101 Introduction to Politics and Political Science (Intro)
A general introduction both to the subject and to the field, this course examines the conceptual vocabulary of politics and applies it to the understanding of world events as they unfold around us during the term. It is designed for prospective majors, but also for anyone who thinks, talks, or worries about the state of the public world.

1  MWF  10:00AM - 10:50AM  Henao Castro  M-1-209

102 Government and Politics of the United States (Intro)
Introduction to Government and Politics of the United States. The course focuses on the national government and national political behavior, although state, regional, and local structures and issues are also introduced. Topics include institutions of government, political principles and ideologies, public opinion, political socialization, political parties, mass media, elections, interest groups, civil rights and civil liberties, public policies and policy making.

1  TuTh  2:00PM - 3:15PM  Peters  S-1-0006
2  MWF  12:00PM - 12:50PM  Tafe  S-2-0065

103 Introduction to Political Theory (Intro)
This course consists of close readings of three texts considered foundational to the history of Western political thought: Plato's Republic, Machiavelli's The Prince, and Marx and Engels' Communist Manifesto. It will examine the characteristic questions and problems raised by these texts concerning the nature of politics and justice, and examine what roles moral and epistemological knowledge might play with regard to both. Also considered will be questions of genre, history, and rhetoric, with special attention given to questions regarding authorial intent, readership, and audience.

1  TuTh  11:00AM - 12:15PM  Schotten  S-1-0006

201 Comparative Politics of Industrialized Societies (Comp)
This course provides an introductory survey of political systems in the industrialized world, including the United States, Europe, and Japan. Course content focuses on the different forms of democracies, political economy and forms of political participation in industrialized societies.

1  MWF  8:00AM - 8:50AM  Rivera-Ottenberger  W-1-0029
202  Comparative Politics of Third World Countries  (Comp, IR)
This is a survey course on politics of developing countries. After a brief discussion of concepts and themes in comparative politics, we will study several regions and countries in detail, including the East Asian newly industrialized countries, Latin America and Brazil, socialist countries in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, China, India, and Nigeria. These countries and regions embarked on different paradigms of political and economic development after 1945. To distinguish these paradigms, we will focus on how and why power is organized and exercised and how the state and market interact with each other in each case. Through taking the course, students must enrich their knowledge about other countries, understand the comparative method, learn to ask questions regarding politics and economics of a country and a region other than their own, and formulate their own arguments on these questions.

   1   TuTh  2:00PM - 3:15PM  Zhang  S-2-0065

203  Public Policy  (Am, Policy)
This course offers a survey of theoretical, conceptual, and applied issues related to the systematic study of public policy. In treating the meanings and functions of public policy as contented terrain, this course is designed to facilitate an analytical focus towards the subject matter. The course itself is divided into four sections: (1) theoretical perspectives for understanding, designing, and assessing public policy; (2) political factors influencing public policy; (3) the policy process; and, (4) groups and public policy.

   1   MWF  1:00PM - 1:50PM  Coscia  M-1-0213

220  International Relations  (IR)
The course examines the basic principles on which behavior of nation-states is grounded. In doing so, it draws from several disciplines including history, economics, social psychology, law and geography; it also analyzes how issues, events and institutions such as nationalism, gender, social class, ethnicity, technology, multinational corporations, wars, political ideologies, cultural traditions, and financial interests influence and are influenced by the conduct of states. Of particular concern is the impact of globalization and regional integration on the changing relations among nations and the complex problems facing the developing countries.

   1   TuTh  9:30AM - 10:45AM  Brown  W-1-0088
   2   MWF  10:00AM - 10:50AM  Jurkovich  W-1-0088

251  Ancient and Medieval Political Thought  (Pol. Theory)
This course investigates the contentious origins of both political theory and democracy in ancient Athens, by exploring the relationship between Plato’s dramatic philosophy (his Socratic dialogues), and the tragedies of Sophocles and Euripides. We will focus primarily on the political thought of Socrates and Plato and marginally in that of Aristotle. Of particular interest to our class would be the historical context of the Peloponnesian War (430-404BC), the Oligarchy of the Thirty (404BC), the Restoration of
Democracy (403BC), and the Trial of Socrates (399BC). Within this context we will pay close attention to the progressive transformation of tragedy—from Aeschylus to Euripides—in the theater of Dionysus, and to Plato’s progressive differentiation from Socrates’ philosophy from his early dialogues (Apology, Crito, etc.) to his Republic.

