

POLS 4454: Politics of the Middle East

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: POLS 1101

This course examines contemporary socio-political and economic characteristics needed to understand the many countries of the Middle East/North Africa. The role of Islam, the Gulf war, the quest for development, the Palestine issue, and democracy versus authoritarianism are themes which will be covered in the course. In addition, a "country profile" approach will also be used. This course examines key countries and studies their political structures in detail.

POLS 4455: International Relations of Africa

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: POLS 1101

This course examines the international relations of African states within a conceptual context, with particular reference to Africa's position in the global political economy. It covers both intra-African relations and African relations with the outside world. The main purpose is an attempt to understand African external politics in order to deal with them, by analyzing past practices and projecting new trends.

POLS 4456: International Environmental Policy

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: POLS 1101

An examination of the basic elements of environmental policy making in the international arena. The course highlights current issues such as tropical rain forests, the "Global Commons" concept, biodiversity and endangered species. Policy approaches will draw upon examples from specific countries as well as policy developed within international organizations such as the United Nations.

POLS 4457: South Asian Politics: A Comparative Perspective

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: POLS 2240

This course is an overview of the main issues that overlay politics in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan. It covers the common historical background and the development of political institutions across the region. The course highlights the main cleavages along which politics are organized and related political, social, and economic outcomes, including the political party system, economic development, social movements, and ethnic conflict.