

SJSU POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Spring 2012



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Greetings and some words of advice from the Chair of
the Political Science Department,
Dr. James Brent



Dear Political Science Majors,

This booklet will give you the information that you'll need to have a successful Spring 2012 semester. It's full of information about the classes we'll be offering, our faculty, and the special programs being offered by the department.

This semester marks the end of an era. Dr. Terry Christensen, who has been providing leadership to the department and its students for more than 40 years, is retiring at the end of this semester. Celebrations to honor his career will be held, and we hope that you will take part. If you see Dr. Christensen, make sure to say "Thanks" for everything he has done, and wish him a fond farewell.

Tuition is rising. But thanks to the generosity of our network of supporters, the Department of Political Science is able to offer more scholarships to its majors than virtually any other department on campus. These scholarships are awarded each spring semester. Make sure to apply for one this year!

Internships can be absolutely critical to helping you determine the best direction for your future career. Our interns have routinely worked for members of Congress, the California Legislature, and many city councils, campaigns, community groups, labor unions, foundations, judges, and non-profit agencies. A complete list spans many pages. For more information on internships please contact Dr. Terry Christensen (Terry.Christensen@sjsu.edu).

In April, the department will be organizing its annual trip to the California state legislature in Sacramento. This day-long excursion gives students the opportunity to rub shoulders with state political leaders and tour the Capitol. Sign up early, because seating is limited.

On the evening of May 25, the department will conduct a commencement ceremony for its graduates in the University Theatre. This ceremony is more intimate than the university graduation ceremony in Spartan Stadium, and allows family and friends to celebrate their graduates' success. If you're graduating this semester, we hope you'll join us. Please check the department website for more information.

Finally, this is my last semester as department chair. A new chair will be elected in the spring and will assume responsibility in July 2012. I have enjoyed my term, but I'm looking forward to spending more time in the classroom.

We hope you will find the information in this booklet useful. But if ever you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or any other faculty member for assistance. Information about individual faculty is located in the back of this booklet.

Have a great Spring semester!

Sincerely,

Dr. James Brent
Chair

**San José State University
Department of Political Science
Major Advisors Spring 2012**

Good advising is essential to a good education, so work closely with your own chosen advisor. You may select any faculty member listed below as your advisor, but we recommend that you choose someone who teaches courses in the field of political science that most interests you.

G.E. Requirements Major Requirements	Checklist of topics to discuss with your advisor		Next Semester Work/School Balance
	Electives/Minors Resume Building		
<u>U.S. Politics & Public Policy Politics</u>		<u>International Relations / Comparative</u>	
Haas 924-5574	CL 455	Harris 924-5568	CL 447
Jackson 924-5293	CL 402C	Danopoulos 924-5555	CL 449
		Sasikumar 924-1361	CL 406L
<u>Practical Politics</u>		<u>Political Theory</u>	
Christensen 924-5565	CL 457	Peter 924-5562	CL 402F
		Quill 924-5563	CL 402E
<u>Public Administration</u>		<u>Teacher Preparation</u>	
Edwards 924-5559	CL 402D	Nuger 924-5346	CL 453
Haas 924-5574	CL 455		
<u>Law</u>		<u>Scholarships & Internships</u>	
Brent 924-5572	CL 471C	Christensen 924-5565	CL 457
Nuger 924-5346	CL 453		
<u>Master of Public Administration</u>		<u>Minor Advisor: Public Admin. & Public Policy</u>	
Edwards 924-5559	CL 402D	Edwards 924-5559	CL 402D
MPA, Director			

SUCCESS STORIES

HERE'S WHAT OUR GRADUATES ARE DOING

Sabahat Adil ('10) is in graduate school at the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

Fabio Andrade (MPA '09) is a professor at Faculdade Capim Grosso; he recently launched his campaign for mayor of Capim Grosso (Brazil).

Oscar De Haro ('77) is Vice President, Student Services at Napa Valley College.

Thomas Edwards ('08) is an officer with the Fremont Police Department.

Patricia Gardner ('79) was recognized for her work as Executive Director of the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (and co-chair of the SJSU Poli Sci Alumni Association!).

Daniele Lemi ('11) has been accepted for the PhD programs at UC Riverside and awarded the Dean's Distinguished Fellowship, fully funding the first year of study. She was recognized as the "Class of 2011 Outstanding Undergraduate Student" at the SJSU Political Science Graduation Convocation in May

Nicolas Ochoa ('09) is attending graduate school at the University of Kent in Brussels, Belgium.

Ahmar Qadir ('05, MPA '10) has joined the Unity Care Group (a community-based, non-profit youth and family development agency) as a grant writer.

Barbara Spector (MA '74) and Monica Burneikis ('01) represented the young woman plaintiff in the civil suit on the highly publicized "De Anza rape case."

