EAGLETON UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

COURSE INFORMATION

All courses meet at Wood Lawn on the Douglass campus and must be taken in person, in the order specified below.

Spring Junior Year

PRACTICE OF POLITICS **Wednesdays 9:15 am-12:15 pm** **(790:428:01)**

The major concept in the course is "politics as a choice". Politics is a world of limits and alternatives. Everyone in politics - from voters to presidents - faces difficult choices. Each week, students analyze different political decisions such as the Constitutional Convention, jury verdicts, voting outcomes, budgets, legislative actions, campaign strategies, presidential programs, and American foreign policy. Guest instructors participate in about half of the seminar meetings. The course emphasizes small group interaction and cooperative learning and aims to provide students with the theoretical grounding to appreciate the practicalities of political choices

Fall Senior Year

INTERNSHIP SEMINAR **Wednesdays 5:35-8:35 pm** **(790:481:05)**

The internship seminar and placement provides students the opportunity to connect classroom learning with the experience of working in government, politics or public affairs. In recent years, we have helped find placements for students in the New Jersey Legislature, Governor's Office, state government departments, county and local government offices, Congressional offices, public affairs offices, public interest groups, state associations, political campaigns (local, state and national), lobbying firms, think tanks and other interest groups. Students are placed for a total of 140 hours in a 3-credit graded internship during the summer OR fall of their senior year (~10 hours per week). During the fall semester, students are required to complete the internship seminar as an accompaniment to the placement. The course meets eight times during the semester. The purpose of the seminar is to share observations and to learn more about political life by drawing on field placement experiences, as well as from guest speakers and assigned readings. Credit is awarded for the internship upon completion of the seminar course. The internship grade will be based on both the placement supervisor's assessment of the intern's performance and the student's attendance, participation, and written essays for the seminar.

Spring Senior Year

PROCESSES OF POLITICS **Tuesdays 9:15 am-12:15 pm** **(790:429:01)**

This course focuses on the ways in which public policy is defined and implemented through the political, legislative and administrative operations of government. Issues and practices at both the state and national levels will be considered with considerable focus on New Jersey. Many sessions will include conversations with practitioners who have significant experience in politics and public policy. A number of themes will appear throughout the course. One is the contrast between legislative and executive/agency roles. Another is the extent to which, and methods by which, the public is involved in the various processes of politics and public policy formation and implementation. Third is the relationship between public expectations of these processes and the reality of their operations. The course also discusses current national and statewide races and other political events as they unfold during the semester.

Political Science majors/minors please note:

- Either spring Eagleton course (790:428 or 790:429) can count for the required Political Science Seminar course (790:395). The fall internship seminar and placement hours cannot be a substitute for the 395 seminar requirement.
- The fall Eagleton Internship Seminar class can towards political science major/minor credit, except as noted below:
    - If a student has already taken two 790 internships in political science, independent study OR research courses, then the Eagleton internship course cannot count towards the major or minor.
    - Political Science minors should NOT take a 395 seminar in political sciences, even if the instructor gives them a special permission number, because it will not count toward the Political Science minor.