1 MWF 11:00AM - 11:50AM Henao Castro W-1-0088

252 Modern Political Thought (Pol. Theory)
This course examines some of the key significant issues in modern political philosophy from Machiavelli through Nietzsche. Attention will be given to such questions as natural rights, the impact of modern science on political thought, and connection between the development of modern Europe and political thought. Close reading of texts is emphasized. This course fulfills the political theory subfield requirement.

1 TuTh 2:00PM - 3:15PM Schotten W-1-0034

311 Political Parties (Am, Policy)
If there was one thing the Founders dreaded, it would be the idea of permanent political parties. Nonetheless, people began forming into parties almost immediately and it’s hard to imagine American politics without them. In this course we'll study what parties do, who leads them, and what kinds of people vote for and actively support each party.

1 MWF 11:00AM - 11:50AM Cunningham W-2-0127

318 The Legislative Process (Am, Policy)
This course examines the role and function of national and state legislatures in US democracy. It will study the role played by political parties and interest groups in legislatures. Furthermore, the course discusses the complex ways money and politics mix at some length.

1 TuTh 9:30AM - 10:45AM Coscia S-2-0065

335 Law and Public Policy (Am, Policy)
The main objective of this course is to expose students to (1) different theoretical perspectives on law and public policy (concentrating on law and the courts), (2) some important substantive areas of law and public policy, and (3) broader questions regarding the study and practice of public policy in the United States. Although the focus is on "judicial" policymaking, the broader phenomenon of institutional development and interaction with societal forces is of special concern in this course. Class discussion and assignments are geared toward developing students' analytical skills so that they are able to examine policy issues from multiple theoretical angles and, thereby, to gain a critical perspective.
338  Massachusetts Politics (Am)
This course explores state and local government and politics in Massachusetts, emphasizing its unique features as well as its similarities to other state systems.

1  MWF  9:00AM - 9:50AM  Cunningham  W-2-0198

369  Politics of the Middle East (Comp)
This course traces the creation and transformation of Middle Eastern states, focusing on the development of their political systems. It explores the diversity of Middle Eastern states and analyzes the factors that contribute to the predominance of authoritarian regimes among them. In this respect, it examines the role of ideologies, -in which Islam and nationalism play key roles-, the nature of the party and family politics, and the ways in which economic developments impact political structures. It also focuses on the domestic, regional and international forces pushing for democracy in the region. The course pays attention to central themes such as modernization, foreign intervention, development, democratization, state/society, state/military relations.

1  MWF  12:00PM - 12:50PM  Farsakh  W-2-0127

372  Central American Politics (Comp)
This course takes a broad look at the struggle for economic and political development in Mexico and Central America. Drawing from a number of specific countries in the region, we will ask how and why some countries in these regions have developed stable democratic systems, while others have much weaker and unstable ones, how their political systems ameliorate or exacerbate issues related to inequality, poverty and development, and how historical legacies, domestic and international economic forces affect governance in these regions.

1  MWF  9:00AM – 9:50AM  Jimenez  M-1-0208

377.01  Special Topics: Courts and Politics (Am, Policy)
This course will explore the points where law and politics intersect in the United States and the role that judges and ordinary citizens perform at such junctures. Topics will include some of the following: the selection and confirmation process for federal judges; the different methods that judges use to decide cases and to justify their rulings; the role of political ideology in judicial decision-making; the important place of the jury in the American system of justice; how the courts interact with other branches of government and with a vast array of political and societal actors, including grassroots and advocacy organizations; and the impact of judicial decision-making on assorted areas of public policy. Throughout the semester, we will ask ourselves what
role the courts do play or ought to play in our society and what light investigating such questions sheds on the rights and obligations of democratic citizenship.