Eva Terrazas ('06) is Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs at EMQ Families First.

POLS 001
American Government

Offered every semester

Sabrina Pinnell	(1)	M	1800-2045
Ken Montojo	(2)	MW	1330-1445
Kathryn Wood(3)	MW		0730-0845
Ken Montojo	(4)	MW	1200-1315
Kathryn Wood(5)	TR		1030-1145
James Brent	(80)	On-Line	
James Brent	(81)	On-Line	

Institutions and processes of American government and democracy: the U.S. Constitution and California state and local government.

POLS 002
Introduction to Comparative Politics

Core GE: Area D2, Social Science Comparative Systems

Offered every semester

Cobie Harris	(1)	TR	1330-1445
Cobie Harris	(2)	TR	0730-0845

Comparative analysis of different kinds of political systems; their political institutions, processes and policies, the environments in which they occur and their consequences.

POLS 003
Introduction to Political Thought

Core GE: Area C2. Humanities Letters
Offered Every Semester

Al Schendan	(1)	TR	0730-0845
Lawrence Quill	(2)	TR	0900-1015
Lawrence Quill	(3)	TR	1200-1315

Thinking critically about the classic problems of politics; learning how to interpret, discuss and write about historical and contemporary political thought.

POLS 004
Introduction to International Relations

Offered Every Semester

Karthika Sasikumar	(1)	MW	1330-1445
Karthika Sasikumar	(2)	MW	0730-0845

This course offers an introduction to international relations. The course examines theories concerning the impact of the international system, states and individuals in explaining the phenomenon in the world environment. The course analyzes the factors that motivate international behavior such as human nature, personality, power, national interests, nationalism, ideology; religion, and morality; The course concludes with discussion of major challenges confronting the world community into the 21st century such as revolutions in warfare, nuclear proliferation, regional conflict, terrorism and international crime, environmental degradation and population.

If you would like information about our Alumni Association, Pi Sigma Alpha, and upcoming events, you can go to our website:
www.sjsu.edu/polisci/studentresources

POLS 020
Controversial Legal Issues

Core GE: Area A3, Critical Thinking
Offered Every Semester

Sabrina Pinnell	(1)	MW	1030-1145
Ishmael Tarikh	(2)	MW	1200-1315
Ishmael Tarikh	(3)	MW	1330-1445
Patricia McKenzie	(80)	On-Line	
Patricia McKenzie	(81)	On-Line	

Basic concepts in critical thinking as demonstrated in legal reasoning and analysis of contemporary legal issues possibly including abortion, drug testing, offensive speech, affirmative action, gender and sexual preference discrimination, school prayer and pornography.

POLS 100W
Writing Workshop

Offered Every Semester

Frances Edwards (1) MW 0900-1015

Good writing is essential to success in any career, especially those most likely to attract political science majors. This workshop is designed to improve your ability to write about political science, and to write the types of reports and essays that political scientists and government employees write. Students will write individually, but will work in teams to critique and improve their writing throughout the class. The culminating experience will be a journal of student articles on The Role of Media in Social Movements, Volume 3 of Current Controversies. Students will research and write a 5 page paper on one of the available topics, and make a 15 minute class presentation with PowerPoint summarizing the main points of their research.



POLS 101
American Government
& Politics for Teachers

Patricia McKenzie (1) TR 1330-1445

This course is intended to introduce future teachers to the fundamentals of American government and politics as well as to California state and local government. The course includes an examination of the historic basis of American political ideas, principles and practices, as a means of acquainting students with the complexities of the American political system.

POLS 102
State Government & Politics

Offered Every Semester

Fred Keeley (1) M 1800-2045

The first part of this course examines the relationship between the states and national politics. States are uniquely significant in the American political system. While they are in some ways subordinate to the national government, they also retain important powers of their own. This unusual relationship is known as federalism.

If states are difficult to understand, it is because they are in "never, never land" between the drama of US politics and the familiarity of local issues. Yet, their diversity permits comparison of 50 different governments, all within the umbrella of a single political system. Thus, the second portion of the course chronicles the similarities and differences among the various states. As we study federalism and comparative state politics, ultimately we will focus on California as a learning laboratory. We will examine this state's social and economic composition, its power structures, its institutions and politicians. By blending theory with reality, we may learn whether California is an aberration, trendsetter or just another one of the American states.

GRADUATE SCHOOL!

If you're thinking about graduate school, check out the file on the table inside CL 471. We've collected information about various graduate programs in and out of state for you there. Talk to your advisor and other faculty members to see what's best for you.

