University of Ghana
Department of Political Science
Sample Fall Courses

POLI 301  Ancient and Medieval Political Thought
A study of Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, Augustine, Aquinas and Machiavelli.

POLI 303  Introduction to Political Research
Aims and objectives social research; different approaches to research-e.g. empirical
research – and their characteristics; problems of verification, objectivity generalization,
explanation (theory building) and prediction; normative and non- normative knowledge.
Computing methods-developing computer-based skills.

POLI 305  International Organizations
The aims, objectives and problems of the League of Nations. The aims, objectives,
problems and future roles of the United Nations and its agencies, the OAU/African
Union, ECOWAS, European Union etc.

POLI 307  International Conflict, Conflict Resolution and Human Rights
Mechanism for conflict resolution (e.g. negotiations, mediation, arbitration), peace and
justice; and institutions like International Court of Justice, International Criminal Court
etc.).

POLI 309  Ghana from Colonialism to Independence
Analyses of colonial policies and their impact – social, economic and political; the anti-
colonial struggle.

POLI 311  Africa: Political Economy of Colonialism
The forces that shaped the colonization of Africa; colonialism and its social, economic
and political impact on Africa; liberation movements, struggles for independence.

POLI 313  Theories of Development and Underdevelopment
A review of some of the main works on the theories of development and
underdevelopment –classical, liberal and Marxist theories; Rostow, Frank, Amin,
Wallerstein.

POLI 315  Identities and Conflicts in Africa
Theories of identity, identity crisis and governance and their impact on the state,
constitutions, development – civil wars, ethnic and religious strives, minority conflicts –
with case studies.

POLI 317  Organization Theory
The structure and functioning of organizations and the behaviour of groups and
individuals within them. Theories of organisation, e.g. structural, group/behavioural,
individual, decision making and policy analysis, socio-technical system.
POLI 319 Public Policy Making
Models of public policy making and implementation; policy environment; policy networks and communities; conditions to effective public policy making.

POLI 321 Governance and Leadership
The concept of governance, leadership, theories, forms of leadership – traditional, corporate, political etc; relationships between governance and leadership; the role of governance and leadership in promoting development; barriers to good governance and effective leadership.

POLI 323 Terrorism and Global Security
Traditional theories of global security; changing patterns of security; emergence of terrorist networks – origins, nature, methods/processes and impact on global security.

POLI 325 Environmental Politics
A study of changing patterns of resource extraction and their impact of environmental sustainability; international conventions, community rights and environmental movements; conflicts and livelihoods.

POLI 327 Introduction to American Politics
The workings of the federal system of government in theory, practice and structure.

POLI 401 Political Economy of Africa’s Development since Independence
Analyses of domestic and global forces influencing Africa’s development; changing global power structure and development strategies and trends in Africa.

POLI 403 Applied Political Research
Research topic, problematising research, literature review- reasons and scope: data collection: sampling types, probability and non-probability samples; direct (e.g. field study) and indirect observation: document analysis; univariate data analysis and descriptive statistics: measuring relationships and testing hypotheses: bivariate data analysis; searching for explanations and causal knowledge: multivariate data analysis; research report writing, citation style and plagiarism: references.

POLI 405 Politics of International Economic Relations
The relations between international politics and international relations; perspectives on international political/economic relations; the post-war economic order and its impact on African countries; globalization and the developing world.

POLI 407 Foreign Policy Analysis
A study of issues, principles, and factors that influence foreign policy decisions; and also the various stages, procedures and mechanisms involved.
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<td>Politics in Developing Countries – Western Africa</td>
<td>A study of the institutional, economic and social bases of politics (both internal and external) of the region using 2 countries as examples.</td>
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<td>POLI 411</td>
<td>Markets, Politics and Society in Ghana</td>
<td>A study of the interface between market reforms, politics and society, in particular the changing constitution of the state and effects on human rights; changing social relations, notions of rights and responsibilities.</td>
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<td>POLI 413</td>
<td>Gender and Politics</td>
<td>Theories of gender relations; sexual hierarchy and sexual division of labour, domination and subordination in private and public domains; gender and the problem of access, acquisition, distribution and control of assets/values; women in political (colonial and postcolonial) economic and social development; conflict and post conflict peace-building and social reconstruction.</td>
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<td>POLI 417</td>
<td>Human Resource Development and Management</td>
<td>The nature and scope of human resource management (HRM); the context of HRM; the politics of labour laws; trade unions and industrial relations; employee resourcing and careers; motivating employees, financial rewards and performance management; institutional development and managing change. Emphasis will be placed on the public sector.</td>
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<td>Decentralization and Local Governance</td>
<td>The structure, nature and patterns of local politics; local governance and administration - structure, practice and problems.</td>
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<td>U.S. Policy Towards Africa</td>
<td>An overview and analysis of US policy towards Africa and the factors that shape them.</td>
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<td>Modern African Thinkers</td>
<td>A survey of African Political Thought regarding Pan-Africanism, Negritude, Nationalism, Socialism and Development as expounded by Senghor, Nkrumah, Toure, Nyerere, Cabral, Kaunda, Awolowo, Azikiwe, Fanon, etc.</td>
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<td>POLI 425*</td>
<td>Policy Monitoring and Evaluation</td>
<td>The concepts of monitoring and evaluation; types of monitoring and evaluation; the role of evaluators; criteria and techniques for policy monitoring and evaluation; case studies.</td>
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POLI 427  The Military and Politics in Ghana
Factors determining military intervention in politics and disengagement; social economic and political consequences of military regimes