

Course outlines:

POL1004F INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS

(NOTE: This course may also be offered in Summer/Winter Term - please consult the Centre for Open Learning.)

HEQF credits: 18 at level 5.

First-year, first-semester course, 4 lectures and at least 8 tutorials.

Convener: Zolobe, Dr H Stephan

Entrance requirements: Faculty admission.

Course outline: An introduction to key concepts in Political Studies including power, authority, legitimacy and class. These concepts will be applied to the study of comparative and international politics. The case study of South African politics constitutes an application of the conceptual and theoretical material to contemporary politics.

Lecture times: Meridian or 7th period.

DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes MUST be submitted by the last day of the course.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

POL1005S INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

(NOTE: This course may also be offered in Summer/Winter Term - please consult the Centre for Open Learning.)

HEQF credits: 18 at level 5.

First-year, second-semester course, 4 lectures and at least 8 tutorials.

Convener: Dr J Akokpari.

Entrance requirements: DP for POL1004F.

Course outline: This course is an introduction to the systematic study of international relations, with an emphasis on basic concepts, questions and theoretical perspectives.

Lecture times: 7th period.

DP requirements Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes MUST be submitted by the last day of the course.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

POL1006S INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

(NOTE: This course may also be offered in Summer/Winter Term - please consult the Centre for Open Learning.)

HEQF credits: 18 at level 5.

First-year, second-semester course, 4 lectures and at least 8 tutorials.

Convener: Professor R Cameron.

Entrance requirements: Faculty Admission

Course outline: *Yes Minister* was a BBC comedy programme looking at political-administrative relationships in the British government. The main protagonists were Jim Hacker, a well-meaning yet naïve minister and Sir Humphrey Applebey, an experienced and crafty public servant. One of the famous exchanges in the series was in the Episode: *The Right to Know*.

Hacker: 'Humphrey, do you see it as part of your job to help Ministers make fools of themselves?'

Sir Humphrey: 'Well, I never met one that needed any help.'

Public Administration is the clashing of two worlds where politics meets public administration/management. It often means different things to different people. Is Public Administration a study of governmental structures and processes or is it training for a public service vocation? What should be the balance between skills and knowledge in Public Administration education? The only constant theme in Public Administration literature is its concern for organisational questions.

Public Administration is, in its simplest form, the execution of the public laws, regulations, court decisions and public policies that form the core of government activities. This introductory course in Public Administration aims to cover the fundamentals or main themes in public administration, including the evolution of the field, comparative Western and non-Western approaches to the discipline, politics-administration relations, intergovernmental relations, policy making, values and ethics, corruption and accountability. A detailed study of the structure and function of South African government is also undertaken.

The programme is designed to engender in its students the capacity to think objectively and analytically about public policy, public administration and bureaucracies.

Public Policy and Administration has a strong vocational emphasis. An undergraduate degree in Public Administration is often a minimum requirement for entry level into management posts in the public sector. Many of our graduates are currently employed by the public service, local government, parastatals and in policy think-tanks.

This course should also be of interest to students who are interested in how government works as well as those who are interested in broader constitutional and philosophical questions dealing with the relationship between democracy and bureaucracy.

Lecture times: 4th period.

DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes MUST be submitted by the last day of the course.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

POL1007F ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

HEQF credits: 18 at level 5.

First-year, first-semester course, 2 tutorials per week.

Convener: Z Jolobe.

Entrance requirements:

- i) Humanities students registered on the Extended Degree Programme.
- ii) Students who have acquired less than 60% for matriculation English.
- iii) All students registered for BA Social Work.

Course outline: The course aims to provide students with valuable information and skills to help them to read interactively, critically analyse texts and extract key arguments and information to use when writing. Additionally, the course will assist them to build arguments, reference correctly and teach fundamental writing skills for the specific field of Politics.

Lecture times: Tutorials.

DP requirements: 100% tutorial attendance is compulsory.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

POL1008S ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR ~~INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS~~ INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

HEQF credits: 18 at level 5.

First-year, ^{2nd} ~~first~~ semester course, 2 tutorials per week.

Convener: Dr J Akokpari.

Entrance requirements:

- i) Humanities students registered on the Extended Degree Programme.
- ii) Students who have acquired less than 60% for matriculation English.
- iii) All students registered for BA Social Work.
- iv) Students who have acquired less than 55% for POL1004F.

Course outline: The course aims to provide students with valuable information and skills to help them to read interactively, critically analyse texts and extract key arguments and information to use when writing. Additionally, the course will assist them to build arguments, reference correctly and teach fundamental writing skills for the specific field of Politics.

Lecture times: Tutorials.

DP requirements: 100% tutorial attendance is compulsory.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

POL2002S POLITICAL THEORY

HEQF credits: 24 at level 6.

Second-year, second-semester course, 4 lectures per week, and at least 8 tutorials.

Convener: Associate Professor A Nash.

