

# Political Science Department

## Plebe Majors Brief



# Welcome Class of 2022



# Key Take-Aways

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- 1. Political Science challenges you to think critically and communicate clearly.**
- 2. Political Science is a robust major at the Naval Academy.**
- 3. Political Science majors get broad exposure and have flexibility in their course of study**
- 4. Political Science majors have excellent opportunities for internships, graduate education.**
- 5. Political Science majors serve in every service and branch.**



# The Political Science Department

- **Faculty**
  - 13 civilian
  - 10 military
  - 1 visiting professor
  - 3 adjunct professors





## Teaching Ethics at a Military Academy

Stephen Wrage

English



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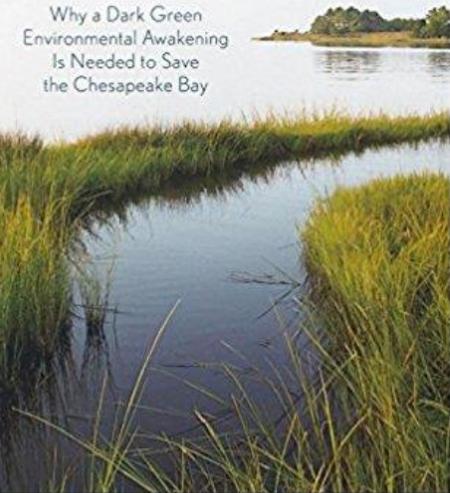
# Can China Save the Global Order?

Mar 20, 2017 | YONG DENG

At the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting in Davos in January, Chinese President Xi Jinping spoke in defense of globalization and offered a vision of inclusive, sustainable development. But can China really provide the

# FIGHT FOR THE BAY

Why a Dark Green Environmental Awakening Is Needed to Save the Chesapeake Bay



Howard R. Ernst

## How Does Ethnic Rebellion Start?

Janet I. Lewis<sup>1</sup>

### Abstract

Because insurgent group formation is often concentrated in monitored areas, the empirical

## It's Time to Update INCSEA

By LCDR Rachael Gosnell | September 23, 2016

# DIGITAL RESISTANCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

New Media Activism in Everyday Life



Deborah L. Wheeler

## Electoral Vulnerability, Constituency Focus, and Parliamentary Questions in the House of Commons

Michael Kellermann

### Research Highlights and Abstract

This article:

- Demonstrates that use of written parliamentary questions by British MPs is influential in the context of the margin of victory in prior election decreases, members ask more questions
- Shows that the margin of victory does not affect proportion of questions that focus on constituency issues.
- Concludes that electorally vulnerable members use questions to signal effort, rather than to signal support

## Removing the Crutch: External Support and the Dynamics of Armed Conflict

Matthew Testerman<sup>a</sup>

## Presidential Reelection Fundraising from Jimmy Carter to Barack Obama



## COALITION CHALLENGES IN AFGHANISTAN

THE POLITICS OF ALLIANCE

Edited by GALE A. MATTOX and STEPHEN M. GRENIER

BRENDAN J. DOHERTY

DOHERTY CHECKED OFF HIS OFFICIAL CAMPAIGN FROM THE WHITE HOUSE WITH A WHIRLWIND TRIP TO AFGHANISTAN IN APRIL 2011. AT EACH EVENT THAT NIGHT, HE WAS

# AULAE



## Ecuador: Moreno's Victory Probably Not Enough

By John Polga-Hecimovich\*







# The Discipline of Political Science



American  
Politics



Comparative  
Politics



International  
Relations

Methodology



# Political Science Expertise

- Lt Col Crothers – domestic influence of armed conflict
- Prof Deng – China, East Asia, International Relations
- Prof Doherty – presidency, American Politics
- Prof Ernst – environmental policy, state and local politics, American Politics
- Assoc Prof Kellermann – political methodology, comparative politics, parties and federalism
- Asst Prof Lewis – armed conflict, Sub-Saharan Africa, international relations
- CDR Kwon – international maritime security, international relations
- Prof Mattox – national security, NATO, international relations
- CAPT Ostendorff – national security, nuclear politics
- Asst Prof Polga-Hecimovich – Latin America, bureaucratic politics, comparative politics
- CAPT Testerman – civil wars, comparative politics
- Assoc Prof Wheeler – Middle East politics, new media, qualitative methods
- Asst Prof Williams – civil military relations, American Politics
- Prof Wrage – ethics and international relations, case study
- Prof Zotti – American politics and law



