. The Politics of Sex. (3 Credits)**

A. Cross listed as WGS 446. The effect of sex on social and political institutions, public policies, and court rulings. Issues may include pornography, sexual and gender discrimination, domestic violence, reproductive rights and gay rights. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for WGS 446. Gen. Ed. VIII.

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**POL 451. Principles and Politics of Human Rights. (3 Credits)**

A. Cross listed as WGS 451. Examines politics of human rights in theory and in practice. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for WGS 451.

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**POL 460. Law and Society. (3 Credits)**

A. Sources, nature, function, and limits of law as an instrument of social and political control and direction. Examples taken from property, torts, contracts, criminal law, and selected areas of public policy.

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**POL 463. Constitutional Politics. (3 Credits)**

A. An examination of constitutional problems in American government. Emphasis is given to cases in their legal and political context.

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**POL 464. Law and Politics of Civil Liberties. (3 Credits)**

A. An examination of historic and contemporary problems of civil liberties. Emphasis is given to cases in their legal and political context.

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**POL 466A. Mock Trial. (2 Credits)**

I. Prerequisite: departmental approval.. Preparation of Mock Trial Competitions. Students will develop cases for presentation including preparing opening and closing arguments, introducing testimonial, physical and demonstrative evidence, and conducting direct and cross examination of witnesses. May be retaken to a maximum of 8 hours, only 2 of which may be counted toward the political science major and only 1 may be counted toward the political science minor.

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**POL 466B. Mock Trial II. (2 Credits)**

II. Prerequisite: POL 466A and departmental approval. Preparation of Mock Trial Competitions. Students will develop cases for presentation including opening and closing arguments, introducing testimonial, physical, and demonstrative evidence, and conducting direct and cross examination of witnesses. May be retaken to a maximum of 8 hours, only 4 of which may be counted toward the political science major and only 2 may be counted toward the political science minor.

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**POL 490. Independent Work in Political Science. (1-3 Credits)**

A. Individual research and/or reading on a problem or area in political science. Regular reports and final research paper required. May be retaken to a maximum of six hours. Students must have the independent study proposal form approved by faculty supervisor and departmental chair prior to enrollment.

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**POL 495. Practicum in Political Science. (1-3 Credits)**

A. Supervised field study program. May be retaken to a maximum of six hours, provided subject matter differs each time. Student must have the independent study proposal form approved by faculty supervisor and departmental chair prior to enrollment.

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**POL 495A. Practicum in Amer Pol Process. (1-3 Credits)**

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**POL 495B. Practicum Comp Pol & Intl Rel. (1-3 Credits)**

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**POL 496A. Washington Internship. (1-12 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: junior or senior standing with 2.5 GPA. Supervised internship with government or private agencies in Washington, D.C. Open by application to those students who fulfill the prerequisite.

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**POL 496B. Washington Seminar. (3 Credits)**

A. Corequisite: POL 496A. Seminar on selected topics in national government.

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**POL 496C. Washington Forum. (3 Credits)**

A. Corequisite: POL 496A and POL 496B. Seminar on selected topics in national government.

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**POL 497. Kentucky Administration Intern Program. (18 Credits)**

A. Prerequisites: junior or senior standing with a cumulative GPA of 2.6 or better (on a 4.0 scale). Enrollment is by invitation only and limited to a maximum of 18 hours.

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**POL 498. Kentucky Legislative Internship Program. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisites: junior or senior standing with a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or better (on a 4.0 scale) and a definite interest in the legislative process in the Commonwealth. Enrollment is by invitation only and limited to a maximum of 15 hours by registering for POL 408A and 408B.

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**POL 498A. Legislative Internship. (3-9 Credits)**

A. Each intern's performance in his or her legislative assignment will be evaluated by the immediate supervisor in consultation with the campus coordinator. May be retaken to a maximum of nine hours.

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**POL 498B. Selected Topics in Kentucky Legislative Process. (3-9 Credits)**

A. Seminar on various topics on the legislative process in the Commonwealth which support and constitute an essential part of the Kentucky Legislative Internship Program. May be retaken to a maximum of nine hours.

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**POL 498C. Legislative Forum. (3 Credits)**

A. Corequisite: POL 498A and POL 498B. Seminar on selected topics in state government.

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**POL 533. Seminar In State and Local Politics. (3 Credits)**

A. A topical analysis of the institutions, policies, and administration of American state and local government. May be retaken to a total of six hours credit, provided subject matter differs each time.

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**POL 541. Politics and Education. (3 Credits)**

A. An examination of the way political decisions and policies are made in the field of education. Special attention is given to educational decision makers and political power at the local level.

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**POL 551. Classical Political Theory. (3 Credits)**

A. Cross-listed as PHI 551. Examination of Western political thought from Plato to Aquinas. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for PHI 551, PHI 551W or POL 551W.

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**POL 552. Modern Political Theory. (3 Credits)**

A. Cross-listed as PHI 552. Examination of Western political theory from the Renaissance to the mid-twentieth century. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for PHI 552, PHI 552W or POL 552W.

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**POL 553. Contemporary Political Theory. (3 Credits)**

A. Cross-listed as PHI 553. Examination of Western political thought from the mid-twentieth century to the present. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for PHI 553, PHI 553W or POL 553W.

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**POL 565. Administrative Law. (3 Credits)**

A. Nature of the powers vested in administrative agencies; the problems of administrative procedure; and the methods and extent of judicial control over administrative action.

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