POLS 103
Local Government and Politics

Offered Every Semester

Terry Christensen	(1)	TR	1200-1315
Sam Liccardo	(2)	W	1800-2045

Why study local politics? Because it's about how our communities work and how we can affect them and because it's so close to us and we can observe it firsthand without media filters. Political science majors are often more interested in national and international politics, but those who don't take this course are missing a great opportunity to learn about politics in general, not just politics at the local level. Studying politics in communities makes us acutely aware of the real human beings who make things happen and of the impact of policies on our lives. But local politics is also comparative politics because we try to figure out why politics and policies differ among communities. This course looks at local government and politics in the U.S., using San José and environs as a case study. But San José is only our local example - we'll also look at government and politics much more broadly. Assignments include quizzes, essay exams, research projects and papers derived from first-hand observation of local politics. You'll meet and talk with local political leaders. You'll also have an opportunity to test your political knowledge and skills through a classroom simulation of local politics, an exercise that's both fun and instructive. When you complete this class you'll have the ability to analyze, understand and participate in community politics anywhere you can find yourself in life and your career.



POLS 107
Politics & Public Opinion

Melinda Jackson (1) MW 1330-1445

Gay marriage, the War in Iraq, Social Security reform, Gun Control, Immigration. What do ordinary citizens think about political issues like these? How do we measure their opinions, and what role do they play in the political process? In this course we will explore these questions from both theoretical and practical perspectives. Students will learn about how public opinion surveys are designed and conducted, and the ways in which political scientists, politicians, and the media use this information. We will consider how socialization, psychological processes, and ideology shape individual attitudes, as well as group-based differences in opinion, and trends in public opinion over time. We will critically examine the role of the media in collecting, reporting, and possibly shaping public opinion. Finally, we will consider how politicians use information about public opinion, and whether or not it has a significant effect on public policy at the end of the day. Students will also get some hands-on experience designing and implementing a short public opinion survey of their own.

POLS 120
Law and Society

Offered Every Semester

Ken Nuger	(1)	TR	1330-1445
Ishmael Tarikh	(2)	TR	0900-1015

In the United States, government policy generally is not neutral, but rather, it is biased toward the elite in our society. American history is replete with examples of how the well educated and well financed systematically gain political and economic influence and use politics to their advantage, often to the detriment of the broad public interest and specifically to the detriment of the poorer, less educated constituencies in American life. This course examines the interrelationship between politics, democracy and capitalism through a lens that focuses our concern on how this bias was created, how it is perpetuated and finally, what citizens can do to make government and capitalism more sensitive to the public interest in general and to discriminated groups in particular.

POLS 121B
Civil Liberties: Constitutional Law

Ken Nuger (1) MW 1030-1145

The constitutional basis for civil liberties is explored. Methods of constitutional analysis are explained and implemented to ascertain the extent of citizens' rights relative to the broader public interest. Topics range from first amendment freedoms including speech, press and the religious clauses, the fourth, fifth, sixth and eighth amendments affecting the criminal justice system, personal privacy including abortion, sexual autonomy and the right to die and finally, the nation's newest constitutional freedom, the second amendment's right to bear arms.

POLS 141
Eurasian Politics

Sabrina Pinnell (1) MW 1200-1315

The Soviet Union ceased to exist in December 1991, but the consequences of its disappearance are far from being resolved. Russia and a number of countries in both Europe and Central Asia succeeded the dissolution of the Soviet state. This course begins with a brief history of the USSR, and then focuses upon the post-Soviet politics of the Russian Federation and the successor states in Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. This course will focus upon both the internal politics of these countries as well as their relations with each other, particularly the relationship between Russia and other post-Soviet successor states.

POLS 142
African Politics

Cobie Harris (1) TR 1030-1145

Most people only know Africa through the western media which glorifies and suggests that sub-Saharan Africa can be defined by its problems such as disease, civil wars, and poverty. Although poverty, violence, and disease do exist in Africa, Africa does not possess a monopoly of these negative attributes; there is much more to Africa and its people than the headlines suggest. Most of the problems of the African states can be linked to nation building. Imagine the first forty years after the American Revolution or the first decade after the French Revolution most students of politics would agree that these countries also had a very difficult time. Hence, it is important to note that African countries have been in the main independence less than forty years. This course will provide basic concepts, theoretical perspectives, and essential information necessary for understanding the dynamic politics and social evolution of contemporary African states.

POLS 146
Latin American Politics

Cobie Harris (1) TR 0900-1015

The study of the struggle for democracy in Latin America with some emphasis on Mexico. A focus is placed on the relationship between culture and political change. Topics include: the women's movement, political parties and elections, the social political importance of indigenous (native) cultures, the relationship between the arts and politics, religion and liberation theology, the role of the military in domestic politics, revolutions and the revolutionaries and the influence of the United States on public policy.

