

### **POLS 2280: Research Methods**

#### **3 Credit Hours**

*Prerequisite: POLS 1101*

*Concurrent: DATA 1501*

An introduction to the empirical methods in social science research. It provides the student with a working knowledge of the design, implementation and evaluation of social science research.

### **POLS 2285: Applied Research Design in International Affairs**

#### **3 Credit Hours**

*Prerequisite: POLS 1101*

This course is an introduction to the essential components of research design and data literacy required to understand and conduct both qualitative and quantitative research. Students learn to identify, design, critically analyze, synthesize, and interpret social scientific research using a variety of methodologies as they relate to the understanding of international politics.

### **POLS 2401: Global Issues**

#### **3 Credit Hours**

Global Issues is an introductory survey course designed to introduce the students to numerous current issues confronting the globe's policy-makers and populations. Specifically, the course provides an opportunity for diversity in the students' educational program and provides information that fosters global understanding and engagement.

### **POLS 3300: U.S. Constitution and Courts**

#### **3 Credit Hours**

*Prerequisite: POLS 1101*

This course provides an overview of American law. The course covers the basic design and structures of the United States court system, trial and appellate legal process, and Constitutional law basics including governmental powers and civil rights and liberties.