Entrance requirements: POL1004F, or at least 2 courses in historical, social science or cultural studies or with special permission by the course convener.

Course outline: This course is an introduction to the fields of political theory, political philosophy and political ethics focussing on themes such as freedom, democracy, citizenship and the state.

Lecture times: 9th period.

DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes MUST be submitted by the last day of the course.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

POL2022F STATE, MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

HEQF credits: 24 at level 6.

Second-year, first-semester course, 4 lectures per week, and at least 8 tutorials.

Convener: R Taljaard.

Entrance requirements: POL1004F or POL1006S or any 1000-level ECO, SOC, PHI, PSY, AXL (SAN section) or HST course.

Course outline: This course introduces basic concepts, methods and theories related to the analysis of the modern South African state, its policy-making processes, and its public administration. The course explores the roles and growth of the public sector, the organisation of South African government under the new constitution, how policy is made and implemented, the interface between public and private sectors, and the human development and policy challenges facing the national government.

Lecture times: 8th period.

DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes MUST be submitted by the last day of the course.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

POL2038F COMPARATIVE POLITICS

HEQF credits: 24 at level 6.

Second-year, first-semester course, 4 lectures and at least 8 tutorials.

Convener: ~~Dr J Akokpari~~ Prof A Butler

Entrance requirements: POL1005S.

Course outline: This course introduces students to the major concepts, approaches, themes and topics of inquiry in the field of comparative politics. The course is designed to relate specific theories and relevant case studies and/or empirical evidence. The first part of the course focuses on the broad theme of comparative government and the second on violent processes of political change.

Lecture times: ~~6th period~~ 7th period

DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes MUST be submitted by the last day of the course.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

POL2039S THE POLITICS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS
(was POL2034S)

HEQF credits: 24 at level 6.

Second-year, second-semester course, 4 lectures and at least 8 tutorials.

Convener: ~~Dr H Stephan~~ Ms L Paremoer

Entrance requirements: POL1004F or any two 2000-level ECO courses.

Course outline: An introduction to the politics of international economic institutions and non-state economic actors. State responses to the global economy, including mercantilism and liberalism, are explored, and the implications of globalisation and changes in the nature of sovereignty are examined.

Lecture times: 4th period. 6th period

DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes MUST be submitted by the last day of the course.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

POL2041F INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

HEQF credits: 24 at level 6.

Second-year, first-semester course, 4 lectures and at least 8 tutorials.

Convener: Dr K Smith.

Entrance requirements: POL1004F and POL1005S.

Co-requisites: Registration for POL2038F.

Course outline: This course is an examination of the role of international organisation in global governance. Primary attention will be devoted to contemporary global intergovernmental organisations, particularly the United Nations system, but international non-governmental organisations will be considered as well. It also aims to familiarise students with the various theoretical approaches to the study of international organisation, in order to be able to evaluate which analytical approaches are most helpful in assessing the present activities and future potential of these organisations.

Lecture times: 9th period.

DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of

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the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes MUST be submitted by the last day of the course.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

POL2042S COMPARATIVE INSTITUTIONS

HEQF credits: 24 at level 6.

Second-year, second-semester course, 4 lectures and at least 8 tutorials.

Convener: Dr V Naidoo.

Entrance requirements: POL2022F.

Course outline: This course explores the dynamics of public institutions in political systems. It will equip students with a conceptual and theoretical foundation for analyzing the emergence, internal structure and functioning, and reform of public institutions; as well as expose students to the practical functioning of public institutions. The first section of the course introduces ideas that have framed and influenced philosophical thinking about public institutions. These include classical (late nineteenth/early twentieth century) perspectives on the ideal place, status, structure and functioning of institutions in political systems; analyzing behaviour within and inter-relationships between public institutions; and assessing the effects of major reform movements on the makeup and activities of institutions. As these ideas have had a practical effect on the functioning of public institutions worldwide, the second section of the course will discuss cases of institutional functioning from developed and developing countries.

Lecture times: 8th period.

DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes MUST be submitted by the last day of the course.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

POL3013S SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

HEQF credits: 24 at level 7.

Third-year, second-semester course, 4 lectures and at least 8 tutorials.

Convener: Associate Professor A Nash.

Entrance requirements: POL2002S or at least two other POL 2000-level courses, or with special permission by the HoD.

Course outline: A critical study of some major sources and traditions of South African political thinking from about 1900 to the present.

Lecture times: 5th period.

DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes MUST be submitted by the last day of the course.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

POL3029S THIRD WORLD POLITICS

HEQF credits: 24 at level 7.

Third-year, second-semester course, 4 lectures and at least 8 tutorials.

Convener: Z Jolobe.

Entrance requirements: Any TWO of the following: POL2038F, POL2002S, POL2039S (was

POL2034S), or with special permission by the course convener.