**POLS 150
War and Peace**

Ken Montojo (1) MW 0900-1015
Ken Montojo (2) MW 1030-1145

Why do people kill? Why is the world plagued with violence, terrorism, and warfare? Are humans instinctively violent or aggressive or does war result from socialization or learning? Do "peaceful" societies exist? Why are so many wars fought for "God"? Are males inherently more "warlike" than females? Will war continue as a part of the human experience in the next millenium and what are the implications? How will wars be fought in the future? This course will examine literature from international relations theory, history, psychology, religious studies, and other disciplines in probing these questions.

**POLS 154
U.S. Foreign Policy**

Karthika Sasikumar (1) MW 1200-1315

This course focuses on United States foreign policy and behavior in the post-Cold War international environment. The forces driving American foreign policy, including domestic politics, economics and culture, will be assessed. We will examine the policymaking process - the relationship between the Executive, Congress, the State and Defense departments, and the media. Four topics will be studied in depth: nuclear proliferation, relations with the Islamic world, and the role of corporations; students will have the opportunity to choose the fourth.

Check out these websites for helpful information and careers:
www.hrsjobs.com
www.collegegrad.com

**POLS 152B
Model United Nations**

Constantine Danopoulos (1) TR 0900-1015

Since Spring 1993, the Model UN group on campus has been active in a variety of ways-meeting to deal with organizational issues, attending conferences in San Francisco, and discussing issues currently before the United Nations. This semester, the department offers three units of credit for a more structured version of these activities, including participation in the Model UN-Far West conference. Student IRA funding will subsidize attendance. We'll meet together weekly at least for some background reading; thereafter we'll be doing a log of work individually or in small groups. The countries that SJSU will be representing this year are Israel, Iran and North Korea.

**POLS 160B
Modern Political Thought**

Lawrence Quill (1) TR 1030-1145

Many political ideas which Americans take for granted were once new and controversial. This course reawakens some great debates which shaped our political heritage. We will begin with a consideration of Thomas Hobbes ("the philosopher of fear") and end with Mary Wollstonecraft's A Vindication of the Rights of Woman. We will examine concepts such as civic virtue, liberty, rights, the free market, the social contract, realism, democracy, representation, gender, and revolution. What, we might ask, do these theories have to do with political life today?

POLS 163
American Political Thought

Ken Peter (1) MW 0900-1015

We cannot hope to change our political world if we do not understand its origins. This course, the last in a series of independent (but sequential) courses surveying Western political thought, has two general tasks. First, it seeks to understand the ideas of several key intellectuals who have transformed both our society and the way we view it. What are the ideological origins of our politics? Second, the course will examine the ideas of several contemporary thinkers, who reveal different visions of the future. What are the contemporary alternatives for thinking about politics?



POLS 181
Internship: Politics

Terry Christensen (1) W 1500-1745

Gain firsthand practical experience in politics and build your resume by working for an elected official, a campaign, an administrative agency, or a community organization. We have placements with almost all local officials, from city council to Congress, and with community organizations ranging from the South Bay Labor Council to the Silicon Valley Leadership Group. We will help you find a placement to suit your politics, your policy interests and your career goals. Opportunities are especially good for work on political campaigns this spring.

Interns are required to complete 150 hours at their placements. Interns meet as a seminar once a month, consult regularly with the director of the intern program, and write a paper analyzing their experiences at the end of the semester.

Recommended prerequisites: POLS 100W and 195 for all. POLS 102 for internships in state politics. POLS 103 for internships in local politics. These courses may be taken concurrently with the internship.

SJSU STUDENTS IN SACRAMENTO AND
WASHINGTON

Each year, San Jose State University sends students to intern in Sacramento in the spring and to Washington in the summer and fall - all with scholarships. Applications for Sacramento Semester internships are due in November. Applications for summer or fall internships in Washington are due in April. See Professor Terry Christensen (CL 457; email terrychr@email.sjsu.edu for more information.

POLS 190/90H
Senior Seminar/ Honors Thesis

Kathryn Wood (1) W 1800-2045

This course will be an integrative capstone course that will culminate your experience within the political science major field. This course will also focus on advanced study topics of the instructor's choice, which will analyze the nature of globalization and assess its role in the current world economic crisis. For further details on the course please contact the instructor.



Constantine Danopoulos (2) TR 1500-1615

This course will explore the complex world of democracy and democratic politics, with special emphasis on issues associated with the quality of democracy. The class will engage in a semester-long discussion of the meaning of democracy, the process of transition to democracy, democratic consolidation, and sustenance, as well as assessing the quality of democracy. We will explore and analyze the importance of culture, religion, civil society and economics. Students will be encouraged to explore the benefits and possible shortcomings of democratic governance, especially in light of the current and ongoing economic crisis. To this end, students will be expected to keep up with developments of how democracies respond to the challenges and changing dynamics in the political, social, and economic arenas. The first half of the semester will deal with theoretical issues while the second will be devoted to in-depth analysis of individual countries from around the world.

