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QUICK NOTES

WINTER BREAK STUDY ABROAD

This Winter Break 2009/2010 the Political Science Department is offering a Study Abroad to Kuwait course taking place between December 19, 2009 and January 8, 2010. Students interested in this opportunity must take POL 440 "Politics of the Arab Peninsula" this Fall of 2009 as a pre-requisite to doing the Study Abroad course. With the approval of the Professor exceptions will be made for students that have taken POL 334 Middle East Politics. Copies of the Syllabi and Study Abroad Brochure can be obtained from Dr. Aref N. Hassan the Study Abroad Program Director. He can be reached at anhassan@stcloudstate.edu or 320-308-2529.

Up to 12 credits of study abroad can be applied to IR major electives with the approval of your advisor and IR director. 6 credits can apply as electives

POLITICAL SCIENCE 2009 UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE/ DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD WINNERS

POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

BECKER SCHOLARSHIP

Regan Bovee Clearwater, MN Senior Political Science & English Majors

BEGICH SCHOLARSHIP

Abigail Fayette Grafton, ND Junior Public Administration

Major~Marketing Minor

Jennifer Smith Fergus Falls, MN Junior Public Administration

Major~Human Relations Minor

Heidi Goerger Sartell, MN Junior Public Administration

Major~Gerontology Minor

RIGGS SCHOLARSHIP

Renee Helm St. Joseph, MN Senior Public Administration Major~Math
Minor

Melyssa Mdumuka Duluth, MN Senior International Relations

Major~Communication Studies Minor

toward the POL major with approval of your advisor and POL director.

**FALL-SPRING
2009-2010**

SCHEDULES

Minor modifications have and may be made. Check online. The fairly firm spring 2010 schedule is available in the POL office.

**2009/2010 FALL
INTERNSHIPS**

See Professor Frank for approval by Aug. 15th for fall 2009.

**POL 195 FOR
MAJORS IN POL
PA & IR**

195 Democratic citizenship classes from other majors do not fulfill the POL 195 requirement

**DIRECTED
READINGS/
INDEPENDENT
STUDY/
ARRANGED
CLASSES**

The procedures for these experiences have been modified and with rare exception must be approved by the instructor and department before the class begins. See department for more information.

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

COSS SATRE HART \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS

Jekatyerina Dunajeva Budapest, Hungary Senior International Relations
Major~French, Soviet Studies and Economic Minors
Susanne Westerhoff Cold Spring, MN Junior
International Relations Major

COSS DEAN'S SCHOLARSHIPS \$500 EACH

Erin Owen St. Cloud, MN Senior Political Science & French
Majors~International Relations Minor

2008-2009 SCSU EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARDS (22 STUDENTS ACROSS CAMPUS)

Regan Bovee & Jekatyerina Dunajeva

POLITICAL SCIENCE PARTICIPANTS STUDENT RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM

Sponsor

Student(s)

Hammes, Michelle
Derrek; Kampa, Kaelynn;

Barthel, Craig; Helm, Renee; Helmin,

Wagner, Steven
Frank, Stephen

Lynch, Trevor; Thapa, Birat
SCSU Survey Feeling Thermometer
Findings Relating to the 2008 Spring SCSU Survey

Hassan, Aref

Owen, Erin
US Patriot Act- Brain Draining the US Intellectual Capital
Westerhoff, Susanne
Human Trafficking and the United Arab Emirates

Lindsey, Jason

Birkman, Ryan
American Secessionism as Political Ideology

FACULTY ON LEAVE 2009-2010

Professor Uradnik and Hammes both on leave for fall and spring.

Prelaw advising will be done by the COSS Dean's Office.

For POL/IR/PA majors-minors Professor Uradnik has prepared a prelaw cd available at the department.

Professor Frank will be on leave for fall but will work with the Survey and fall interns.

DEGREE MAPS POL IR PA

Available at department-later at department web page.

The following scholarships were awarded this year. Due to low investment returns two (Forester and Caldecott) were not awarded.

RIGGS SCHOLARSHIP

Ron and Eleanor Riggs served SCSU for over 30 years. Ron Riggs was Chair of the Political Science Department. The family wishes to recognize both of their parents. Applicants must be a junior or senior majoring in Political Science, Public Administration, or International Relations and who wish to serve an internship. Preference given to candidates interning with a legislator at the State Capitol but candidates interning with local or other government agencies may apply.

NICK BEGICH SCHOLARSHIP

One to four scholarships open to upper class Political Science, Public Administration, or International Relations majors who will be interning in the field of government. Preference will be given to those interning with a member of Congress. The only criterion is financial need. Congressman Begich was a SCSU graduate who was a Congressperson from Alaska. He was killed in a plane crash in Alaska.

ROBERT BECKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Robert Becker was a Professor of Political Science at St. Cloud State University. He was born in Minneapolis. He married Mary Baab in 1958. He was a graduate of Hamline University, Michigan State University, and William Mitchell College of Law. He was president of the St. Cloud State University Faculty Senate from 1969 to 1971 and was Special Assistant to the president of SCSU from 1976 to 1988. Robert Becker retired from St. Cloud State University after teaching for 33 years.

The scholarship will be awarded to a junior majoring in Political Science who is pursuing a pre-law course of study. The scholarship can be renewed for a second year at the discretion of the committee. The scholarship will be awarded to students presenting both academic accomplishments and financial need. A 3.0 cumulative (4.0 scale) grade point average is needed to receive the scholarship.

