

**POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP**  
**Bluefield State College**  
**POSC 498—SPRING 2018**  
**Section 001**  
**CRN: 21063**  
**WEMDL**

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**Class W: 1:00-3:50 p.m.**  
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Political Science Internship (1-6 hours). Supervised field experience with a government organization or agency. Beyond submission of completed work assignments and time log, an additional written paper and/or oral presentation may be required depending on the nature of the field experience and the amount of credit requested. Course may be repeated to a maximum of six semester hours. PR: POSC 200 or POSC 210, POSC 218, and consent of instructor.

Grading Policy: 50% based upon a Log Book you must keep of your daily activities in the U.S. Congress and 50% for your Research Paper based upon your overall Congressional experience.

Grading Scale: 90-100=A; 80-89=B; 70-79=C; 60-69=D; 0-59=F. These numerical scores correspond to the following evaluations: “A” = Excellent; “B” = Good; “C” = Satisfactory (NOTE: A grade of “C” or better is required in major courses); “D” = Poor (passing, except in major courses); “F” = Earned Failure (removed only by repeating the course; upon successfully passing the course, the first grade is “excluded” from grade point average. The second grade is “included” in the recalculation of the grade point average); and “I” = Incomplete.

Teaching Procedures: This course will be conducted via communication between student and professor via email and phone and, when possible, in person.

Interaction Plan: This course will require continuous communication between you, the student, and myself, the instructor, both in class and by utilizing the tools provided by the course Moodle page and related software, including as well the BSC email system. We shall follow the posted syllabus as our guide.

Caveat Emptor (i.e. Buyer Beware): This course is intense and requires a commitment by you, the student, to keep up with the readings and the work. By taking this course, you are making a **commitment** to submit your **Research Paper and Log Book** by the required due date.

Academic Integrity Policy: Academic integrity is expected of all students. This means that all work for this class must be undertaken and completed by you alone without collaboration from others. Any dishonesty in the performance of course work, such as plagiarism or cheating in other forms, will be reported. In the event the student is charged with some form of dishonesty, the Student Discipline Policy will be followed. The full text of the BSC Academic Honesty Policy can be found at: <http://www.bluefieldstate.edu/academics/academic-honesty-and-proctoring>. In addition, students should be aware that research paper assignments may be submitted to [Turnitin](#) by the instructor for the purpose of checking for possible plagiarism. Submitted assignments will be included in the BSC dedicated database of assignments at Turnitin and will be used solely for the purpose of checking for possible plagiarism during the grading process during this term and in the future.

Withdrawal Policy: Academic Withdrawal from the course prior to the deadline date for withdrawal as published within the academic calendar is accomplished by securing a change in schedule form and having it signed by appropriate persons. Blank copies of the change in schedule form are available in the offices of the Registrar, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Dean and the advisor. After obtaining the

required signatures, the student must submit, prior to the deadline date, the change in schedule form to the Office of the Registrar.

Disability Services Statement: BSC is committed to full inclusion of all students. Students who, by nature of a documented disability, require classroom, equipment, testing or assignment accommodations should contact the Student Support Services at 304.327.4227 to request accommodations before the start of the semester. Your immediate attention to these arrangements is necessary to assure a positive learning experience.

Free Tutoring Services Available: BSC offers **Smarthinking free online tutoring for all BSC students** in the following subjects: Math; Accounting, Managerial; Accounting, Financial; Writing (all subjects); Grammar; Microeconomics; Macroeconomics; Statistics; Spanish. Chemistry, etc. This service is free and available 24 hours a day to all BSC students. Go to <http://www.smarthinking.com/> and follow these instructions.

Required Texts:

None.

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**\*\*\*This class is a web-enhanced Moodle course and student will be able to access supplemental materials on the BSC Moodle website.\*\*\***

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**Jan. 15, 2018 [Monday]: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—NO CLASSES**

**Jan. 16 [Tuesday]:** Classes begin for Spring Semester

**January 29, 2018:** Internship with Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) begins.

**Mar. 12 [Monday]: Mid-Semester grades due to Registrar electronically**

**Mar. 12-16 [Week Nine]: Spring Break—NO CLASSES**

**April 22 [Sunday]: [Research Papers Due]**

**Assignment:** Research Papers Due today. Submit a copy of your Research Papers to Turnitin. Click on the Turnitin button on the course Moodle page for submission instructions. Also, send an electronic copy to me by email as a Microsoft Word attachment to [ccavell@bluefieldstate.edu](mailto:ccavell@bluefieldstate.edu).

**April 27, 2018:** Internship with Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) ends.

**May 1 [Monday]:** Submit Log of Congressional Experience electronically to me at [ccavell@bluefieldstate.edu](mailto:ccavell@bluefieldstate.edu).

**May 4 [Friday]: [Last day of classes. All course work MUST be completed by this date. No submissions will be accepted after this date.]**

**May 14 [Monday]:** Final grades due to Registrar by 12:00 Noon electronically.