POLS 195A
Political Inquiry

Offered Every Semester

Melinda Jackson (1) TR 0900-1015

Kathryn Wood (2) TR 1030-1145

This course is about research methods. While there is some discussion of statistics, the emphasis is on the "Why" of research rather than merely the "How". The purpose of this course is to give Political Science majors the necessary tools to understand and critique the methods and research designs of the scholars in the disciplines contributing to the field. Beginning with the basic concepts of methodology, the course will then move on to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the various forms of analysis in both the Qualitative and Quantitative Methods. The course will involve short written homework assignments that will allow the students to apply the material. Several of these assignments will allow student to explore hypotheses of their own creation and to build on their knowledge of methodology to create research designs that would best suit that exploration.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

PADM 210 Introduction to Public Administration

Offered Every Semester

Frances Edwards (1) T 1800-2045

This course offers an introduction to many facets of public administration. Topics include the history of public administration and the American bureaucracy, the constitutional basis of administration, policy analysis, budgeting, personnel management, theories of organization, leadership, decision-making, contracting out including NGO relationships, and ethics. Students will evaluate a variety of cases, and write a staff report in the format used in most California local governments. While federal and state levels of government will be discussed, the emphasis is on local government in California.

PADM 212 Admin. Research Methods

Offered Every Semester

Peter Haas (1) T 1800-2045

The purpose of this course is to familiarize the student with techniques, and applications of social science research in the context of public administration. With an emphasis on quantitative, survey-derived data analysis, we will examine the research process from the hypothesis construction and research design to data analysis and report writing. In doing so, the class will be exposed to several applications for microcomputers, including spreadsheets, data base management, and statistical software. We will also consider several non-quantitative approaches to administrative research. An important purpose of the course is to get the class comfortable with statistical issues that are relevant to many research designs, so that they may be educated consumers of policy research.

PADM 213 Policy Analysis & Evaluation

Offered Every Semester

Frances Edwards (1) M 1800-2045

This course introduces students to a variety of tools and techniques used by administrators in public and non-profit organizations to evaluate the effectiveness of policies and programs. The federal focus on outcome analysis and performance measures in grant-in-aid programs makes understanding programmatic goals critical for local and state administrators. Students will be introduced to systems for evaluating policies, including the concept of proxy measures, and a variety of techniques for measuring programs, such as process evaluation, outcome evaluation and cost-benefit evaluation. The culmination of this class is a series of student presentations on major projects drawn from current policy or program challenges. Prerequisite: Statistics.

For more information about the Master of Public Administration Program, go to:

www.sjsu.eduPoliSci/mpa

Note: You must apply online directly through

CSU Mentor:

www.CSUMentor.edu

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

PADM 214 Public Management

Offered Every Semester

Staff (1) W 1800-2045

This core seminar examines contemporary theory, techniques, and practices necessary for managing public implementation processes. Students will assess and plan to further develop their managerial skills.



PADM 217 Organizational Theory

Mark Linder (1) W 1800-2045

Public organizations face a uniquely demanding political, legal and economic environment often filled with organized opponents, zealous supporters, reluctant clients, and ambiguous laws. This course examines the impacts of such factors on the basic management functions, including leading, designing organizational structures, motivating employees, and innovating. We go beyond analyzing the forces which influence public management to examine alternative responses available to administrators and how they can influence society.

PADM 218 Public Budgeting

John Maltbie (1) alternate Sats 0900-1400

A study of current theory, techniques and practice of public budgeting for political decision-making, planning and management, this course focuses on federal, state and local budget processes and impacts, professional standards and best practices in local budgeting, issues of tax equity and accessibility of information. At the local level federal, state, regional and county public policies get prioritized, integrated, implemented and evaluated. At the local level balancing resources and demands for services is an issue for every public entity. Every city, county, school district, water district, etc. has a budget that describes how that entity intends to expend its resources. This course will address:

- The context of local government finance
- Designing the budget process
- Budget preparation and adoption
- Budgeting as policy making
- The budget as a management tool
- Budgeting and financial control
- Planning and budgeting for capital improvements
- The budget document

PADM 219 Public Financial Administration

Tim Tung/David Persselin (1) R 1800-2045

An overview of public financial administration, including microeconomic concepts and techniques, tax theory and policy, user charges, intergovernmental transfers, debt administration and risk management in a political environment. Prerequisite: PADM 218.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