1    TuTh    11:00AM - 12:15PM    Bussiere    W-1-0047

377.02 Special Topics: Theory of International Relations (IR, Theory)  
This course surveys the most prominent themes in philosophical and scientific thought about international relations. It will give special consideration to the historical evolution of international relations scholarship, and the most prominent debates among relevant scholars, as well as facilitates our understanding of the fundamental problems countries face and the broad patterns of their interactions with one another.

2    TuTh    12:30PM - 1:45PM    Brown    M-2-0214

377.03 Special Topics: Sports and Politics (Am, Policy)  

3    W    5:30PM – 8:15PM    O’Brien    H-4-0031

387 Government and Politics of China (Comp)  
This course studies the influences shaping contemporary Chinese politics, both domestic and international, including revolutionary origins and the struggle for development. The course will also explore the role of the Chinese communist party and ideology in explaining ongoing social change.

1    TuTh    4:00PM - 5:15PM    Zhang    M-1-0209

453 Democratic Theory  
Democracy is one of those fundamental categories of our political vocabulary, whose meaning is the object of great political and theoretical contestation. Literally translated as “the power [kratos] of the people
[demos],” democracy has been conceived by contemporary political theory as the political enactment of public disagreement over that which is made sensible to the community (Jacques Rancière), a procedure for the legitimacy of government on the basis of popular sovereignty (Jürgen Habermas), a political regime based on autonomous and self-instituted government (Cornelius Castoriadis), and an agonistic and paradoxical political experiment (Chantal Mouffe), among many others. From Liberal, Republican and Communitarian interpretations to Marxist, Poststructuralist and Decolonial ones, this course maps a variety of theoretical approaches seeking to define, understand, and diagnose the crisis of contemporary democracy. Of particular interest to our class is the question about the subject-positions that such theories avow and disavow as composites of the very demos that they assume when they proceed to interrogate the relations of power by which this demos expresses itself (protest, rights, institutions, etc.).

1 MWF 2:00PM – 2:50PM Henao Castro M-1-0417

**478 Independent Study** (Elective)

An independent study requires the prior consent of a Pol. Sci. faculty member, and it involves intensive, supervised research that typically culminates in a 25-30 page paper. Students should have a clear idea of a topic before asking a faculty member whether s/he can supervise the Independent Study. The permission number for registration is given by the faculty research supervisor.

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3 TBA Cunningham
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**488, 489 Field Work in Politics Internships** (Elective)

The internship program helps students integrate their course work with practical training by involving them in day-to-day aspects of government, politics and public affairs. Interested students should speak with the Political Science Department professor in charge of internships.
To receive 3 credits, a student must work ten hours per week and submit a 10 page paper (PS488). To receive 6 credits, a student must work 13 hours a week and submit a 20 page paper (PS488 & 489). Permission of instructor required. For more information, see the instructor. Note: Even a 6 or 9 credit internship counts as only one elective within the Pol. Sci. major.

Watanabe

492  Directed Readings in Politics
Reading of four to six books on a special topic and preparation of a 10-15 page critical analysis. Lists of topics and pertinent readings are prepared by individual faculty members. Upon completion of a project, students submit the required paper for departmental evaluation (on a pass-fail basis only). Limited to one project per academic year.

1  TBA  Watanabe
2  TBA  O’Brien

495  Field Practicum in Politics
Full-time work in a government or political agency to help students integrate course work with practical training.

1  TBA  Watanabe
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REQUIRED FOR THE MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
Majors are required to complete a total of eleven courses, distributed as follow:

- Two introductory courses: 102 (required for all majors and minors) and 101 or 103
- One course in American politics
- One course in international relations
- Two courses in comparative politics
- One course in political theory, which MUST be 251 or 252
- Four additional courses in any area (electives)

At least five of these courses must be at or above the 300 level. Two courses from another field may, with the approval of an advisor, be counted toward the four required electives if a student fulfills the requirements for a major, minor, or concentration in the second field. No more than three courses in internships, independent study, or honors work may be counted toward these requirements. Transfer students must complete a minimum of four political science courses above the 100 level at UMass Boston. Only one of the eleven courses used to meet the Major requirements can be taken pass/fail. Distribution categories are indicated on the “Major Requirements Worksheet: and are indicated in the University catalog.

