

# Political Science and International Relations

October 2022

## Fall 2022

### Important Dates

**November 6**

Last day for Course Withdrawal

**November 7**

Black Solidarity Day

**November 8**

Election Day!

**November 14-21**

Undergraduate Registration for  
Spring 2023 classes

**November 23 - Nov 25**

Thanksgiving Recess

**December 12**

Last Day for S/U Option

**December 12**

Last Day of Classes

**Final Exams:**

**December 15-21**

**Reminder:**

**PSIR Club Meets most  
Thursdays, at 5:30 in HUM  
118!**

## WELCOME FALL

Hoping you survived midterms and are getting outside a bit to enjoy fall in the Hudson Valley. We are deep into election season and inside this newsletter, you will find some internship opportunities, and information about voting in New York and how you can become a poll worker and help with this important democratic right and ritual. The coming weeks are also an important pre-registration period and you should reach out now to your advisors if you have not yet, to schedule your appointment to plan your spring 2023 coursework. Seniors who anticipate taking one of the two spring seminars (in American Government or International Relations) should reach out to Jen Freer at [freerj@newpaltz.edu](mailto:freerj@newpaltz.edu) to get on the list to receive electronic permission to register for the course. Seniors who need seminar to graduate in May 2023 have first priority.

The deadline for Spring semester NY State Assembly internship applications (due to Professor Lefkowitz) has been extended through October 26. Please reach out to Professor Lefkowitz at [lefkowij@newpaltz.edu](mailto:lefkowij@newpaltz.edu) or to Internship Coordinator Beth King ([kingb@newpaltz.edu](mailto:kingb@newpaltz.edu)) if you intend to apply. <https://nyassembly.gov/internship/application/>

If you have questions or need to speak with, you can always reach me at [dowleyk@newpaltz.edu](mailto:dowleyk@newpaltz.edu), or during my office hours (**Tuesdays 1-3pm and Thursdays 1-3pm**) in SCB 133.

*Kathleen Dowley, Chair, PSIR*



# The Undergraduate Politics & Law Journal at Fairleigh Dickinson University

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Fairleigh Dickinson University is excited to inform the undergraduate students at SUNY New Paltz about a new initiative called the Undergraduate Politics and Law Journal.



The journal is intended to provide undergraduate students with an outlet to explore legal and political issues and to work alongside faculty and student editors to publish articles.

They are accepting submissions from undergraduate students writing on contemporary topics in politics and law (broadly understood). **Submissions for this cycle must be received no later than October 15, 2022.** This is a great opportunity for students doing honors work, independent studies, or those who are getting ready for a senior thesis.

We ask that you kindly inform your students about this exciting opportunity. Further details regarding the submission requirements are available on our website:  
[www.fairleighdickinsonuplj.org](http://www.fairleighdickinsonuplj.org)

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please email us at [fairleighuplj@gmail.com](mailto:fairleighuplj@gmail.com)



# Upcoming Election in New York

The General Election for the state of New York is approaching, so here is some important information you may want to know!

## General Election Information

When is Election Day?

Nov. 8, 2022

What long are the polls open until on Election day?

6am-9pm

What was the voter registration deadline?

In-person: Oct. 14, 2022

By mail: Oct. 14, 2022

Online: Oct. 14, 2022

Is absentee / mail-in voting available to all voters?

No.

What is the absentee / mail-in ballot request deadline?

In-person: Nov. 7, 2022

By mail: Received by Oct. 24, 2022

Online: Oct. 24, 2022

What is the absentee / mail-in ballot return deadline?

In-person: Nov. 8, 2022

By mail: Nov. 8, 2022

Is early voting available to all voters? Yes.

What does early voting begin and end? Oct. 29, 2022 - Nov. 6, 2022

Are all voters required to present ID at the polls?

No.

## Volunteering at the Polls

Eligibility to becoming a poll worker

- New York State registered voter
- 17 years old or older

Tasks as a poll worker

- Preparing the polling site
- Setting up the voting equipment
- Sign-in and process voters
- Enforce social distancing
- Demonstrate voting procedures to voters
- Sanitize voting equipment
- Close polling site
- Canvass and report results
- Assist voters if requested

Do poll workers get paid?

Yes! Poll workers get paid for training and each day they work.

## Applications!!!

Outside NYC Election Day Worker Form: <https://www.elections.ny.gov/BecomePollworkerForm.html>

NYC Election Day Worker Form: <https://nyc.electiondayworker.com/>



# ELECTION POSITION:

A great way to earn money AND be involved in the Electoral process!

**POSITION:** EXIT POLLSTER(s) for the General Election

**LOCATION(s):** Ellenville, Ulster County

**DUTIES:** Pass out surveys, tally and call in results on Election Day. In preparation, brief training and rehearsal calls must be completed before the Election.

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 8th, 2022

**TIME:** 6:00AM - 9:00PM

**PAY:** \$275 for the day

**CONTACT:** If you are interested or have any questions, email Geoff at [gmoore@edisonresearch.com](mailto:gmoore@edisonresearch.com)

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Please include name, phone number, and location in any emails. I'll be happy to answer any questions, and will provide a more detailed description via telephone.