PADM 223 Law and Public Administration

Ken Nuger (1) M 1800-2045

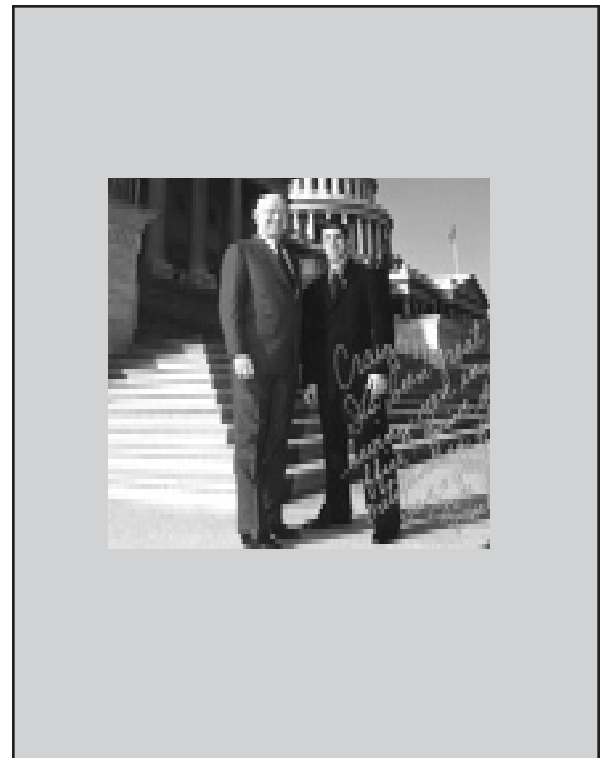
Law and Public Administration concentrates on the legal and political processes that affect how government agencies adopt rules and regulations to implement policy. The course examines the political development of the administrative legal system, rule and order making, bureaucratic discretion and judicial review and democratic accountability. Interspersed within this focus will be an ongoing debate of the characteristics the class feels should be embraced by the ideal administrative legal system.

PADM 281 PA Internship

Offered Every Semester

Terry Christensen (1) R 1500-1745

The public administration internship provides students with supervised practical experience integrated with the academic program through seminar discussions relating the students' work experiences with concepts of public administration. Professor Christensen, as the internship director, assists students in seeking placements in local administrative positions. Interns are required to complete a total of 260 hours of service (approximately 20 hours a week) with a public agency or other public sector organization. The schedule and duties are negotiated by the intern placement supervisor and the intern. Students submit regular written reports, develop a research design relating public administration theory to public administration practice as they experience it through their internships and write a paper reporting on their experience and their findings.



OUR FACULTY



James Brent

joined the faculty in 1994 and received his Ph.D. from Ohio State University in 1995. Dr. Brent enjoys teaching and his loud voice assures that students will not fall asleep in his class. Dr. Brent believes the best way to motivate students is to challenge them. His courses are demanding, but he is willing to go the extra mile to assist students who want to learn. His current research agenda focuses on both the relationship between the judicial and executive branches of government, and the manner in which lower courts implements the decision of higher courts. He has published articles in *The Justice System Journal*, *American Politics Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, *The Southwestern Political Review* and *Comparative State Politics*. He has also co-authored a chapter on Internet voting in *The Internet Upheaval* by MIT Press.

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Spring 2012: Pols 001



Terry Christensen

A specialist on state and local politics, Terry Christensen has authored or co-authored nine books, the latest of which are the ninth edition of *California Politics and Government* (co-authored with Larry Gerston) and the second edition of *Local Politics: Governing at the Grassroots*, a text reflecting his years of teaching and participation in local politics. Other recent publications include *Projecting Politics: Political Messages in American Films* (2005) and *Recall! California's Political Earthquake* (2004), also co-authored by Larry Gerston. Christensen holds a BA from Stanford and a PhD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He chaired the Department of Political Science from 1993 to 2002. In 1998, he was named SJSU's Outstanding Professor. In addition to his scholarship, teaching and university service, Christensen is active in San Jose politics, advising on many political and policy campaigns and serving on numerous commissions, task forces and advisory boards. Office: Clark Hall 457/ Phone: 924-5565 / [Email: terry.christensen@sjsu.edu](mailto:terry.christensen@sjsu.edu)
Spring 2012: Pols 103, 181, PADM 281



Constantine Danopoulos

Specialties are comparative politics and international relations. He is author or editor of a number of books and numerous articles. Professor Danopoulos serves as editor of the *Journal of Political and Military Sociology* and associate editor of *Mediterranean Quarterly*. He was also the President/Chair of the Research Committee on Armed Forces and Society of the International Science Association. He is currently an Associate Editor of *Mediterranean Quarterly*. He also served as an election monitor in Bosnia's September 1996 elections.

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OUR FACULTY



Elena Dorabji

received her Ph.D. from UC Berkeley when it was a hotbed of radicalism. Her major area of specialization is comparative politics. Her present areas of research and focus are the study of comparative political cultures and American's social values, especially as they affect women and children. Dorabji's political interests have expanded in the past several years to include advocacy for lecturer rights and student learning conditions in higher education. She is active in the California Faculty Association (CFA) which represents faculty working conditions at local campus level. She is the lecturer CFA representative, and at the state-wide level, she serves on the CFA Bargaining Team.