REQUIRED FOR THE MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
Majors in other fields who wish to complete a minor in Political Science are required to complete six courses, including Political Science 102 and either Political Science 101 or 103, and four other Political Science courses, two of which must be at or above the 300 level. At least three of the six courses must be taken at UMass Boston. See next page for information on the Minor in Public Policy and the Minor in International Relations.

REQUIRED FOR HONORS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
Students who have done distinguished academic work in the department may wish to write an honors thesis during their senior year. Those interested in such a project should consult an advisor and submit a proposal prior to the completion of their junior year. Thesis writers should enroll in PolSci 490 (Fall) and PolSci 491 (Spring). Thesis tend to run approximately 60-100 pages. Senior thesis students graduating in June must submit full DRAFT of their thesis to their advisor by MARCH 1st. Senior thesis students graduating in December must submit a full DRAFT of their thesis to their advisor by November 1st.

REQUIRED FOR THE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
Political Science majors may earn credits in an approved internship program. (For details, please contact the Political Science Internship Director; also see the literature handout outside the department office.) For summer internships, consult with Professor Paul Watanabe.
PASS/FAIL OPTION
Political Science majors and minors may use the pass/fail option for no more than one departmental distribution requirement or elective. Students who declared the major or minor prior to September 1, 2002 may count more than one pass/fail course toward the major or minor if taken prior to that date. Those considering taking a Political Science course pass/fail should first consult their advisors.

SCHOLARSHIP, AWARDS & PRIZES
Each spring, the David C. Knapp Scholarship in Political Science allows us to offer a total of roughly $4,000 toward payment of the tuition and fees of one or two outstanding students. Alamgir Scholarship is awarded to junior students interested in topics related to development and/or social justice, and amounts roughly to $1700 toward payment of the tuition and fees of one student. For information on how to apply for these awards, speak with Professors Bussiere, Schotten, or Cunningham. In addition, there is a Rusty Simonds Award of about $2000 given to a graduating senior who will pursue graduate study or, occasionally, to a UMB alumna or alumnus who is currently pursuing graduate study.

TWO ADDITIONAL INTERDISCIPLINARY MINORS
The following interdisciplinary minors offer coherent courses of study. Although they are interdisciplinary, both the Public Policy and International Relations minors are based in the Political Science Department, but are open to all students regardless of major. For additional information, students should consult this booklet and Minors’ directors:

• PUBLIC POLICY
  Professor Erin O’Brien, Director
  (Other participants: Professors Bussiere, Cunningham, Ferguson, and Watanabe)

• INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
  Professor Paul Kowert, Director
  (Other participants: Professors Farsakh, Ferguson, Weiner, and Watanabe)
THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MINOR

The minor in International Relations offers students the opportunity to explore how peoples and nations interact across political boundaries. Students in the minor engage in topics on international relations theory, area and socio-cultural studies, international conflict and cooperation, international political economy, and transnational issues.

General Requirements

To complete the International Relations minor, students must fulfill the following requirements:

• **Courses:** 7 courses (2 required courses and 5 electives). See “Curriculum” section below for more details.

• **Course Level:** 3 out of the 5 elective courses must be at 300 level or higher.

• **Double-Counting:** Student may not double-count more than one course toward the fulfillment of another major and/or minor. Students should pay careful attention to this because many of the courses applicable to the minor in International Relations are drawn from other disciplines, such as Political Science and Economics.

• **Pass/Fail:** Neither of the required courses can be taken Pass/Fail. Only one elective course can be taken Pass/Fail.

• **Residency:** At least three courses must be taken at UMass Boston.