# Political Science Coursework

- **4 Required Survey Courses**
  - American Politics
  - Comparative Politics
  - International Relations
  - Quantitative Methods
- **6 Electives**
  - 60 elective sections offered each year
  - 30 different elective courses each year
- **Capstone Course in 1/C year**
- **Political Science Honors sequence**
  - Selections in Fall 2/C year
  - Reduces electives to 5, no capstone course





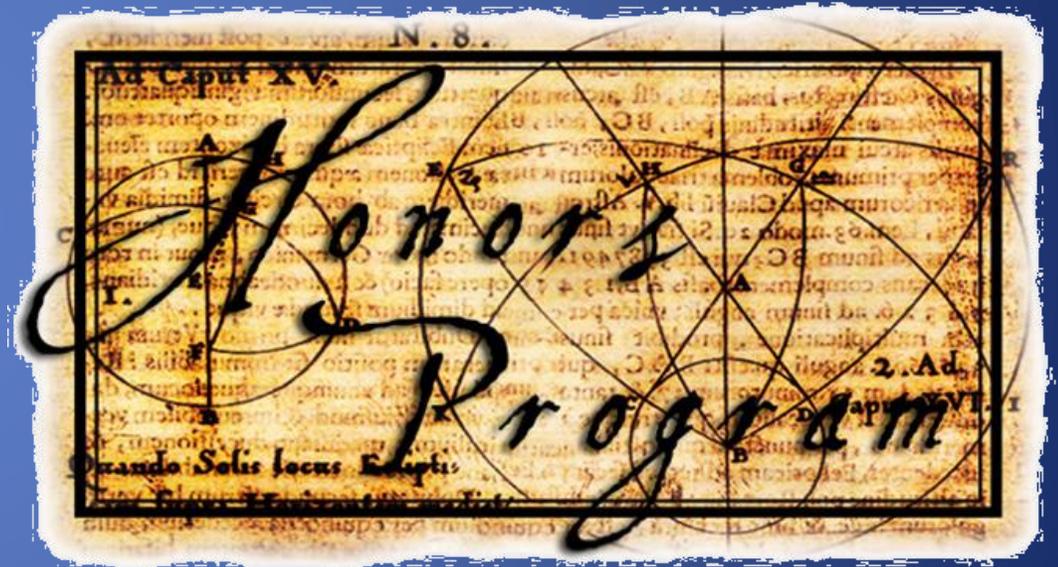
# The Political Science (FPS) Matrix

	3/c Fall	3/c Spring	2/c Fall	2/c Spring	1/c Fall	1/c Spring
<b>CORE</b>	NN210 2-1-2 Basic Navigation		NN310 2-1-2 Advanced Navigation	NL310 3-0-3 Leadership: Theory and Application	NL400 2-0-2 Law for the Junior Officer	NS43X 2-1-2 Junior Officer Practicum
	SP211 3-2-4 General Physics I	SP212 3-2-4 General Physics I				
	SM223 4-0-4 Calculus III with Optimization	SM219 3-0-3 Probability and Statistics	EC310 2-2-3 Cyber Security II	EE301 3-2-4 Electrical Fundamentals and Applications	ES300 3-0-3 Naval Weapons Systems	
	NE203 3-0-3 Ethics and Moral Reasoning			EM300 3-2-4 Principles of Propulsion	ES360 0-2-1 Control Systems Laboratory	EA/N4XY 0-2-1
<b>DIVISION</b>		HH2XY 3-0-3 History in the Pre-modern World	HH216 3-0-3 The West in the Modern World		HUM/SS Elective 1 3-0-3	HUM/SS Elective 2 3-0-3
	FL101 3-0-3 Basic Language I	FL102 3-0-3 Basic Language II	FL201 3-0-3 Intermediate Language I	FL202 3-0-3 Intermediate Language II	Free Elective 3-0-3	
<b>MAJOR</b>	FP210 3-0-3 International Relations	FP230 3-0-3 Comparative Politics	FP220 3-0-3 Political Science Methods	3-0-3 Major Elective 3	3-0-3 Major Elective 4	FP471X 3-0-3 Capstone Seminar
		3-0-3 Major Elective 1	3-0-3 Major Elective 2		3-0-3 Major Elective 5	3-0-3 Major Elective 6
	19	19	17	17	18	15



# Political Science Honors

- Graduate “with Honors”
- Significant independent research project
- Honors courses
  - FP500 Research Design (Spring 2/C year)
  - FP505 Senior Seminar (Fall 1/C year)
  - FP510 Senior Thesis (Spring 1/C year)
- Qualifications
  - 3.5 Major QPR, 3.25 QPR overall
  - Limited to approx. 12 1/C FPSH majors
- POC:
  - Associate Prof. Wheeler [dwheeler@usna.edu](mailto:dwheeler@usna.edu)