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Spring 2012: Pols 015B



Frances Edwards

Dr. Edwards has a Ph.D in public administration and a Master of Urban Planning from New York University, and a MA in political science from Drew University. After a 20 year career in public agencies she returned to university teaching. She is the author of two books on terrorism for NATO, and numerous journal articles, book chapters and OpEds. Her current research focuses on emergency management, homeland security, continuity of operations, climate change, immigration, and public policy development. Most recently she completed the Generic COOP/COG Plan for Transportation Agencies and two training programs for the Mineta Transportation Institute: EOC Management and COOP Organization, She has lived in UK and Japan, and has worked with the governments of Japan and Turkey, as well as for NATO and the European Union.

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Spring 2012: Pols 100W, PADM 210, 213



Larry Gerston

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Political Science Department Winter Session January 3rd - 20th



<u>COURSE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM#</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>	<u>CODE</u>
POLS001-80	American Gov't		On-Line	TBA	N/A	Brent 10089
POLS 020-01	Controv. Legal Issues	MTWRF		0800 - 1115	CL 308	Pinnell 10090
POLS 120-01	Law and Society	MTWRF		0800 - 1115	CL 205	Nuger 10091
POLs 150-01	War and Peace	MTWRF		0800-1115	CL 231	Wood 10092

*PolS180 (Individual Std.), PolS184 (Directed Reading), and Padm298 (Special Problems) must be scheduled through faculty members supervising projects and department office for release of suppressed codes. These courses will be held from Jan. 5th-Jan 16th.

Political Science Department Graduation Convocation



The Political Science department hosts its own Graduation Convocation. This year's event will be held on May 25th 2012 in the University Theatre. Unlike the University Graduation, students are individually recognized for their academic achievements. Friends and families are invited to watch graduates traverse the stage and shake hands with a dignitary. Much of the event's success is attributed to the tremendous support and hard work of the graduates.