Curriculum

**Required Courses**

• Introductory Requirement: **POLSCI 220** - International Relations. This course introduces theories and approaches to studying international relations. Students should plan to take this course as early as possible.

• Senior Project Requirement: **POLSCI 499L/IR 499L** - Seminar in International Relations. This seminar has three major goals: integrating the knowledge gained from other courses already taken in the program; review of different approaches and perspectives on international relations; completion of substantial research project. Students should take this course during their senior year.

**Elective Courses**

Students need to complete five additional courses from the four groups listed below. For adequate coverage of topics, it is strongly recommended that you take at least one course from each group.

Three out of these five courses must be at 300 level or above. Please note that new courses are offered by the university on a regular basis. Additional courses not listed here may be applicable as electives toward the minor if the focus of the content or analysis is on international politics, economics, history, or sociology. To review whether a specific course not listed here can be counted, contact the Director of the minor.
GROUP 1: AREA AND SOCIO-CULTURAL STUDY
AFRSTY 310: Modern Caribbean Society
ANTH 271: Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East
ANTH 272: Peoples and Cultures of Africa
ANTH 273: Peoples and Cultures of Mesoamerica
ANTH 274: Peoples and Cultures of the Caribbean
EASIAN 361L: The History of Modern China
EASIAN 363L: Modern Japan
HIST 316: Europe since 1945
HIST 322: Britain & Empire
HIST 324: Russia Since 1861
HIST 327: Germany since 1945
HIST 331: France since 1789
HIST 334: Italy Since 1815
HIST 361L: The History of Modern China
HIST 363L: Modern Japan
HIST 364: India Since 1857
HIST 366: The Middle East Since 1914
LATAM 270: Human Rights in Latin America
LATAM 290: Central America Society and Culture
LATAM 303: Reform and Revolution in Latin America
LATAM 305: The Caribbean: Culture and Society
POLSCI 201: Comparative Politics of Industrialized Societies
POLSCI 202: Comparative Politics of Third World Countries
POLSCI 353: European Political Development
POLSCI 354: Postwar European Problems
POLSCI 360: The Government and Politics of Britain
POLSCI 361: The Politics of Eastern Europe
POLSCI 363: Politics and Society in Present Day Russia
POLSCI 369: Politics of the Middle East
POLSCI 371: Latin American Politics
POLSCI 372: Central American Politics
POLSCI 387: The Government and Politics of China
POLSCI 388: Contemporary Politics of South Asia
SPAN 361: Spanish-American Civilization

GROUP 2: INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT AND COOPERATION
ANTH 324: A Bicultural Approach to War
EEOS 352: Political Geography
HIST 315: Europe 1900-1945
HIST 349L: The Cold War: Rise and Fall
HIST 357: The Vietnam War
HIST 358: War in the Twentieth Century
HIST 387: US Foreign Policy since 1898
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Optional Curricular Recommendations

**Language:** International Relations, by nature, requires students to understand foreign societies, cultures, and peoples. Obtaining intermediate level proficiency in a foreign language, therefore, is recommended. This competency will be especially advantageous if you choose an international career or graduate studies in International Relations.

**International Experience:** Students are encouraged to participate in a university level program of study overseas. This may include intensive summer programs or one semester programs offered through the UMass system or through comparable programs at other universities. For information in various programs, please visit the Study Abroad Office – Campus Center/Advising Office.

**Internship:** To broaden their experience and enhance their preparation for employment, students are encouraged to complete an internship in settings with an international dimension: e.g. business firms engaged in international trade and finance; non-governmental organizations (NGO’s) such as Oxfam, Grassroots International, and World Affairs Council; governmental organizations related to foreign relations. To receive credit and include the internship experience as part of the curriculum, students enroll in IR 490 – Internship in International Relations. They have to participate in regular meetings with their faculty supervisor, and also prepare a final report due at the end of the semester.

