

POLS 4447: Arctic Politics, Policy, and Security in a Changing Environment

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: POLS 1101

As the Arctic region warms, new issues are confronting the region and states that border it. This course examines human, environmental, energy, and traditional security challenges facing the Arctic states and the world. Such challenges include the consequences of renewed Great Power competition, territorial disputes, apparent militarization, rapid environmental change, and significant new investments in energy development and transit/shipping routes. The course evaluates existing multinational legal and political architecture that may help ameliorate such problems.

POLS 4448: Russian Politics and Culture

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: POLS 1101

This course examines the unique political traditions and governing institutions of Russia by examining the pre-communist, communist, and post-communist periods.

POLS 4449: Russian Foreign Policy

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: POLS 1101

This course examines the international relations of Eurasian states, with particular reference to the Russian Federation's position in the global security, political, and economic realms, past and present. It covers both intra-Eurasian relations, as well as Russia's relations with the outside world. The course focuses upon major foreign policy issues that resonate within the region and beyond.

POLS 4450: Canada & North America

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: POLS 1101 or permission of the instructor.

This course focuses on the commonalities and differences in the political systems and public policies of Canada and the United States, with emphasis on Canada. Issues such as political culture and value systems, electoral politics, federalism and regionalism including the status of Quebec, public opinion, NAFTA, health care, immigration, political integration, the treatment of indigenous peoples, ethnic and gender representation are explored.