

**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**

Nature, sources and types of international conflict. Conflict behaviour among states. 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.

**POLI 409      Politics in Developing Countries – Western Africa**

A study of the institutional, economic and social bases of politics (both internal and external) of the region using 2 countries as examples.

**POLI 411      Markets, Politics and Society in Ghana**

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.

**POLI 413      Gender and Politics**

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

**POLI 415      Post- Conflict Peace-Building and Transitional Justice**

Issues of post-conflict reconstruction and security - arms proliferation, drug trafficking, mercenaries as well as institutions of transitional justice - International Criminal Court, Truth Commissions, Special courts and tribunals.

**POLI 417      Human Resource Development and Management**

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.

**POLI 419      Decentralization and Local Governance**

The structure, nature and patterns of local politics; local governance and administration - structure, practice and problems.

**POLI 421      U.S. Policy Towards Africa**

An overview and analysis of US policy towards Africa and the factors that shape them.

**POLI 423      Modern African Thinkers**

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.

**POLI 425\*      Policy Monitoring and Evaluation**

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

**POLI 427      The Military and Politics in Ghana**

Factors determining military intervention in politics and disengagement; social economic and political consequences of military regimes