**Admission**

Any UMass Boston student, regardless of major, may enroll in the International Relations minor. To do so, you need to complete a Major/Minor Declaration Form, available at the One Stop Shop in the Campus Center or at departmental offices. You are encouraged to have an initial discussion with one of the faculty advisors in the Department of Political Science for guidance on selecting courses that best suit your interests and future goals.

**Contact Information**

Online: [http://www.umb.edu/academics/cla/dept/polisci/ir.html](http://www.umb.edu/academics/cla/dept/polisci/ir.html)

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**Director of International Relations Minor**
**Professor Paul Kowert**
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PUBLIC POLICY MINOR

The minor in Public Policy at UMB is designed to provide effective public policy training for individuals presently or prospectively involved in the public, non-profit, or private sectors. Although based in the Political Science Department, the minor in Public Policy offers an interdisciplinary approach to public policy. The aim of the minor is to provide students with an understanding of the fundamental elements involved in the public policy process and the analytical skills (evaluative and quantitative) necessary to make informed judgments about both the policy-making and implementation processes. The minor does not substitute for a regular major. Students in all majors, not just Political Science, can complete the Public Policy minor.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND ADVISING REQUIREMENTS
Students who pursue Public Policy as a minor must complete a “Declaration of Major/Minor” form, which can be obtained from the Political Science Department (W-5-070). They expected to discuss their course of study with the director of the Public Policy Minor, Professor Erin O’Brien (erin.obrien@umb.edu).

CURRICULUM AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS
All Public Policy minors are required to take three core courses, which include: (1) Political Science 203: Foundation of Public Policy, which is the foundational course for the minor; (2) a statistics course which can be fulfilled by successful completion of any one of the following courses: Economics 205: Statistical Methods; Political Science 301: Quantitative Methods; Psychology 270: Statistics; or Sociology 350: Elements of Social Statistics; and (3) either Economics 101: Introductory Economics I or Economics 102: Introductory Economics II.

In addition, Public Policy minors must complete five elective courses drawn from at least three of the following areas, one of which must be Ethics and Public Policy:

- Ethics and Public Policy
- Urban and Regional Policy
- Environmental Policy
- Developmental Policy
- Social Welfare Policy
- Public Administration and Management

Students may select as many as three courses from any one area. In fulfilling the eight-course requirement, however, no more than four courses may be taken from any one department. Students may not apply more than two courses at the 100-level towards the Public Policy minor, and at least two courses must be taken at the 300 or 400 level, not including a 300-level course used to satisfy the statistics requirement. In addition, Public Policy minors may not apply more than one course for the minor towards their major.

The following list of courses, offered by various departments, may be counted towards the minor in Public Policy, conditional, of course, on fulfilling the core and area requirements.
 COURSE LIST FOR PUBLIC POLICY MINOR

REQUIRED COURSES:
• Economics Requirements: One of the following
  Economics 101: Introductory Economics I
  Economics 102: Introductory Economics II
• Political Science 203: Foundations of Public Policy
• Statistics Requirement: One of the following
  Economics 205: Statistical Methods
  Political Science 301: Introduction to Quantitative Methods
  Psychology 270: Statistics
  Sociology 350: Elements of Social Statistics

AREA REQUIREMENTS
In fulfilling the “area requirements”, Public Policy minors must take five courses from the following list with courses drawn from at least three areas, one of which must be from Area I: Ethics and Public Policy. Students may take up to three courses from any one area, but no more than four area courses may be taken from any single Department. No more than two courses at the 100-level may be applied towards the Public Policy minor, and at least two courses must be taken at the 300 or 400 level not including the statistics course. In addition, Public Policy minors may not apply more than one course for the minor towards their major.