Course outline: This course explains the historical and analytical significance of the idea of the Third World. It reviews the theories that are typically used to analyse the political economies and political regimes of Third World countries. The reliability, validity and normative implications of these theories will be evaluated with reference to key case studies that illustrate or problematise their claims. Though this is a political science course, our study of Third World politics will be informed by debates that span a number of disciplines, including history, economics, law, anthropology and sociology.

Lecture times: 6th period.

DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes MUST be submitted by the last day of the course.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

POL3030F CONFLICT IN WORLD POLITICS

HEQF credits: 24 at level 7.

Third-year, first-semester course, 4 lectures and at ^{least} ~~least~~ 8 tutorials.

Convener: L Freeman.

Entrance requirements: POL2038F and ONE of the following: POL2002S or POL2039S (was POL2034S), or with special permission by the course convener.

Course outline: An examination of conflict in world politics.

Lecture times: 6th period.

DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes MUST be submitted by the last day of the course.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

POL3037F POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

HEQF credits: 24 at level 7.

Third-year, first-semester course, ⁴ ~~3~~ lectures and at ^{least} ~~least~~ 8 tutorials.

Convener: R Taljaard.

Entrance requirements: POL2037S.

Course outline: This course explores why conflict over public policy is inescapable. Policy makers try to reconcile antagonistic interests and to accommodate competing demands. Public policy also introduces judgements about fairness, equity and human dignity that cannot be reduced to technical issues for resolution by policy makers and officials. The course first investigates initiatives to provide all South African citizens with electricity, clean water, and a benign environment. It goes on to investigate government's contested initiatives to provide citizens with good schooling and to develop an appropriate response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Lecture times: 7th period.

DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes MUST be submitted by the last day of the course.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

POL3038S URBAN POLITICS AND ADMINISTRATION

HEQF credits: 24 at level 7.

Third-year, second-semester course, ⁴/₃ lectures and at least 8 tutorials.**Convener:** Professor R Cameron.**Entrance requirements:** POL3037F.

Course outline: The first section of the course locates South African local level politics and administration in the context of national and provincial state reform, and examines the significance of local implementation and service delivery for policy outputs and for the policy process as a whole. A theoretical framework for understanding local government reorganisation is developed and a comparative analysis undertaken of local government reorganisation with particular reference to metropolitan areas. There is in addition a focus on contemporary reforms which have affected South Africa's contemporary urban governance, such as the new megacities, politics-administration interface and developmental local government. The second section of the course introduces students to an overview of contemporary urban political and administrative challenges and opportunities. These challenges and opportunities occur in a context of global and local conditions. The course examines and compares good solutions to urban problems in third and first world cities. In its focus on delivery-level administration and politics, the course provides both intellectual and practical closure to the major sequence of courses on public administration, management and the policy process.

Lecture times: 7th period.

DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes MUST be submitted by the last day of the course.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

POL3039F ADVANCED SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICS

HEQF credits: 24 at level 7.

Third-year, first-semester course, ⁴/₃ lectures and at least 8 tutorials.**Convener:** Dr T Reddy.**Entrance requirements:** POL2038F and POL2002S or HOD permission.

Course outline: What does political modernity mean in post-Apartheid South Africa? This course focuses on theories and approaches of comparative politics to interpret South African politics, post-1944. More specifically, we examine studies in modernity to ask critical questions of the conventional literature on Third Wave democratisation and specifically democratic consolidation in South Africa. A key theme is the focus on the ANC as a liberation movement and dominant party and its centrality in understanding contemporary South African politics. The emphasis in this course will be on critical analysis of the literature and empirical application to the South African case.

Lecture times: 4th period.

DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes MUST be submitted by the last day of the course.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

POL3043F DEMOCRATIC THEORY AND PRACTICE

HEQF credits: 24 at level 7.

Third-year, first-semester course, ⁴/₃ lectures and 1 tutorial per week.**Convener:** Professor R Mattes.

Entrance requirements: POL2038F or POL2042S.

Course outline: The course builds on analytic skills developed at the 2000 level, ~~and~~ combining the study of both political institutions and political dynamics, and applies them toward the problem of understanding the worldwide movement away from authoritarian and toward democratic government.

Lecture times: 5th period.

DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes MUST be submitted by the last day of the course.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

POL3044S FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS

HEQF credits: 24 at level 7.

Third-year, ~~first~~^{2nd}-semester course, ~~3~~⁴ lectures and at ~~least~~^{least} 8 tutorials.

Convener: ~~Dr K Smith.~~ **Dr J Akokpari**

Entrance requirements: POL2038F and any ONE of POL2042S or POL2039S or HOD permission.

Co-requisites: ~~Registration for POL3029S.~~

Course outline: A review of the literature on the formulation and implementation of foreign policy with an emphasis on South African foreign policy. This course is aimed at providing students with an understanding of the conduct of states' external relations. It examines the dynamics of foreign policy, and the factors, forces and actors that enter upon foreign policy decision-making.

Lecture times: 6th period.

DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.