

EAGLETON UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATES COURSE INFORMATION

Three courses and an internship are required for the program. See below for details.
All courses meet at Wood Lawn on the Douglass campus.

Political Science majors/minors see important information on page 2

Spring Junior Year (790:428:01)

PRACTICE OF POLITICS
Wednesdays 9:15 am-12:15 pm

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 the students analyze different political decisions such as the Constitutional Convention, juries, voting, budgeting, public education, legislatures, campaigns, 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.

Fall Senior Year (790:481:05)

INTERNSHIP SEMINAR
Wednesdays 5:35-8:35 pm

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 try to learn more about political life by drawing on your experiences in a field placement. Credit is awarded for the internship upon completion of the seminar course. Essays in the class require both observation and interviewing on the student's part. 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 (790:429:01)

PROCESSES OF POLITICS
Tuesdays 9:15 am-12:15 pm

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.

Important Information for Political Science Majors and Minors

Please note the following regarding requirements for your major and the Eagleton Undergraduate Associates program.

- Either of the spring Undergraduate Associate courses (790:428 or 429) CAN count for the required Political Science Seminar course (790:395). The fall internship seminar or actual placement hours CAN NOT substitute for the 395 seminar requirement.
- The Eagleton internship seminar will count towards major/minor credit except as noted below:
 - If a student has already taken two (2) 790 internships in political science, independent study OR research courses, then the Eagleton internship course will NOT 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.

If you have any questions regarding the requirements for your political science major/minor please contact:

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