AREA I: ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY
Anthropology 352: Applied Social Anthropology
Philosophy 215: Philosophy and Public Policy
Philosophy 221: Business and Management Ethics
Philosophy 222: Moral Issues and Medicine
Philosophy 307: Technology and Values
Political Science 347: Politics, Social Choice and Public Policy

AREA II: URBAN AND REGIONAL POLICY
Anthropology 252: Urban Anthropology
Black Studies 320: Problems in Urban Education
Black Studies 410: Black Urban Politics
Economics 215: Political Economy of New England
Economics 318: Economics of State and Local Government
Geography and Earth Sciences 221: Urban Physical Environment
Geography and Earth Sciences 340: Planning and Land Use Law
Geography and Earth Sciences 374: Geography of Housing
Geography and Earth Sciences 375: Urban Planning
Political Science 340: Boston: Cooperation and Conflict in the Urban Environment
Political Science 341: Metropolitan Politics
Political Science 344: Problems of Urban Politics
AREA III: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY
Economics 345: Energy
Economics 349: The Political Economy of Environmental Control
Geography and Earth Sciences 221: Urban Physical Environment
Geography and Earth Sciences 324: Canal Zone Management
Geography and Earth Sciences 340: Planning and Land Use Law
Geography and Earth Sciences 378: Resource Management
Philosophy 220: Environmental Ethics
Political Science 348: Science and Public Policy
Political Science 377: Global Water Issues and Interests

AREA IV: SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY
Anthropology 252: Urban Anthropology
Anthropology/American Studies 301: Childhood in America
Anthropology 352: Applied Social Anthropology
Anthropology 670: Industrial Anthropology and Sociology
Black Studies 104: Drug Abuse and the Black Community
Economics 343: The Political Economics of Black America
Economics 350: Economics of Aging and Retirement
Economics 380: Economics of Health Care
Economics 394: Sex Segregated Labor Markets
Economics 395: The Economics of Social Welfare
Political Science 335: Law and Public Policy
Political Science 357: Food: Politics and Policy
Political Science 321: Diversity and Public Policy
Political Science 322: Poverty and Social Welfare Policy
Political Science 320: Women, Politics, and Public Policy
Sociology 160: Social Problems
Sociology 233: Sociology and Unemployment
Sociology 250: Social Policy
Women’s Studies 260: Women’s Health Care
Women’s Studies 330: Women and Public Policy

AREA V: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT
Anthropology 615: Public Archaeology
Economics 417: Public Finance
Economics 433: Government Regulation of Private Business
Political Science 311: Political Parties
Political Science 318: Legislative Process
Political Science 324: American Presidency
Political Science 325: Public Administration
Political Science 356: Comparative Public Administration
ALSO: Political Science 488, 489, 495: Internships (where applicable and conditional on prior approval)
POLITICAL SCIENCE HONOR’S THESIS

GUIDELINE AND REQUIREMENTS

Length: The thesis should be anywhere from approximately 50 pp. to 100 pp. in length, although theses in political theory tend to be a bit shorter, between 30 pp. and 50-60 pp. in length.

Content: The thesis should advance a clear and well-defined argument that is situated within the scholarly literature. In other words, the thesis may not consist simply of your own thoughts and ruminations about the globalization, Marx, terrorism, or the situation in Afghanistan. Your thoughts and ideas must be condensed into a clear statement of thesis that is in dialogue with claims made by other scholars about your same research area. These two aspects of the thesis should be clearly specified by your advisor – i.e., both the clarity and content required of the argument, as well as, the kind and amount of secondary literature necessary for a satisfactory project – and constitutes the standard by which your thesis will be assessed by her/him.

Failure to advance a clearly-defined argument and/or situate that argument within the relevant literature will result in your Honor’s Thesis being converted into an Independent Study.

TIMELINE:

Topic selection and formulation: This should occur as soon as possible, ideally in the first week of the first semester. If you are starting the thesis in September, it is advantageous to spend the summer reading and thinking about your topic so you can have a clearly defined topic by the time the school year begins.

Thesis proposal: You will need to submit a 3-5 page pp. proposal to your thesis advisor that explains the topic you wish to explore, the (tentative) argument you plan to advance, and a brief review of the relevant literature you think important to your topic. This should happen within approximately two weeks of the first semester of the thesis, suggested deadlines are September 15th and February 15th, respectively.