CLASSES OFFERED 2009-2010 THAT MAY NOT BE OFFERED IN 2010-2011

CLASS	SEMESTER	NOTES
POL 488 Health Admin.	FALL	Required for PA Health Administration emphasis
POL 489 Public Management	SPRING	Required for all PA majors Required for PA minors if you are not planning to take POL 481 Administering Public Policy
Pol 411 Presidency	FALL	Due to the upcoming retirement of Professor Kilkelly and the budget may not be taught for some time POL elective
Pol 413 Judicial Process	Spring	Taught every other year if possible POL elective
POL 336 01 Asian Govt and Politics	Fall	POL and IR elective

FEATURED /STAFF FACULTY

OFFICE MANAGER CINDY HELM



If you have any question regarding classes, majors, minors, professors and much more you will probably come into contact with our department manager Cindy Helm.

How did you become the POL Office Manager? I worked in Records and Registration for ten years and then decided I wanted to be in an academic department so when this position came open in 1998, I applied for it and the rest is history.

What do you like most about being the office manager? The students! I also enjoy working with the professors plus my daughter, Renee, is a Public Administration Major so it's been an added bonus for me to have her in our department, but that will end soon as she's graduating this summer.

Interesting Things (at least for the newsletter editor)

Locally-Owned Restaurants I like—Anton's and Bravo Burritos

Tidbit of Information—I graduated from SCSU in 1980 in a major from the College of Business that no longer exists—Office Administration—that along with its counterpart, Business Education was eliminated around 1991.

420 WRITING REQUIREMENT —for students who have both a POL and a IR major-if you are planning to take the one credit POL 420 requirement with an approved 400 level class, the class must be an IR course and approved in advance with the instructor.

PA and POL double majors-the 9 credit internship in PA will serve as the upper level writing requirement.

FACULTY NOTES

Political Science: The SCSU Survey had a busy year polling residents of MN and SCSU students. In the fall semester the Survey conducted its Annual Fall Survey of Minnesota adults which included questions primarily focused on the election. This was the first statewide survey that contacted respondents by landline and cell phones. Later in the semester the Survey called SCSU students for several campus clients including the Miller Center, the Technology Fee Committee, UTVS, the College of Social Sciences Dean's Office, and the Women's Center. This spring they completed statewide annual survey done for the MN Lottery. This is the 14th year the survey has been conducted and represents one of the longest running and most comprehensive analysis of gambling behavior in the world. The survey has completed the Annual Spring Survey of SCSU Students. This survey includes several campus clients, but mainly focuses on questions designed by student directors of the Survey. Rounding out the very busy year, all student directors on the survey presented analysis of past questions and methodological techniques at the Student Research Colloquium on April 21.

Political Science faculty members: Stephen Frank, Steven Wagner, and Michelle Kukoleca Hammes are faculty co-directors of the SCSU survey along with David Robinson of the Statistics Department and Sandrine Zerbib of Sociology. Student directors come from a variety of majors, but many are from Political Science, Public Administration, International Relations and Statistics. If you have an interest in learning more about survey research feel free to come by and have a chat with any of the faculty members or student directors. The survey lab is located in Stewart Hall 101.

CONGRATUALIONS TO SPRING 2009 POLITICAL SCIENCE, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS GRADUATES (Professors Nyendu, Greaves and Frank will be marching with you)

LAST_NAME	FIRST_NAME	MAJOR	HOMETOWN
Abdi	Abdikarim	International Relations	Eden Prairie
Abdullahi	Mohamed	International Relations	St. Cloud
Aleckson	Robert	Political Science	St. Paul
Bierle	Christopher	Political Science	Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Birkman	Ryan	International Relations	Minneapolis
Birkman	Ryan	Political Science	Minneapolis
Blomgren	Benjamin	Political Science	Richfield
Clewett	Kyle	Political Science	Homosassa, Florida
Conroy	Trent	Political Science	Wheaton

Dunajeva	Jekatyerina	International Relations	
Dunn	Danielle	International Relations	Motley
Eisenhart	Sherron	Political Science	St. Cloud
Jensen	Mark	Political Science	White Bear Lake
Johnson	Joshua	Political Science	St. Cloud
Jorissen	Kelsey	Political Science	Coon Rapids
Jurgensen	Caitlin	International Relations	Austin
Kronschnabel	Deidre	Political Science	St. Paul
Larson	Celeste	Political Science	Rosemount
Maruish	Abigail	Political Science	Burnsville
Merkens	Paul	Political Science	Ada
Naumann	Whitney	Political Science	Milaca
Norris	Carolyn	Public Administration	Plymouth
Oehrlein	Heather	Public Administration	St. Cloud
Paavola	Ryan	Political Science	New York Mills
Pisani	Margot	International Relations	Mound
Rafi	Hassan	Political Science	
Robbins	Ryan	Political Science	Rapid City, South Dakota
Schindler-Syme	Symon	Political Science	Sauk Rapids
Schmitz	Kristie	International Relations	Blaine
Schnerk	Eric	Political Science	Bloomington
Schumacher	Emily	Political Science	Wausau, Wisconsin

Ylitalo	Ashley	Public Administration	Menehga
Yusuf	Alikhadar	International Relations	St. Cloud