# Poli Sci Sponsored Internships

- **60 midshipman internships**
- **15-20 locations**
  - Navy Staff (OPNAV)
  - CNO's Office
  - State Department
  - Office of Naval Intelligence
  - Defense Intelligence Agency
  - NATO
  - Joint Staff
- **Timeline**
  - Announced at reform for Spring semester
  - Applications by mid-Jan

– Decisions in mid-Feb



- **POC: CDR Richardson**  
**drichar@usna.edu**



# Postgraduate Study

## IGEP – Immediate Graduate Education Program

- Quota: 20 Navy + 5 Marine Corps  
Program: Student locates and proposes the program (must be approved by the service community)
- Funding: Student must find at least 50% funding; student pays the balance
- Length: 12 to 24 months

## VGEP – Voluntary Graduate Education Program

- Georgetown Security Studies Program
- Earn a masters degree
- Navy pays \$11,000 of total costs
- Begin in 8<sup>th</sup> semester at USNA; continue during the summer and fall of that year, finishing in December of the year you graduate
- Overall Order of Merit – top 200

## UKISP – United Kingdom & International Scholarship Program

- Rhodes at Oxford
  - Marshall at any British University
  - Gates at Cambridge
  - Churchill at Cambridge
  - Mitchell in Ireland
  - FitzGerald at Oxford
  - Pownall at Cambridge
  - Nolan at Cambridge
  - Rotary at various countries
  - Fulbright at various countries
- Extremely competitive**  
**Duration: 2 years**

**POC – Prof. Wrage**  
**wrage@usna.edu**



# Poli Sci Service Assignment

- SWO – 28 (3 SWO-N, 2 SWO Intel)
- Submarines – 5
- Navy Pilot – 19
- Navy NFO – 10
- USMC Ground – 26
- USMC Pilot – 14
- Info Dominance Corps – 4
- Special Warfare (SEAL) – 4

Numbers approx. based on previous several years





# Poli Sci Service Experts

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- **SWO**
  - CDR Richardson
  - CDR Ostwind
- **Aviation**
  - CAPT Testerman (VQ)
  - LCDR Cleary (VP)
  - LT Yeager (HSM)
- **Submarines**
  - CAPT Ostendorff (Ret)
- **USA** – LTC Opladen
- **USAF** – Lt Col Crothers
- **USMC** – Maj Khalsa, Capt Williams
- **ROK Navy** – CDR Kwon

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