Writing timeline: You and your advisor should agree to a timetable for submitting written drafts. If the thesis will have multiple chapters, set deadlines for when drafts of each will be turned in to the advisor. If you are writing one large paper, set a deadline for a draft of the entire thesis to be submitted to the advisor.

It is a department rule that no matter what, all rough drafts are due no later than March 1st (or Nov. 1st, respectively), so that faculty members may determine whether or not the thesis will merit Honor’s designation. Failure to submit a draft of your work by this deadline will result in the Honor’s Theses being converted into an Independent Study.
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

I. INTERNSHIP FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE CREDIT

In order to qualify for Political Science credit, an internship must be related in some meaningful way to politics, government, public service, or other facets of civic life. Students should think carefully about what sorts of internships meet these standards and are consistent with their own interests. Plan to consult early concerning requirements and placement with Professor Paul Watanabe 617-287-5652, Paul.Watanabe@umb.edu. A bulletin board located near the department office lists some current postings. Students are strongly encouraged to be entrepreneurial – decide what type of internship interests you. Check it with Professor Watanabe, then set it up yourself.

To receive 3 credits, a student must work 10 hours a week, attend the scheduled meetings of all the interns, and submit a 10-page academic research paper. A 3 credit internship requires enrollment in Political Science 488. To receive 6 credits, a student must work a minimum of 13 hours a week, attend the scheduled meetings of all the interns, and submit a 20 page academic research paper. A 6 credit internship requires enrollment in Political Science 488 and 489. For a 9 credit internship, Political Science 495, a student is required to work 25 hours a week, attend the scheduled meetings of all interns, and submit a 30 page academic research paper. Readings relevant to each type of internship (e.g. legislative, policy, media) will be decided upon by the student and Professor Watanabe. Each reading must be completed and incorporated into the final paper.

The research paper, to be submitted on the last day of classes must be more than a description of a project that a student may have worked on as an intern. In addressing a topic of the student’s choice, he or she must survey the relevant academic literature and use the tools of political science to analyze a specific problem. Students will meet with Professor Watanabe throughout the semester to discuss their ideas and papers.

II. HOW TO BE ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM

Students are expected to have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and to have had a sufficient number of political science courses. All students must receive Professor Watanabe’s prior approval before registering for an internship. To be accepted into the internship program, students must submit the following materials to Professor Watanabe:

- A proposal describing the internship (the agency, the student’s responsibilities, how the internship relates to political science, and what the student expects to gain from the experience).
- A brief statement from the supervisor explaining the internship.
- A copy of the student’s most current transcript.
- A ”fact sheet” with the student’s name, cell or home phone number, email address, the phone number and the hours of the internship and the names of two faculty references, preferably political science professors.
III. EVALUATION

A student’s grade is based both on the supervisor’s evaluation of the intern’s performance and Professor Watanabe’s assessment of the research paper. An evaluation form will be mailed to the supervisor to be returned to Professor Watanabe during the final week of classes. You may register and start an internship at any time during the semester. You will need a permission # from Professor Paul Watanabe to register (at the One Stop Registrar’s). There is no penalty for late registration. Some placements can be completed at night or on weekends. There are a few paid internships.

SOME OF THE MANY PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

GOVERNOR’S OFFICE (Press, communications, research, constituent services)

GENERAL’S OFFICE (see list on the website)

SENATORS OFFICES

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE (MA or Washington, DC)

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

TELEVISION STATIONS (e.g. the News desk at CH 5, 7, Fox 25, or WB56)

KENNEDY LIBRARY/ARCHIVES

WASHINGTON CENTER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

NEWSPAPERS

MAYOR’s OFFICE

COURTHOUSE/SHERIFF’s DEPT/PRISON SYSTEM

SOME LAW OFFICES

ANY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (e.g., ACLU, Dept. of State, Justice, Supreme Court, Congress, White House, Environmental Protection Agency, FBI, CIA, IRS). Qualified students receive a scholarship for housing plus free tuition.

YOU CAN ALSO CREATE YOUR OWN INTERNSHIP!
See Professor Watanabe (617) 287-6924 Paul.watanabe@umb.edu