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SPRING 2012 SCHEDULE
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>FACULTY</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
POLS001 01	AMERICAN GOVERNMENT	M	1800-2045	20812	PINNELL	DMH149A
POLS001 02	AMERICAN GOVERNMENT	MW	1330-1445	28273	MONTOJO	CL303
POLS001 03	AMERICAN GOVERNMENT	MW	0730-0845	22629	WOOD	HGH116
POLS001 04	AMERICAN GOVERNMENT	MW	1200-1315	21441	MONTOJO	DMH161
POLS001 05	AMERICAN GOVERNMENT	TR	1030-1145	27575	WOOD	HGH116
POLS001 80	AMERICAN GOVERNMENT	TBA		21964	BRENT	On-Line
POLS001 81	AMERICAN GOVERNMENT	TBA		27581	BRENT	On-Line
POLS002 01	INTRO. TO COMP. POLITICS	TR	1330-1445	25003	HARRIS	DMH149A
POLS002 02	INTRO. TO COMP. POLITICS	TR	0730-0845	20813	HARRIS	DHM 149A
POLS003 01	INTRO. TO POL. THOUGHT	TR	0730-0845	20814	SCHENDAN	HGH116
POLS003 02	INTRO. TO POL. THOUGHT	TR	0900-1015	21133	QUILL	CL303
POLS003 03	INTRO. TO POL. THOUGHT	TR	1200-1315	25345	QUILL	CL303
POLS004 01	INTRO. TO INT'L RELAT.	MW	1330-1445	20912	SASIKUMAR	DMH149A
POLS004 02	INTRO. TO INT'L RELAT.	MW	0730-0845	21134	SASIKUMAR	DMH149A
POLS015B 01	U.S. HISTORY/GOVT	MW	0900-1015		DORABJI	DMH-150
POLS015B 02	U.S. HISTORY/GOVT	MW	1030-1145		DORABJI	DMH-150
POLS015B 03	U.S. HISTORY/GOVT	MW	1200-1315		SCHENDAN	DMH-150
POLS015B 04	U.S. HISTORY/GOVT	MW	1330-14:45		SCHENDAN	DMH-150
POLS015B 05	U.S. HISTORY/GOVT	M	1800-2045		FIELD	DMH150
POLS015B 06	U.S. HISTORY/GOVT	TR	0900-1015		DORABJI	DMH-150
POLS015B 07	U.S. HISTORY/GOVT	TR	1030-1145		DORABJI	DMH-150
POLS015B 08	U.S. HISTORY/GOVT	TR	1200-1315		DANOPOULOS	DMH-150
POLS015B 09	U.S. HISTORY/GOVT	TR	1330-1445		DANOPOULOS	DMH-150
POLS020 01	CONTROVER. LEGAL ISS.	MW	1030-1145	25341	PINNELL	DMH161
POLS020 02	CONTROVER. LEGAL ISS.	MW	1200-1315	25342	TARIKH	CL303
POLS020 03	CONTROVER. LEGAL ISS.	MW	1330-1445	29864	TARIKH	BBC103
POLS020 80	CONTROVER. LEGAL ISS.	On Line		25344	MCKENZIE	On-Line
POLS020 81	CONTROVER. LEGAL ISS.	On Line		27661	MCKENZIE	On-Line
POLS100W 01	WRITING WORKSHOP	MW	0900-1015	23220	EDWARDS	DMH149A
POLS101 01	POLITICAL INSTITU.	TR	1330-1445	23121	MCKENZIE	HGH116
POLS102 01	STATE GOVT. & POLITICS	M	18:00-2045	20815	KEELEY	DMH161
POLS103 01	LOCAL GOVT. & POLITICS	TR	200-1315	27667	CHRISTENSEN	HGH116
POLS103 02	LOCAL GOVT. & POLITICS	W	1800-2045	27671	LICCARDO	DMH161
POLS107 01	POLITICS & PUBLIC OPIIN	MW	1330-1445	23123	JACKSON	HGH116
POLS120 01	LAW AND SOCIETY	MW	1330-1445	25346	NUGER	DMH161
POLS120 02	LAW AND SOCIETY	MW	0900-1015	27680	NUGER	DMH161
POLS121B 01	CIVIL LIB; CONSTIT. LAW	MW	1030-1145	27695	NUGER	HGH116
POLS141 01	EURASIAN POLITICS	MW	1200-1315	27727	PINNELL	HGH116
POLS142 01	AFRICAN POLITICS	TR	1030-1145	27736	HARRIS	DMH149A
POLS146 01	LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS	TR	9:00-1015	27738	HARRIS	HGH116
POLS150 01	WAR AND PEACE	MW	0900-1015	20816	MONTOJO	CL303
POLS150 02	WAR AND PEACE	MW	1030-1145	27798	MONTOJO	CL303
POLS152B01	MODEL UNION NATIONS	TR	09:00-1015	23127	DANOPOULOS	DMH149A
POLS154 01	US FOREIGN POLICY	MW	1200-1315	21160	SASIKUMAR	DMH149A
POLS160B01	MODERN POLITICAL THT	TR	1030-1145	20817	QUILL	CL303
POLS163 01	AMERICAN POLITICAL THT	MW	0900-1015	20818	PETER	HGH116
POLS180 01	INDIVIDUAL STUDIES*	TBA				
POLS181 01	INTERNSHIPS	W	1500-1745	22639	CHRISTENSEN	DMH149A
POLS 184 01	DIRECTED READING*	TBA				
POLS190 01	SENIOR SEMINAR	W	1800-2045	20819	WOOD	DMH149A
POLS190 02	SENIOR SEMINAR	TR	1500-1615	20918	DANOPOULOS	HGH116
POLS190H01	HONORS THESIS	TBA		####	WOOD	DMH149A
POLS190H02	HONORS THESIS	TBA		####	DANOPOULOS	HGH116
POLS195A 01	POLITICAL INQUIRY	MW	1030-1145	20820	JACKSON	DMH149A
POLS195A 02	POLITICAL INQUIRY	TR	1200-1315	23613	WOOD	DMH149A
PADM210 02	INTRO. TO PUBLIC ADMIN.	T	1800-2045	29710	EDWARDS	CL306
PADM212 01	ADMIN RESEARCH METH.	T	1800-2045	28270	HAAS	CL231
PADM213 03	POLICY ANALYSIS & EVAL.	M	1800-2045	29711	EDWARDS	CL306
PADM214 01	PUBLIC MANAGEMENT	W	1800-2045	27803	HAAS	CL306
PADM217 01	ORGANIZATIONAL THEORY	W	1800-2045	28271	LINDER	CL231
PADM218 02	PUBLIC BUDGETING	Alt. Sat.	0900-1400	29759	LINDER	CL303
PADM219 01	PUBLIC FINANCIAL ADMIN.	R	1800-2045	28272	TUNG/PERSSELIN	CL231
PADM223 01	LAW AND PUBLIC ADMIN.	M	1800-2045	22244	NUGER	HGH116
PADM281 01	PUBLIC ADMIN. INTE.	R	1500-1745	22649	CHRISTENSEN	DMH149A
PADM298 01	SPECIAL PROBLEMS	TBA				

*POLS 180, 184 and PADM 298, 299 must be arranged with a faculty member's approval with suppressed codes arranged through the department office upon approval of dept. chair.