EXIT POLLSTERS must be responsible, punctual and polite, with own transportation. PAID PROMPTLY after returned materials are processed.



# Internship Opportunity

The United Nations is looking for a Public Information Intern for the Department of Global Communications.

Position: *Public Information Intern*

Department / Office: *Department of Global Communications*

Location: *New York City*

Posting Period: *June 14, 2022 - Dec. 11, 2022*

## Some General Responsibilities

- Research UN and / or external information
- Collect and / or draft content
- Provide clerical assistance on administrative tasks
- Research, draft, and / or update on-line content for web sites and / or social media accounts
- Support web-based video conferences between offices
- Provide general office support



**APPLICATION:** <https://careers.un.org/lbw/jobdetail.aspx?id=183939>



# NYPIRG IS Co-HOSTING AN EVENT ON CAMPUS:

## "SOCIAL SECURITY AND HOW WE SECURE ITS FUTURE"

**Wednesday, November 2 in SUB 62/63 @ 4:00**

Retirement in America is often described as a three-legged stool, the legs being Social Security, employer-based retirement programs and individual savings. Only half of workers are in jobs with an employer sponsored re-tirement program and about 13% of workers with individual savings, leaving Social Security as the most reliable form of retirement income for many Americans.<sup>1</sup> In fact, without Social Security benefits an additional 22.2 million Americans would be living in poverty, including nearly a million children.<sup>2</sup> It is America's largest anti-poverty program.

For as effective as the program is in keeping New Yorkers financially stable in old age, Social Security is losing money. As our population ages and more and more people retire, Social Security is paying out in benefits more than it collects in taxes. By 2034 the program will only be able to pay about 78% of benefits.<sup>3</sup>

We need lawmakers to fund Social Security to keep it strong over the long term. Currently, workers pay taxes into the program on the first \$146,000 in wages. Nothing above that is taxed. Removing the cap would eliminate a large portion of the funding gap. Introducing a tax on money made on investments would further reduce the shortfall. Another idea would be to gradually increase the current payroll tax rate.

Congress has many options to consider in securing the future of Social Security. But they must act now rather than wait until the program is on the brink of cuts. Beginning now would allow lawmakers to consider multiple fixes and to phase in measures so that covered workers and retirees have time to prepare for their future. Join us for a robust discussion!

## FACTS

3.68 million New Yorkers receive social security benefits, or about one in five people.

Social Security keeps 868,000 residents 65 and older out of poverty.

38% of New Yorkers over 65 live in households in which Social Security makes up at least half of their income.



<sup>1</sup> "The U.S. retirement system gets a 'C+' grade, experts say — even though it's worth \$39 trillion. Here's why" CNBC <https://www.cnbc.com/2022/09/19/heres-why-the-39-trillion-us-retirement-system-gets-a-c-plus-grade.html>

<sup>2</sup> "Social Security Lifts More People Above the Poverty Line Than Any Other Program" Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. <https://www.cbpp.org/research/social-security/social-security-lifts-more-people-above-the-poverty-line-than-any-other>

<sup>3</sup> Social Security Administration Annual Trustees Report 2022. <https://www.ssa.gov/oact/TRSUM/tr22summary.pdf>

