

POLI 3901 Internship in Political Science

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Internship Requirements

There are two general requirements for the internship

Requirement 1:

Satisfactory completion of work at an approved position. Approximately 90 hours of work is expected, or 6-8 hours per week when class is in session. An evaluation form is sent to your supervisor at the end of the semester to gauge your performance.

Requirement 2:

Satisfactory completion of two written paper assignments. The first of these assignments is due Thursday, October 15 and the second is due Monday, December 7. There is a 5% per day late penalty (up to 25% maximum) for all late papers. There are TWO ways to complete this requirement.

*NOTE: the internship work may not be applied to any other internship program. In other words, you cannot use the internship hours toward another academic program of study other than POLI 3901.

Method 1

Paper 1: Mid-term journal. At mid-term, the student will submit a 1000 word (4 page) essay explaining what was learned about politics from experiences at that point.

Paper 2: Final paper. At the end of the semester, the student will submit a 1500 word (6 page) research paper on a topic related to the internship duties and using examples from the internship experience to support the conclusions.

Method 2

1. Read TWO books from the provided list and write a detailed summary of what the book was about. Make sure you include the central argument of the book, the theoretical context or setting for the book, the manner in which the investigation is undertaken (surveys, case histories, etc), the evidence presented, and the conclusions drawn from the book. Include any critiques of the book as well. These papers should be 1250 words each (5 pages) and are due on the dates listed above.

State Politics in General

Hertel-Fernandez, Alexander. 2019. *State Capture: How Conservative Activists, Big Businesses, and Wealthy Donors Reshaped the American States – and the Nation*, New York: Oxford University Press.

Governors

Rosenthal, Alan. *The Best Job in Politics: Exploring How Governors Succeed as Policy Leaders*, Washington, DC: CQ Press.

Public Policy / Bureaucracy

Rothstein, Richard. 2017. *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*, New York: W. W. Norton and Company.

Butler, Daniel M. 2014. *Representing the Advantaged: How Politicians Reinforce Inequality*, New York: Cambridge University Press.

Legislatures / Representation

Hall, Andrew B. 2019. *Who Wants to Run? How the Devaluing of Political Office Drives Polarization*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Miler, Kristina C. *Constituency Representation in Congress: The View from Capitol Hill*, New York: Cambridge University Press.

Kaiser, Robert G. 2013. *Act of Congress: How America's Essential Institution Works, and How It Doesn't*, New York: Alfred A. Knopf.

Fiorina, Morris P. 2009. *Disconnect: The Breakdown of Representation in American Politics*, Norman: University of Oklahoma Press.

Any book by Richard Fenno (all cover various aspects of congressional representation):

Fenno, Richard F. 1978. *Home Style: House Members in Their Districts*, Boston: Little, Brown and Co.

Fenno, Richard F. 2000. *Congress at the Grassroots: Representational Change in the South, 1970-1998*, Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press

Fenno, Richard F. 2003. *Going Home: Black Representatives and Their Constituents*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press

Fenno, Richard F. 2013. *The Challenge of Congressional Representation*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press

State Legislatures

Rosenthal, Alan. 2004. *Heavy Lifting: The Job of the American Legislature*, Washington, DC: CQ Press.

Moncrief, Gary F., Peverill Squire, and Malcolm E. Jewell. 2001. *Who Runs for the Legislature?* New Jersey: Printice Hall.

Wright, Ralph G. 2005. *Inside the Statehouse: Lessons from the Speaker*, Washington, DC: CQ Press

The Influence of Campaign Contributions in State Legislatures: The Effects of Institutions and Politics, by Lynda W. Powell, ebook free from LSU libraries.

Political Campaigns and Elections

Hayes, Danny, and Jennifer Lawless. 2016. *Women on the Run: Gender, Media, and Political Campaigns in a Polarized Era*, New York: Cambridge University Press.

Lawless, Jennifer, and Richard Fox. 2015. *Running from office: Why Young Americans are Turned off to Politics*, New York: Oxford University Press.

Ehrenhalt, Alan. 1992. *United States of Ambition: Politicians, Power, and the Pursuit of Office*, New York: Time Books.

La Raja, Raymond J., and Brian F. Schaffner. 2015. *Campaign Finance and Polarization: When Purists Prevail*, Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. [available through Project Muse]

Hetherington, Marc, and Jonathan Weiler. 2018. *Prius or Pickup: How the Answers to Four Simple Questions Explain America's Great Divide*, New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing.

Gelman, Andrew, David Park, Boris Shor, and Jeronimo Cortina. 2010. *Red State, Blue State, Rich State, Poor State: Why Americans Vote the Way They Do*, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail '72, by Hunter Thompson

The Victory Lab by Sasha Issenberg

The American Voter Revisited, by Lewis-Beck, Jacoby, Norpoth and Weisberg

Congress: The Electoral Connection, by David Mayhew

The Reasoning Voter, by Samuel Popkin

Can We Talk? The Rise of Rude, Nasty, Stubborn Politics, by Shea and Fiorina

The Politics of Congressional Elections, by Jacobson and Carson

Criminal Justice

Natapoff, Alexandra. 2018. *Punishment Without Crime: How Our Massive Misdemeanor System Traps the Innocent and Makes America More Unequal*, New York: Basic Books.

Other

Beaten Down, Worked Up: The Past, Present, and Future of American Labor, by Steven Greenhouse

How Democracies Die, by Levitsky and Ziblatt