# Political Science Spring 2023 Schedule of Classes

## UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

CRN	Course	Sec	Title	IM	Cr	Dates	Days	Time	Loc	Instructor
<a href="#">1498</a>	POL216	01	<a href="#">American Govt and Politics</a>	<a href="#">FS</a>	4	1/23-5/18	<a href="#">TWF</a>	12:30 PM-1:40 PM		<a href="#">Daniel Lipson</a>
<a href="#">1503</a>	POL216	02	<a href="#">American Govt and Politics</a>	<a href="#">FS</a>	4	1/23-5/18	<a href="#">TWF</a>	2:00 PM-3:10 PM		<a href="#">Scott Minkoff</a>
<a href="#">1494</a>	POL216	03	<a href="#">American Govt and Politics</a>	<a href="#">FS</a>	4	1/23-5/19	<a href="#">MWR</a>	9:30 AM-10:40 AM		<a href="#">Joel Lefkowitz</a>
<a href="#">1495</a>	POL227	01	<a href="#">Intro International Politics</a>	<a href="#">HYB</a>	4	1/23-5/18	<a href="#">MR</a>	11:00 AM-12:15 PM		<a href="#">Stephen Pampinella</a>
<a href="#">1501</a>	POL229	01	<a href="#">Intro to Comparative Politics</a>	<a href="#">HYB</a>	4	1/23-5/18	<a href="#">TF</a>	11:00 AM-12:15 PM		<a href="#">Kathleen Dowley</a>
<a href="#">1504</a>	POL229	02	<a href="#">Intro to Comparative Politics</a>	<a href="#">AO</a>	4	1/23-5/18			ONLINE	<a href="#">Eric Bein</a>
<a href="#">1497</a>	POL300	01	<a href="#">Political Science Research Methods</a>	<a href="#">FS</a>	4	1/23-5/18	<a href="#">MWR</a>	11:00 AM-12:10 PM		<a href="#">Joel Lefkowitz</a>
<a href="#">1502</a>	POL301	01	<a href="#">State and Local Politics</a>	<a href="#">FS</a>	3	1/23-5/18	<a href="#">TF</a>	11:00 AM-12:15 PM		<a href="#">Scott Minkoff</a>
<a href="#">1499</a>	POL317	01	<a href="#">The American Judiciary</a>	<a href="#">FS</a>	3	1/23-5/18	<a href="#">MR</a>	12:30 PM-1:45 PM		<a href="#">Nancy Kassop</a>
<a href="#">1496</a>	POL323	01	<a href="#">Sovereigns, Subjects, and the State: Modern Political Thought</a>	<a href="#">FS</a>	4	1/23-5/18	<a href="#">TWF</a>	9:30 AM-10:40 AM		<a href="#">Jeffrey Miller</a>
<a href="#">1492</a>	POL326	01	<a href="#">Politics and Theater</a>	<a href="#">FS</a>	3	1/23-5/18	<a href="#">TF</a>	12:30 PM-1:45 PM		<a href="#">Jeffrey Miller</a>
<a href="#">1490</a>	POL334	01	<a href="#">Film and Politics</a>	<a href="#">FS</a>	3	1/23-5/18	<a href="#">W</a>	2:00 PM-4:50 PM		<a href="#">Joel Lefkowitz</a>
<a href="#">1491</a>	POL352	01	<a href="#">Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties</a>	<a href="#">FS</a>	3	1/23-5/19	<a href="#">TF</a>	9:30 AM-10:45 AM		<a href="#">Daniel Lipson</a>
<a href="#">1507</a>	POL353	01	<a href="#">International Relations of the Americas</a>	<a href="#">FS</a>	3	1/23-5/18	<a href="#">MR</a>	2:00 PM-3:15 PM		<a href="#">Cassandra Sweet</a>
<a href="#">1505</a>	POL370	01	<a href="#">United Nations Semester</a>	<a href="#">FS</a>	6	1/23-5/18	<a href="#">T</a>	3:30 PM-6:20 PM		<a href="#">S. Ozler</a>
						1/23-5/18	<a href="#">F</a>	8:00 AM-5:00 PM		<a href="#">S. Ozler</a>
<a href="#">1493</a>	POL401	01	<a href="#">Seminar in American Government and Politics</a>	<a href="#">FS</a>	4	1/23-5/18	<a href="#">MR</a>	3:30 PM-5:20 PM		<a href="#">Nancy Kassop</a>
<a href="#">1500</a>	POL404	01	<a href="#">Seminar in International Relations</a>	<a href="#">HYB</a>	4	1/23-5/18	<a href="#">W</a>	2:00 PM-4:50 PM		<a href="#">Stephen Pampinella</a>





## PSIR Faculty Office Hours-Fall 2022

**Welcome to the Department of Political Science and International Relations!**

The Administrative Assistant, Jen Freer can be reached via email at [freerj@newpaltz.edu](mailto:freerj@newpaltz.edu)

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PROFESSOR	PHONE/EMAIL	DAYS	TIMES	OFFICE
Kathleen Dowley Chair	845 257 3558 <a href="mailto:dowleyk@newpaltz.edu">dowleyk@newpaltz.edu</a>	Tuesdays Thursdays	1-3pm 1-3pm	SCB 133
Nancy Kassop	845 257 3544 <a href="mailto:kassopn@newpaltz.edu">kassopn@newpaltz.edu</a>	Mondays Tuesdays	9am-11am 10am-12pm Via Webex	FOB W8
Joel Lefkowitz	845 257 3792 <a href="mailto:lefkowij@newpaltz.edu">lefkowij@newpaltz.edu</a>	Mondays Wednesdays Thursdays	5pm-6pm 3:30pm-5:30pm 5pm-6pm and by appointment	JFT 400
Daniel Lipson	845 257 3543 <a href="mailto:lipsond@newpaltz.edu">lipsond@newpaltz.edu</a>	Mondays Thursdays	10am-12pm 12pm-2pm	JFT 810
Jeff Miller	845 257 3934 <a href="mailto:millerj@newpaltz.edu">millerj@newpaltz.edu</a>	Mondays Wednesdays Thursdays	2pm-3pm 11am-1pm 2pm-3pm and by appointment	SCB 147
Scott Minkoff	845 257 3541 <a href="mailto:minkoffs@newpaltz.edu">minkoffs@newpaltz.edu</a>	Thursdays	9:30am-12:30pm and by appointment	JFT 902
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Eric Bein*	<a href="mailto:beine@newpaltz.edu">beine@newpaltz.edu</a>	Virtual	Email for Appointment	
Cassandra Sweet*	<a href="mailto:sweetc@newpaltz.edu">sweetc@newpaltz.edu</a>	Tuesdays	9am-5pm Email for Appointment	JFT 912